



Hello Residents

Happy New Year.

We start this month by giving a huge shout out to Parish Councillor Mick Barton for not giving up on the Christmas lights on the trees in the village centre. Mick spent many hours painstakingly working out what was wrong and it was a true Christmas miracle when he managed to get the lights working again just before Christmas. He would appreciate any offer of help though to take down the lights. You can contact him by email to mick.Barton@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. We hope the Christmas lights brought you some joy over the Christmas period at the end of such a difficult and challenging 2020.



We start the 2021 with Covid Tier 3 restrictions still in place. We have restarted the East Peckham Volunteer Support Scheme – help is ready and waiting if you find that you need someone to talk to, someone to post a letter or someone to do some shopping for you. Just let us know and we will do the rest.

We are well and truly in the midst of the wet weather season. The sandbag containers at the Jubilee Hall and Curran Hall car parks have been opened up and they will remain open now until the threat of flooding is over. Parish Councillors David Seal and Mick Barton lead the Parish Councils Emergency Planning Team and are on call if you need help or assistance, they can be contacted by email to David.Seal@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk and Mick.Barton@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk, they can also put you in contact with one of our flood wardens. It is worth mentioning that we only have 10 flood wardens so if you can spare some time to help your community in times of need please let us know.

It is worth noting that during periods of snow and ice, we are often asked who is responsible for gritting the pathway outside the Primary School. This would be the landowner's responsibility which is Kent County Council. Whilst we are unable to provide a snow and ice clearing service, we are happy to provide a salt and sand grit mix to the Primary School or to any volunteers who would like to keep this area clear of snow.

We currently have two Parish Councillor vacancies. If you are interested, please send us a CV and a covering letter to councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk detailing why you think you are suitable. The role is unpaid and does not have any power. Decisions are made collectively at public meetings, but this is an ideal opportunity if you care about the community in which you live or work and would like to contribute towards making a difference.

Until this time next month – stay safe and well

Kind regards

Chairman, Councillors and Clerk

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Parish Council meetings: The dates and times of our next meetings are as follows. The meetings will be held using Zoom, but you will still be able to join us. Please see our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for details on how to join our meetings using Zoom.

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| 04 January 2021 | 7.00 p.m. | Planning and Transportation Committee followed by Finance Committee |
| 18 January 2021 | 7.00 p.m. | Full Parish Council |

Agendas are published on the Parish Council Noticeboards on the side of the Village Stores and opposite the Primary School and on the website at www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk

Minutes of meetings are available to the whole community, they can either be downloaded from our website, you can request a paper copy, or you can visit our office and view the current years minutes and those which we have archived.

Staying in Touch: These are excellent sources of information so please keep checking
Facebook East Peckham Parish Council
Website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
Twitter @EastPeckhamPC
Newsletter Published monthly on our website, also available from the Library, Village Stores and Post Office.

During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Parish Council is carrying on as normal and helping residents where we can. If you need our help you can either contact our Council Manager by email to councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk, or Parish Councillors Dale Fairless or Mick Barton by email to mick.barton@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk or dale.fairless@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. All of your parish councillors can be contacted via our website.

Welcome Handbook

If you are new to the village, a warm welcome. Our Welcome Handbook is available to download from our website, copies can also be obtained from your parish councillors or from our office.

Community Matters to Us

There is so much going on of interest that it is impossible to cover subjects in detail so if you want to know more about any item you can by following our Facebook, Twitter, and website. One of our aims is to deliver a greater awareness in our community of local resources and social hubs which can make a difference to all our lives. The regular features of our newsletter include information regarding the **WORK OF THE PARISH COUNCIL** and local **PLANNING** issues. Also, you will find more information of our **GRANT SCHEMES** which are available for youth projects and to groups and organisations. We are particularly interested in receiving applications from groups that aim to improve resident's health and wellbeing.

2021/2022 Budget

Our draft budget, supporting notes and information leaflet are available on our website, www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk. Some potential savings have been identified and adjustments made to cover income losses caused by Covid together with expenditure incurred as a result of Covid. In order to reduce non earmarked reserves there will be a contribution from reserves towards the 2021/2022 expenditure budget. Preparing the 2021/2022 budget has undoubtedly been challenging but the draft budget currently recommends a precept of £146,000 which is the same as it was for 2020/2021. We would welcome any comments you might have with regard to our 2021/2022 budget which will be finalised by the Finance Committee and Full Council in January 2021.

Parish Council supporting local Groups and Organisations

Earlier this year we approved a **temporary Loan to East Peckham Magazine** so that its publication costs can be paid until the magazine is able to re-establish itself as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. So far this year we have also been able to help the Salvation Army with a donation, we have contributed £180.00 towards the publication costs of Lockdown Bear's Photo Magazine, we have made a donation of £250.00 on behalf of the East Peckham community to the Royal British Legion and we have set aside funds to provide Year 6 children at East Peckham Primary School with first aid training. If there is a project that your group or organisation would like our help with, do please get in contact with us.



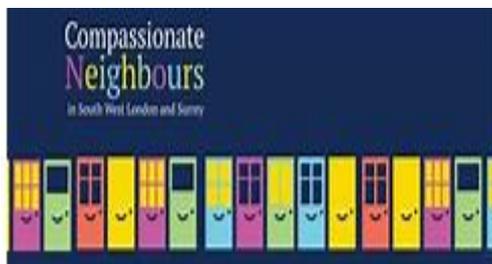
Have you heard about the East Peckham Loyalty Scheme? Now, more than ever our independent retailers need our help. Participating retailers include Khan Spice, the Post Office, Village Butchers and Store, Pam's Pantry, Headlocks Hair Design, Irelands Bakery, Pound Fish Bar, Field Pharmacy and County Fires. Please look out for the leaflets at participating retailers and pick up your loyalty card. Once your card is full, please return it to one of the participating retailers. All completed cards will then be collected and entered into one of our regular draws where you have the opportunity to win our shop local vouchers.



The village has 3 defibrillators; they are on the outside wall at the Parish Office at the Jubilee Hall, in the former BT kiosk in Little Mill and inside the information hub in the village centre. At our November meeting we provisionally approved spending on 6 new acrylic kiosk windows, 3 at Little Mill (none at present) and 3 replacements at the Village Centre (1 due to vandalism).

Twinning

East Peckham is twinned with Chéreng in the Nord de Pas de Calais. Twinning activities are funded by those taking part with no use of parish funds. For information on Twinning and how to get involved please email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.



Compassionate Neighbours is a **social movement of local people** enabled and supported to be more compassionate in their local communities. They provide social and emotional support to people towards the end of life due to age or illness. For more information and to find out more, please contact the Heart of Kent Compassionate Neighbours team on 01622 792200 (ext. 240) or email cn@hokh.co.uk.

JUBILEE HALL - FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM

Following the easing of Covid Tier 3 restrictions we look forward to being able to reopen the Jubilee Hall and welcoming back our regular users.

We have two rooms available (sports hall and a smaller meeting / committee room)
We can accommodate most activities, please note however that due to Covid-19 we are currently not accepting bookings from casual users.

Surrounded by 15 acres of playing fields we offer very competitive hire rates, a large car park, WIFI, fully equipped kitchen, changing rooms, projector, and screen
Please email councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for more information



Jubilee Hall

The complex consists of the Playing Fields, Car Park, Sports Hall, and Meeting Room and when it is able to fully reopen it plays host to many regular activities such as Puppy and Young Dog Training, Tai Chi, various Keep fit classes, Yoga, badminton, table tennis and Zumba; we are also the venue for the weekly Parent & Toddler Group. Amenities include WIFI, well-equipped kitchen, a projector, and a screen and ample parking. You will find details of all of the regular events on our website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

Playing Fields

The playing fields are a beautiful open space and are open to all. We are very fortunate to have over 15 acres of land which is openly accessible to everyone. We are abiding by the new social distancing guidelines and our contractor is able to continue with our regular maintenance programme which ensures that the fields provide a wonderful place for you to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. The Playing fields are open and accessible 24/7, facilities include an outside gym, obstacle course, tennis court, play equipment for children of all ages, bike park, youth shelters, street snooker and a multi-purpose games area.

East Peckham Bike Park

The new bike park is taking shape and looking amazing. There is still more to do. All manual help gratefully received or if you would like to donate soil for the construction work and plants for the landscaping we would be delighted to hear from you.

New Outdoor Equipment

A new item of outdoor play equipment is due to be installed before 31 March 2021. Parish Councillor Mark Williams has suggested that the new item of equipment be accessible to all. Whilst we have the contractors on site, they will carry out repairs to the play surfacing.

Allotments

We have a small area of allotments at the Playing Fields. While there are currently no vacant plots, we welcome enquiries and are happy to add you to the waiting list. The annual rents are very reasonable.



There has been a noticeable increase in dog fouling in the parish recently. If you witness dog waste not being picked up by the owner you can report this to the Community Warden or to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. The maximum fine for dog fouling is £1,000. If you've a dog fouling complaint obtain as much information as possible as it will assist the Dog Warden. For a found, lost, or straying dog telephone 01732 876181, for fouling, dangerous dog, dog on dog attack or anything else telephone 01732 876147 or Email: dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk. If a person has been bitten report the incident to the Police on 101

Textile Bank

Installed in the Jubilee Hall Car Park is a purple textile bank which is proving to be popular and emptied on a regular basis. We hope it will help in our campaign for a 'greener' village.

Planning and Transportation Committee

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| TM/20/01134/FL | Change of use from redundant public house to single dwelling with detached carport at The Merry Boys 2 Pound Road East Peckham Tonbridge Kent TN12 5BE Submission of Flood Risk Assessment | NOTED |
| TM/20/02232/LDE | Lawful development certificate existing: Storage of vehicles for commercial purposes at land adjoining Pumping Station, Medway Meadows | OBJECTION |
| TM/20/02396/FL | Covered recreational building, extension to utility room, bathroom, and shower room at Driftwood, 27A The Freehold, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/20/02425/FL | Extending existing porch conversion of garage to reception room and installation of downstairs WC at 22 Pippin Road, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/20/02491/FL | Proposed construction of new cafe to support previously approved fishing lakes at Recreation Land West of Branbridges Industrial Estate Branbridges Road, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/20/02496/LDE | Continuous use as residential garden for recreational purposes associated with use of property since purchase completed on 23.10.96 at Land and Building West of Branbridges House, 34 Branbridges Road, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/20/02538/LDP | Loft conversion, dormer window to rear elevation and 3 rooflight windows to front elevation at 75 Old Road, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |
| TM/20/02545/RD | Details of conditions 2 (floor levels), 3 (materials), 4 (landscaping and boundary treatment), 5 (watching brief), 6 (refuse), 8 (desktop study), 9 (site investigation) and 10 (verification report) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/20/01512/FL (Demolition Of 2 existing agricultural buildings and the erection of 2 detached dwellings with associated parking, bin storage and access at Crowhurst Coldstore, Bells Farm Road, East Peckham | NOTED |
| TM/20/02606/FL | Change of use from detached double garage and store with games room / studio and WC to a detached dwelling at 15 The Freehold, East Peckham | NO OBJECTION |

Planning Decisions

TMBC HAS APPROVED the following.

TM/20/00472/FL & Renewal of previous permissions for the continued use of Bell 3 at The Hop Farm to enable TM/20/00473/LB the Quest School to continue to provide education to pupils with autism

TM/20/01134/FL Change of use from redundant public house to single dwelling with detached carport at The Merry Boys, 2 Pound Road, East Peckham

**TM/20/01638/FL & Single storey rear extension to kitchen at Yew Tree Cottage, 437 Bells Farm Road
TM/20/01639/LB** Hadlow

TM/20/01674/FL Installation of new pump canopy building, pipework and working platform within the CLH-PS Ltd Nettlestead Green /Pump Station off Hale Street Bypass, East Peckham

TM/20/01868/RD Details of condition 5 (management arrangements) pursuant to planning permission TM/20/01178/FL (Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with pair of semi-detached dwellings) at 7 Chidley Cross Road, East Peckham

TM/20/02028/FL Single storey first floor extension at Merryboys Cottage, 131 Snoll Hatch Road, East Peckham

TM/20/02040/FL Renovation and extension of the existing vacant cottage at Park Cottage, Roydon Hall Road,

TM/20/02244/TPOC T1 Mature Chestnut – Reduce large low lateral to growth point over left boundary fence and maintain profile of crown (tree located in Addlestead House Land) at 12 Caysers Croft

TMBC HAS REFUSED TO PERMIT the following:

TM/20/02120/FL Demolition of existing ancillary residential buildings and erection of 1.5 storey dwelling and ancillary building (garage) associated hard and soft landscaping at Boroughs Oak Cottage, 231 Hale Street, East Peckham

TMBC HAS ADVISED that **PRIOR APPROVAL WAS NOT REQUIRED** for the following

TM/20/01888/PDVAR Change of use of a building and land within its curtilage from an agricultural use to a use falling within Class C3 (as 5 dwelling houses), together with building operations necessary to convert the building (Part 3 Class Q) at Little Rhoden Farm Lane, Bells Farm Road

TMBC HAS CERTIFIED the following:

TM/20/02230/LDP Single storey side extension protruding from the west side elevation of the existing dwelling at The Granary, Stilstead Farm, Tonbridge Road

TMBC HAS NO OBJECTION to the following

TM/20/02382/TNCA Silver birch – pollard and maintain to a height of 10 metres, raise the base of the crown to 4 metres about ground level, crown reduction to a radius of 4 meters from the centre of the main trunk and removal of substantial lower branch at Martins Cottage, 1 Addlestead Road

Planning Enforcement

20/00104/USEM

Alleged unauthorised change of use from residential to mixed residential / business use (Thai Massage) at Orchard End, 9 Chidley Cross Road, East Peckham. TMBC has investigated and agreed with the property owner that commercial activities would revert back to 2018 levels when the matter was last investigated) and found to be acceptable which was considered a reasonable solution).

20/00229/WORKM

Alleged works not in accordance with 20/00450/FL (Remove leaking pre-fabricated concrete garage and replace it by a new single storey timber garage under a tiled roof) at 21 Addlestead Road, East Peckham: TMBC has concluded that no breach of planning control had occurred.

17/00255/USEH

Alleged unauthorised encampment at the end of footpath off Snoll Hatch Road:
TMBC are investigating

Double Yellow Lines at Junction at Medway Meadows, Old Road & Branbridges Road

We appreciate that these double yellow lines are controversial and in some respects have made parking difficult for residents. We are liaising regularly with TMBC making sure that residents are listened to. TMBC had advised that their Civil Enforcement Officer is visiting regularly, and that Penalty Notices have been issued. TMBC has added our request for a resident preferential parking scheme to their Parking Action Plan holding list.

Community Health and Wellbeing

Community Health and wellbeing is an important part of everyday life. It's integral to leading a happy and healthy lifestyle. The parish council plays a huge role in ensuring that our community is a stronger, healthier, and thriving place to live. This can be things such as maintaining and having green spaces to walk and cycle in; community spaces to hold meetings in and being able to be social with neighbours. Parish Councils are becoming increasingly responsible for delivering services and running assets within the community. The majority of which, directly affect the health and wellbeing of residents. By focussing on health and wellbeing, these services and assets can be run with residents at the heart. We are already doing many things to help the health and wellbeing of the community such as providing allotments, outdoor gym, Jubilee Hall, Playing Fields, Planting Trees, Bike Park but there are other things we can consider doing. So; **Over to you – What else would you like the Parish Council to do or see take place on a regular basis within East Peckham?**

OTHER ISSUES YOU MIGHT FIND OF INTEREST

Streetlights: If you've any suggestions for where streetlighting can be improved please let us know. If you notice any problems with existing streetlights then let us know about those too.

Public Rights of Way: KCC is responsible for maintenance. The majority are cut twice annually. Problems can be reported by telephoning 03000 417171 or by email to westprow@kent.gov.uk.

Anti-Social Behaviour: If you witness any incidents, tell us, our community warden, or the police. Anti-Social Behaviour can affect everyone's quality of life and should not be tolerated.

Abandoned Vehicles: <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/abandoned-vehicles>.

Parking on Pavements: If you spot a vehicle wrongly parked, call 101 and our PCSO's will try and attend. Whilst the PCSO's cannot issue tickets they can issue advice notices.

Highways Repairs (including potholes): Report problems to www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem. KCC relies on us all to report them.

Parish Emergency Planning

What If? Most of us do not want to think about emergencies, but they happen. What if we are cut off because of snowfall or flooding? What if water, electricity, or telephones are cut off for more than a few hours? How would you cope in these sort of emergencies? To help the community we have put together a Community Emergency Plan which is available from our website, www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk.

How Can I help? Do you know anyone who might need help in an emergency? If you're able and willing to offer that help, talk to them and plan the best way to do this? You could become a **Flood Warden**, the village is **only covered by 10 volunteer** flood wardens, if you are interested and want to find out more, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are also

looking for a **Flood Warden Coordinator, someone who will liaise with our flood wardens, coordinate the opening of the sandbags and the distribution of sandbags.**

Sandbag Containers: The containers located in the Pound Road and Pippin Road car parks will be opened if we believe that residential areas are threatened with flooding.

Flood Warnings: To receive warnings register on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk or telephone 0845 988 1188.

Community Emergency Plan: We've updated our plan; a copy can be found on our website. You will also find a link to the latest version of the Kent Fire and Rescue Resilience Toolkit.

East Peckham Flood Resilience Scheme: The EA has advised that they are proceeding with the East Peckham Flood Resilience Scheme and will be writing to the 270 properties at high flood risk in East Peckham advising that they will be going ahead with the scheme, confirm which properties are eligible and provide initial details such as how much the scheme will cover and examples of types of Property Flood Relief measures.

Local Winter Management Policy: We have updated our Local Winter Management Policy for 2020. You will be able to download a copy from our website. It provides information on what you can expect from us, TMBC and KCC.

Get in touch

- Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, Parish Office, Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT
- Telephone: 01622 871309 Email: councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
- Your Councillors – through the website www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk
- Office hours for drop in enquiries – weekdays 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (not Wednesdays)
- Twitter: @EastPeckhamPC Facebook East Peckham Parish Council
- www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk for regular updates on all our activities

Parish Councillors

Mick Barton (Chairman)

Dale Fairless (Deputy Chairman & Planning & Transportation Committee Chair)

Michael Ferguson

David Seal

Emma Wilkinson

Jonathan Bates

Tim Fryer

Sophie North

Mark Williams

2 vacancies

This newsletter is available on the parish council's website, all enquiries to Karen Bell, Council Manager

