

FUNTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER MARCH 2019 No.363

NOTICE BOARD – Many of you will have seen that the Funtington Village noticeboard has now been replaced with a new aluminium one. The new board is two panelled. The Parish Council will reserve the right hand panel and the left panel is available for Church and general notices. Unfortunately both panels are locked. We are endeavouring to ensure that easy access can be gained to the left panel but, in the meantime, anyone requiring access should contact the Clerk.

SANDY LANE FLOODING – The application to the County Council for an Operation Watershed grant to alleviate flooding in Sandy Lane, East Ashling has been successful and the sum of £13,443.20 has been awarded. It is intended to construct two new road gullies and a new soak away. We hope that work will start shortly.

FLOODING AT CLAY LANE/RATHAM LANE – At its last meeting the Parish Council considered the problem of flooding on Clay Lane close to the junction with Ratham Lane and in Ratham Lane to the south of the A27 bridge. This has been reported to the highway authority, WSCC, who will carry out an inspection and, depending on the cause may either carry out remedial work as highway authority or the Parish Council may have to apply for further Operation Watershed funding.

VILLAGE HALL – APOLOGY - In the February Newsletter we reported that the increase in expected Council Tax which would be required to service a Public Works Loan Board loan of £200,000.00 would probably be between £0.03 and £0.08 per week depending on the appropriate Council Tax band. Unfortunately, in error, we had referred to the wrong set of figures and the correct amount should have been between £0.18 and £0.55 respectively. We apologise.

BRIDLEWAY REPAIRS – The Parish Council has recently had extensive repairs carried out to the bridleway from Adsdean over Funtington Down to Kingley Vale. The work was carried out by Basil Baird (Fareham) Limited and was more extensive than we had expected. We should like to thank Mr Baird for his very kind assistance and for a job well done.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - We would again remind you that the Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday, 2nd May 2019. The local Polling Station will be at the Village Hall, Southbrook Road, West Ashling. All 13 Parish Council seats will come up for re-election. The Returning Officer has now informed us that the nomination papers will be sent to the Clerk of the Parish Council from whom they might shortly be obtained. Formal notices will be published on the Parish noticeboards.

The Next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, 6th March 2019 commencing at 6.30 pm at the Funtington and District Village Hall, Southbrook Road, West Ashling. We look forward to seeing you. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 24th April at 6.30 pm at the Village Hall. We are currently seeking a speaker.

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