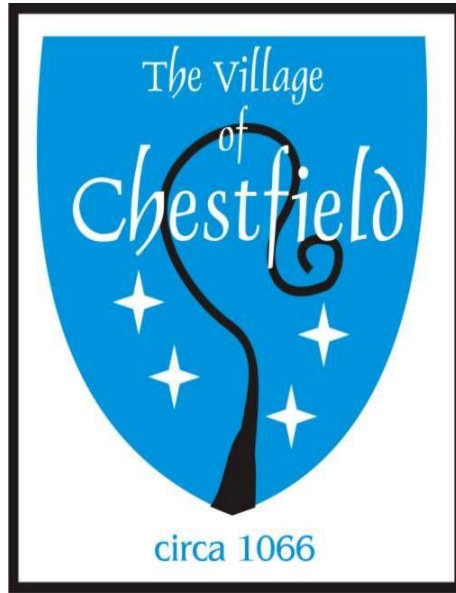




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Message from your Chairman

Many of the older residents of Chestfield will no doubt remember being asked to contribute £1 per household towards the publication of the first Parish Council magazine. When was this I hear you question...but believe it or not, this year celebrates the 30th anniversary of your Parish Council !! We would like to think that since its original inception, our efforts, and also those of all previous committees before us, have carried on the ideals of that original council, although we should never forget those early days and those early years, and indeed what it meant in giving Chestfield its own voice with the City Council. And long may it continue !!

In my last message I announced that the refurbishment of the children's playpark would be completed in time for the summer holidays. Unfortunately, and for reasons totally out of our control, the works were unable to go ahead as scheduled, although we did fully agree with the City Council's decision to postpone the planned works until after the school holidays. Whilst apologising for this delay, hopefully you will all understand for the reasoning for temporarily postponing these works.

On 30th July we held an extraordinary parish council meeting to discuss the various tenders received for the upgrade of the adult gym equipment. After carefully considering all offerings submitted, we were fully unanimous in our decision in our choice, and we hope that the equipment chosen will prove beneficial for all age groups and the larger community in general. I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Esser from the Medical Centre for his advice and guidance which was certainly a considering factor towards our final choice. By sheer coincidence, the installation of this new equipment will now run alongside that of the playpark upgrade, although at the time of writing we are unable to advise of an exact completion date, although anticipate both being ready from middle to end of September. However, and whatever age group, we are confident that you will all enjoy these new facilities in years to come.

We have also installed a new waste bin at the far end of the grounds. This is a 'dual purpose' bin for both general and 'doggie' waste.

You will have read in the local press that the City Council's efforts to combat fly tipping is beginning to bear fruit, although there is still a long way to go to completely rid us of this. Fly tipping comes in many guises, and one that has been noticed in the village is the emptying of grass cuttings and similar garden waste in wooded areas or pathways. Please note that this too is considered as fly tipping, and the City Council will act appropriately towards violators. All households have 'green bins' for such waste – so please use them out of respect for the community and the environment – and don't forget that there is a designated KCC refuse tip less than five miles away.

Thank you for your kind comments of support that are sent in from time to time – it means a lot...and just goes to prove that even after 30 years the efforts of the parish council – your parish council – remain appreciated.

Thank You All, Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

New magazine distributor sought

Firstly, our thanks to Mr and Mrs Brian and Sue Barnes who have delivered the magazine for many years – we wish them well with their house move.

And also thanks to Mrs Pam Smith who has completed two large delivery rounds for many many years – we wish her well in her move to downsize nearer her daughter and hope she settles quickly.

Mrs Tveit too! Also moving away which leaves us needing a new volunteer for the **16 properties for Dukeswood** homes please.

And Mr David Morgan – who has also decided to hang up his hat after 12 years of delivering – we need a new volunteer for the **13 homes in Polo Way** please.

Anyone interested should please contact the Clerk.

Parish Archives to become available at Whitstable Museum

Chestfield Parish Council was created in 1988. Some old documents were gifted to the Canterbury Cathedral Archives and were then subsequently transferred to the KCC Archives Library in Maidstone around 2010.

Documents include Minutes, Magazines and some historic documents, newspaper articles and maps.

The Whitstable Museum and Chestfield History Society have made a request to the parish council that some of the documents be transferred back to or be copied for the Whitstable Museum in order to give residents *local* access. The Whitstable Museum do have a Chestfield archive but would like to add to it. The parish council felt there is merit in having key documents in two places. Certain key documents will be copied (not Minutes). There will be two visits to Maidstone undertaken in September – firstly by the Chestfield History Society residents and Whitstable Museum Trustee and then by Cllr Brealy, Cllr Ellis and the Clerk. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Fitzpatrick will then digitalise documents copied and brought back. Old maps will also be requested as electronic versions on CD to be done by KCC. We will keep you updated on this project.

Outdoor Gym equipment replacement

The outdoor gym equipment at the Chestfield Road play park is at the end of its life, with one item now obsolete and unrepairable. At an extraordinary meeting on 30 July 2018 the parish council met to consider five packages for a full replacement of the gym equipment. The Clerk had met with a CCC Officer who has also scrutinised the options presented and given CCC comments where relevant to assist in the parish council's final decision. Cllr Bailey had spoken to both doctors surgeries, who are very happy to promote the outdoor gym as part of a fitness regime and will signpost villagers to it. Cllr Bailey explained that he had also spoken to members of the Stroke Society and physio department at Great Ormonds Street Hospital. Their comments were that it is good to have a variety of equipment. They also particularly liked the packages with the “apps” for mobile phones to scan, for people to challenge themselves and see details of their work outs. From a durability point of view, a pad under all of the equipment will be much better for drainage as this is a wet site (CCC prefer a pad). The chosen package includes an “inclusive item” for a wheelchair user - an accessible handbike. Cllrs also felt that the options with a Mobile Phone app/download were most preferable. Of the five options there were two stand out options, and after consideration The Great Outdoor Gym Company (a local company based in Faversham) has been awarded the tender. The Clerk has placed the order; and installation is anticipated from week beginning 10 September 2018.

To celebrate our 30th birthday the parish council has obtained a copy of the very first parish council meeting Minutes – held on 26 April 1988 and we have recreated it here: The images are also available to view on the parish council's website

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
Held on the
26th April, 1988

Present: Councillor B. Barnes (Chairman)
Councillors J.D. Askew, D.J. Bailey, Mrs. C. L. Down, N. Martin, Major P.F. Mason, Mrs. D. Perkins, Mrs. J.M. Webber and K.D. Willis.

1. WELCOME

Mr. G. Brookes, on behalf of the City Chief Executive and proper officer of the Canterbury City Council, welcomed Members to the First Annual Meeting of the Chestfield Parish Council and extended best wishes for a happy and successful Council. He formally reported that proper notice for the convening of the Meeting had been given in accordance with the provisions of the Canterbury (Parish of Chestfield) Order, 1988.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 1988/89

It was AGREED that Councillor B. Barnes be elected Chairman of the Parish Council for the Year 1988/89. Councillor Barnes made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chairman and thereupon took the Chair for the Meeting.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 1988/89

It was AGREED that Councillor Mrs. C.L. Down be elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the Year 1988/89.

4. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CLERK

It was AGREED that Councillor K.D. Willis be appointed Acting Clerk to the Parish Council until such time as a permanent appointment has been made.

5. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH CLERK

The Council were informed that it was essential to appoint a permanent Clerk as quickly as possible. Details of the conditions of service, salary (likely to be at the rate of approximately 60% of the product of a penny rate) etc. were

given.

It was AGREED to consider the terms of appointment of a Clerk to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

6. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

It was AGREED that the address for all correspondence for the Council until such time as a Parish Clerk has been appointed, should be 9 Plantation Road, Chestfield, Whitstable, the address of the Acting Clerk.

7. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was AGREED:

- (a) That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held as soon as conveniently possible, the actual date to be determined by the Acting Clerk in consultation with the Chairman.
- (b) That Mr. C. Davis, Secretary, Kent Association of Parish Councils, be invited to that meeting to give advice as necessary.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Held on the 26th April, 1988

Present: Councillor B. Barnes (Chairman)

All Parish Councillors

36 Members of the Parish

Councillor E.J.C. Greenhouse, City Councillor for the Chestfield Ward.

8. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed all those present to the first Annual Meeting of the Parish and, with the assistance of Mr. C. Davis, (Secretary, Kent Association of Parish Councils), explained what would normally be discussed at such a meeting. This did not apply to this particular meeting, being the first held.

9. PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman reported that, at the first meeting of the Parish Council held earlier this evening, he (Councillor Barnes) had been appointed Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Down appointed Vice-Chairman, Mr K. D. Willis appointed as Acting Clerk and

that a second meeting of the Parish Council would be held as soon as conveniently possible to discuss various matters including the appointment of a permanent Parish Clerk.

10. CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Greenhouse, on behalf of the City Council, expressed his best wishes to the Parish and the Parish Council for the future and urged co-operation between the City and Parish Councils as being in the best interests of both bodies. He drew attention to the fact that the Parish only covered half of the Chestfield Ward which he represented on the City Council.

11. GRASMERE ROAD

A Member of the Parish raised the question of the planning application for permission to develop the site of 20 Grasmere Road, which in her opinion was undesirable development. Reference was made to the flood plain in the area. It was AGREED that objections should be raised to the application on flooding grounds.

12. FLOODING AND SEWERAGE

A number of Parishioners raised the question of flooding and inadequate sewerage arrangements throughout the Parish and requested that these matters should be actively pursued by the Parish Council. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should act as a pressure group to raise and pursue these two matters as strongly and as urgently as possible.

Residents can view Minutes from November 2007 on the parish council website.

To receive current parish council meeting Agenda and Minutes electronically, please contact the Clerk and provide your email address. Minutes also include our planning appendix which lists the local planning applications – those current at the time of the meeting and decisions made by the planning authority.

**Would you like to help? Give something back to the community?
Do you have administrative or secretarial skills?**

The Forget-Me-Nots are a dynamic group of around 20 people with dementia living in Canterbury and the surrounding areas. We are looking for a friendly face to join our team of Volunteers to support people living with a diagnosis of dementia. They meet on the second Friday of every month in Thanington to discuss issues around dementia, for example raising awareness and advising the local mental health trust on service development and provision and patient information.

We are looking for volunteers to help with some administrative duties such as; taking minutes in the meetings, writing them up, sending information to the Forget-me-Nots and some telephone work. Perhaps you know someone living with dementia? Perhaps you are currently looking to return to work but need some experience? Perhaps you are retired but keen to help others? Perhaps you are a student.....or a parent at home? We would love to speak with you and discuss the opportunities for you to work with us. For an informal chat or further information please don't hesitate to call Clare Streeter the volunteer co-ordinator on 07392 272927 or email clare.streeter@kmpt.nhs.uk

Register to Vote

Household Enquiry Forms for electoral registration were delivered to every property in the district from 10 July 2018 (with a response deadline of 3 August 2018).

Residents should check the form carefully when it arrives. Canterbury City Council needs to know whether all the details are correct or if any changes are required. Details of how to respond are on the form. It is important to make sure you are registered to vote. If you are not, you will not be able to vote at elections and it could put your credit rating at risk, which means you may find it difficult to get a loan or mortgage.

You can now register to vote online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote> It will save money if you respond by telephone or internet rather than returning your form by post. If you do not respond CCC is required to issue reminders and possibly visit your property which would incur further costs. If CCC do not receive a response to the initial form, reminders get sent out from 17 August which need to be returned by 10 September. With no response from the reminder, a canvasser will be knocking on the door from 5 October to 24 October to get the form completed. If the canvasser cannot get a response a form will be left to be complete and a response to this is required by 29 October. (Last year it cost the council over £20,000 sending out reminders and canvassers door knocking to get a response.)



What does Rotary mean to you?



A group of old businessmen, with nothing better to do but have a drink and talk about “old times”, how they can help each other and donating money to a few good causes to make them feel better!

This is how Rotary is perceived by many, but it could not be further from the truth, especially with **YOUR** Rotary Club in Chestfield.

It's a group of men and women, single, married, divorced and from a wide range of backgrounds, some working, some not, some with children, some with grandchildren, some with pets, some under 40, some over 40, some with a lot of spare time, some with very little, some involved in several local groups, some this is the only one, but all with an interest in giving something back to the Community at a local, national and international level and having fun while they do it.

Rotary is a fellowship organisation first and foremost and uses the skills, experiences, knowledge and time of its members to help others in so many different and interesting ways, if it's not enjoyable we are doing it wrong!

While we meet every week for breakfast at the Golf Club we do not expect everyone to be there all the time, family, work, friends always come first but out of 33 members we normally get 24 turn up each week as it puts a smile on everyone's face as they then set off for the rest of their day.

Our meetings are not “all business” or very “formal”, quite the opposite its light hearted, spontaneous and enjoyable, lots of banter, a group of friends catching up on what's gone on since last week and looking forward to next week.

If you look on our website www.chestfieldrotaryclub.org.uk you will get more of a flavour of what we do than I can ever explain here.

If you would like to come along to see for yourself you would be very welcome, just contact me, Pat McFarlane on patmcfarlane@live.co.uk there is no obligation involved and if you like what you see we can explain more about what we do, how you can become a part of it and how you could help us make a difference for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you

Pat McFarlane, 2018/19 President, Rotary Club of Chestfield.

The Over 60s Community Service

This voluntary organisation has received a grant from KCC Councillor John Simmonds to work in Chestfield. The Over60s Service works with older people to maintain their independence in their own home. This free service offers Advocacy, Benefit Advice and help to apply for benefits entitled to, Debt Management, Arrears, dealing with Utility Companies and signposting to other organisations that can help too. Operating in the Canterbury area for 18 years, the Over60s charity's Mission Statement is: *"To carry out a domiciliary home visiting support service for people aged 60 or over, particularly for those who are in poor health, frail, disabled, lonely or otherwise vulnerable in order to help them maintain their independence in their own home for as long as possible."*

Upon referral a home assessment is carried out within one week, and a support plan compiled and agreed with the client – usually within 6 weeks. They also refer to other agencies, signpost to activities and services available and help and advise friends, family and neighbours. KCC Cllr Simmonds has given a grant to carry out a pilot project in Chestfield. We hope that residents will refer themselves, family, friends or neighbours – if help is required to help older residents maintain their independence in their own home. The Organisation's "Service Brochure" outlines the different help available, but contact the Service even if a particular problem is not listed – this Service has many good contacts to draw upon and may be able to resolve most queries. For more information - Please call 01227 456616 or email over60cs@gmail.com for a Service Brochure or to ask for a home visit by a support worker to call to discuss needs and deal with issues.

Countryside Access Wardens

We are delighted to advise that Chestfield now has two volunteer Countryside access wardens. One of them, resident, Ken Goddard tells us, "our responsibilities cover public rights of way (PROW), maintaining route markings, cutting back vegetation, maintaining gate hinges to ensure proper closure, helping to keep the PROW clearly marked and accessible for residents and visitors alike. We have been issued with a tool kit suitable to carry out the above tasks. I am happy to receive any **issues within the guidelines above** to be sent to me via Email and if able will resolve or pass it on if required. (Email Ken on Kengoddard2@aol.com) . We report our activities online, any issues outside of our brief are reported as faults; this allows KCC to monitor the current state of the countryside network and target maintenance effectively. We do not get involved in path surface maintenance or large wayside furniture repairs - these we would report online."

Litter Pick – Sunday 30 September 2018

A resident suggested that the parish council organise a community litter pick and we are pleased to advise that we have now organised this – but we need you to help!

- i) We need volunteers on the day for the task – we would love you to take part – including accompanied children too! All litter picking equipment and bags and rubbish collection etc will be organised and provided.
- ii) We have set the date as ***Sunday 30 September 2018 – please meet at the play park, Chestfield Road, from 10.30am***
- iii) It would be useful if you could advise the Clerk in advance if you can help. Please note that insurance restrictions mean that high speed roads and roads without pavements cannot be done by volunteers. **We hope to see you there!**

Chestfield Play Park, Chestfield Road - Play Area Upgrade

Canterbury City Council is sorry to announce a delay to the start of work on the refurbishment of the play area at Chestfield. This is due to the contractor experiencing rare supply issues with the new equipment. The CCC Press Officer says, "It's the first time this has happened on one of our play area revamps, and unfortunately means it will not take place before the summer holidays. The current play area will therefore stay open during the holidays.

"Work is now expected to start in September and will be completed later in October."

Shrub bed project Autumn 2018 - call for volunteers

Following on from our 'shrub bed project' at the play park in 2017 which we ran in partnership with CCC and Serco, we will run another similar project this Autumn – starting at 10am at the play park on ***Saturday 6 October 2018.***

For more information or to register your interest to get involved please contact the Clerk. The project will include some vegetation clearance, weeding, general tidying, and possibly some staining or painting of picnic benches etc.

We hope to see some of you there.

Do you Love Where We Live?

On 14 February 2018, CCC launched a 12-month **Love Where We Live campaign** to encourage people to stop people littering, clear up their dog mess, report graffiti and work towards combating flytipping in Canterbury, Herne Bay, Whitstable and the villages.

Enforcement officers issued almost 600 fixed penalty fines for littering, flyposting and graffiti in the three months to March 2018. And in the same period four fines have been issued for flytipping and three cases are working their way through the courts.

Designed to persuade people not to drop their litter, let their dog foul without clearing it up, daub graffiti or flytip rubbish, it taps into the overwhelming sense of pride of those who live and work in the district. It also reminds offenders they will be fined if they are caught. As part of the campaign CCC is encouraging everyone to pledge their love for where we live and as a thank you for taking part CCC will enter them into a free prize draw.



Sign up to the CCC Love Where We Live pledges today and help make the place we live, a place we love.

Sign up at

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/lovepledges/>

New bin

In our continued efforts to combat both dog fouling and littering, Chestfield Parish Council has arranged with CCC and Serco, and paid for, the dog waste only bin on the corner of Fern Close with The Ridgeway, to be changed to a dual bin to take both rubbish and dog waste.

CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste_and_enforcement/31/report_flytipping. CCC's reporting tool to report fly-tipping enables you to drop a pin on a map. It can also take the location from a phone if reporting is done in situ. And there's the facility to upload pictures of the waste.

Reporting items such as overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins

For reporting issues to Serco – for litter, dog fouling, problems with litter bins or dog bins, people can telephone or ideally do online: Please call Serco on 0800 0319 091. Or report at

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean

For any waste that could cause immediate danger, such as discarded needles and syringes, please call Serco for a rapid response.

Out-of-hours emergencies - If you have an urgent query and need to talk to the CCC out-of-hours team, please call 01227 781 879.

Report dog fouling - Dog fouling can be reported to CCC to be cleared up. This online form can also be used to tell CCC about repeat offenders. If CCC catch them they will be given a fine of £80.

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean/2

A reminder – did you know? dog waste can be put into ordinary black bins too – not necessarily just the red dog-bin only bins. Please bag it and bin it!

Reporting crimes and incidents on the Kent Police website

Report crimes and incidents as well as non-injury road traffic collisions ONLINE directly to Kent Police through www.kent.police.uk .

Post Office Near Me: For a web site for people to find local post offices and the services they offer. Visit: <https://www.postofficesnearme.com/>

Chestfield History Society

If you want to contribute any information about Chestfield's past or ask the History Society any questions go to its new Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/chestfield history/](https://www.facebook.com/chestfieldhistory/)

Canterbury City Council Community Governance Review

CCC has now concluded its Governance Review that looks at current parish boundaries, the number of parish councillors and the possibility to merge, abolish or create new parish councils. In July 2017 Chestfield Parish Council resolved to make a request that CCC change the Chestfield boundary to include Grasmere Pasture in future *whether built on or not*.

We are pleased to advise that Canterbury City Council at their Full Council meeting on 19 July 2018 resolved that Grasmere Pasture will be incorporated into a revised Chestfield parish boundary. This boundary change will take effect from the May 2019 elections.

Here is another article from our gardening resident – we hope you enjoy this:

GARDENING AUTUMN

There's a moment, in late September - or October in the south of England, when suddenly it's Autumn. The air is different, the light is different, and the growth and tasks in the garden - all different.

There are still late roses, they will go on practically till Christmas. They are not as confident as in the early summer, but lovely with a new streamlined strength. The asters in their full range of colours blaze away. And the Dahlias amaze in their prolific multi coloured beauty. If you are lucky, there are still Japanese anemones looming tall and pretty in the border.

Nasturtiums run riot, there are still penstemons, defiant geraniums, late and even later clematis, and in fact, if wily succession planting is your thing, there is joyous growth in the borders in true Autumn. There are fruiting shrubs aplenty too at this time of year, including late raspberries, and their cousin lagan berries.

I say 'true Autumn', because it is often confused with early winter, with leaf-fall, and the colours associated only with that. These are quite something, polished ruby, mahogany, rusting gold. But true Autumn is full harvest. Not just the golden riches of the fields, presented in intricate bread-stooks in church, but apples, pears, quinces, hanging on trees whose branches are bending with the weight. There are many sizes of gourds, orange, gold, rust, green - lying fatly on the soil, or – these days climbing up supports.

Full true Autumn. A magical fecund season, full of food to see us through Winter and the disappearance of the sun.

It's the time not just for harvest and appreciation of the growth and colours around us, but also a time of preparation. Bulb planting; daffodils, narcissi,

tulips, scilla, grape hyacinth. Also seeding; there are many seeds which do better being sown in pots or direct into the soil at this chillier time of the year. Ammi majus is an airy tall white foil for other plants in the garden, other annuals like poppies and vivid blue cornflowers, nigella, calendula, Californian poppy, borage; annuals for pollinators are of vital importance in our gardens, and need to be prepared for now – if we want our blossoms developing into fruit, or vegetables.

The tasks then in Autumn are plain. First, Harvest your produce; eat it, cook it, freeze it, preserve it, share it. But use it. Second, prepare for the spring, and even the summer. Prune, weed, seed and plant. Equal with all of this, and possibly as your last task in Autumn, mulch, and feed. You might choose manure, multipurpose compost, specialist compost; you might decide on Growmore, Blood Fish and Bone, or trace elements for certain wilting trees and shrubs. I have an overspread choisya, with greedy ivy at its feet, and it needs serious attention this year, also my Philadelphus – always the better for judicious pruning. But feed and replenish your soil. Help it to give as much again in the year to come. Mentioning Ivy, don't be too quick to dismiss it and give it brutal treatment. It provides valuable cover for our resident birds, with late fruits thrown in to feed them. Some roses have marvellous hips, like the Rambling Rector, or some of the Gallicas; Pyrocanthus are unrivalled in what they offer to birds, and later pollinators; use them if you can. A big wall or old tree will house the 'Rector, and Pyrocanthus, and fill the garden with busy bird calls.

As for diseases, in the words of Monty Dom, 'feed them out of it'. I hope I've remembered that correctly, it works for me. It's a long time since I had any plagues of greenfly, or blackfly – except in the case of the nasturtiums who do a marvellous distracting job for blackfly, and still manage to have some abundant growth.

I can't separate my delight in Autumn from some of the lovely poems which have accompanied me through my life. T E Hulme, on that first evening when the nip in the air tells you Autumn is here. DH Lawrence and the huge golden harvest moon presiding over a feast and dance. Keats and his marvellous whispering opening, on the deep intimacy between sun and earth to create Autumn.

It might be a season of silvery mists, but above all it is a season of 'mellow fruitfulness'.

Feature Interview Please email us with any ideas for local people or local organisations to interview.

Chestfield Weather Station

We have received some really interesting information from Chestfield resident of 33 years, Barry Vane, about his *weather station* located fairly central to Chestfield. Barry says, “ I have always had an interest in our climate especially with my golfing hobby. My wife purchased a weather station many years ago as a birthday present, my interest grew from there.

About six years ago I connected it to the internet and I linked it to other sites.

There are four other private weather stations likewise connected to the net in Chestfield.

I play golf with Ron Lobeck who you may remember as the weather man on Meridian TV back in the 90s - I get live reports from Ron !!”

Barry’s weather station reports current weather, history and also forecasts.

As an example it reported a mere 2 mm of rain here in June 2018.

Barry’s information is transmitted to three global sites: Met Office, Awekas and Wunderground where it is checked daily for accuracy against other personal weather stations in the vicinity.

Barry says, “I have kept rainfall records since 2006. Data is uploaded from my site every few seconds / minutes, all sites are interactive and can even show live rain radar which is incredibly accurate via a map on the wunderground site. There are not too many stats apart from rainfall figures and the lowest temperature I have recorded which was on 1st Feb 2018 at minus 10.7C.”

The last 10 years of rainfall recorded from Barry’s station are as follows:

2007	-870mm	2013	-715mm
2008	-753mm	2014	-928mm
2009	-745mm	2015	-628mm
2010	-667mm	2016	-554mm
2011	-509mm	2017	-468mm
2012	-1138mm (The wettest)		

Average yearly rainfall for Chestfield over the last 10 years was 797.5 MM

Barry’s weather station is a Davis Vantage Vue semi professional unit live linked to the internet 24/7. Weather Station Links : **FOR CHESTFIELD AWEKAS* SITE GO TO <http://www.awekas.at/en/instrument.php?id=14456> (not via google)**

(* AWEEKAS Automatic Weather Map System)

Report on Cycle Route from Chestfield to the Crab and Winkle Way

Our thanks to Chestfield resident and avid cyclist Gordon Page, who has done the following report for us on the cycle route from Chestfield to the Crab and Winkle Way. Gordon rode the route and made the comments as if he was a 7 year old riding it, as we want to encourage families to cycle. Please read this article in conjunction with the attached map....

Starting at Chestfield Road junction with Grasmere Road:

Grasmere Road - The road as far as the bridge is paved but has a significant numbers of places where the tarmac has broken away to leave bare patches of concrete.

At this point the route could be joined from Shepherds Walk to give access from Woodvale Road, Longtye Road and Cherry Orchard.

Unfortunately outside No. 4 Shepherds Walk there are loose pebbles across the Byway making it almost impossible to cycle on.

At the bridge, the gate may at times be closed, but there is a side gate that is easy to open.

Once over the bridge the road is paved but bumpy and patchy as far as No. 51 which is not good but acceptable. Beyond No. 51 to Blackberry Road the road is a compacted Type 1 with some loose gravel.

Blackberry Road to Lismore Road is paved road significant numbers of places where the tarmac has broken away to leave bare patches of concrete.

Lismore Road - The road is concrete all the way through the Rayham Road so no problem.

Rayham Road - This is a gravel road with numerous hollows which could be a problem in wet weather.

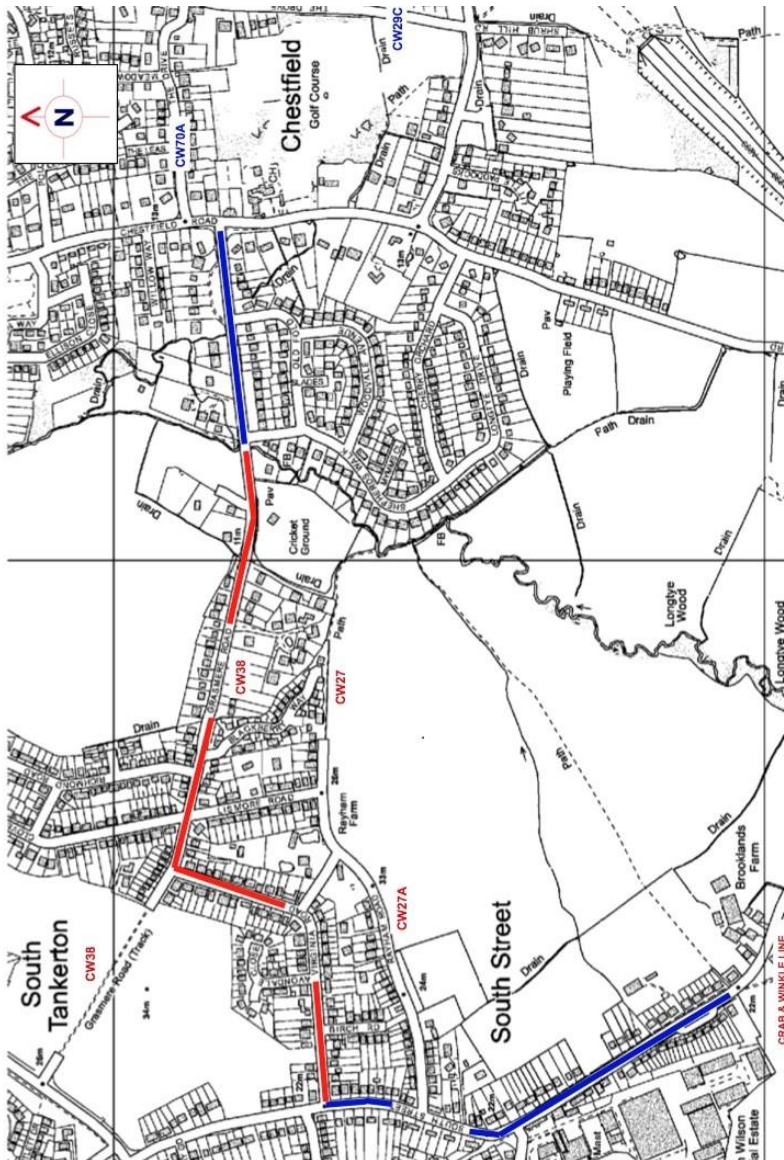
Loose gravel can be a definite problem, especially for the inexperienced cyclist, particularly young children. This was particularly noticeable on the downhill section where some residents have taken it on themselves to fill the hollows with loose pebbles. The road is usable if you pick your route but is not good enough in its present condition to be advertised as user friendly.

Virginia Road - An alternative to using Lismore Road and Rayham Road is to continue a little further up Grasmere Road to join Virginia Road. This is a concrete road with a few significant pot holes but otherwise a much easier route to cycle.

South Street - Both Rayham Road and Virginia Road both join South Street at a 'T' junction where you turn left.

At the junction with Millstrood Road you join the Crab and Winkle Way which is part of National Cycle Route 1. From this point you can either follow the Crab And Winkle Way towards Canterbury or the other way towards Faversham and Whitstable Town Centre.

My Conclusion - I use the route via Virginia Road quite a lot and wouldn't ever consider using Rayham Road. Although Virginia Road is a bus route it is the No.5 which is only hourly and there is not generally too much other traffic. (Resident Gordon Page)



Neighbourhood Watch update : In the 12 months to February 2018 there were 50 reported thefts in our village, including 18 burglaries and 6 cycles stolen. Police resources are severely limited and crime detection rates are at an all-time low, so hardly any of the criminals responsible for those thefts have ever been identified or faced justice. Indeed of the 18 burglaries reported in Chestfield only one suspect ever went to court. To keep things in perspective however, we are lucky that we do not live in a high crime area. Never-the-less we can become victims of crime if we inadvertently drop our guard or are simply unfortunate. But we can all do a lot to influence luck. Staying safe can be improved greatly through simply being aware of what's going on around you. That's where Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) can assist. Being part of an active NHW scheme provides opportunity to be aware of crime happening locally, and in surrounding towns, which helps 'those in the know' stay one step ahead of the criminals. In addition routine messages and newsletters sent out via NHW provide useful information / advice about scams and crime prevention. Our village already has about 60% NHW coverage but there are still 19 roads not covered and a few more that are only covered in part. It's very easy to create more active schemes; it only needs someone to put themselves forward to act as the coordinator. They then receive messages from the police / Trading Standards and send them out to their neighbours as they see fit. Email makes the whole process very straightforward. There are a few 'rules' that need to be observed to ensure security of personal data (names, email contacts / phone numbers etc) but Canterbury & District NHW Association (C&DNHWA) gives help with that, as it does in setting up the group in the first place, and providing free signage / on-going support. One of our local coordinators, Anna, says this about running her scheme - "To be a co-ordinator is not an onerous task. You can organise things and be as involved as you see fit. It is helpful to be able to send out messages by email, which saves time, printing and walking to neighbours to drop a report into their letter box. Initially, neighbours need to be asked if they want to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and can be asked for their email address at that time. The addresses can all be grouped and 'hidden' by the BCC (Blind Carbonless Copy) feature on your email system. To keep everyone up to date I prefer to send out alerts about on-line and telephone scams as soon as they arrive from our Police Liaison Officer - this maybe takes about 5 minutes once or twice a week. Other information about burglaries, thefts and criminal damage, Trading Standards etc, can be sent out periodically. Currently, another Chestfield co-ordinator, (Maralyn) collates this information for us and kindly emails a complete list to all local co-ordinators once a month, which we can then email directly on to own particular NHW group. It seems to me that about 20 minutes a month is a good investment of time in keeping our neighbourhood safer and could save a lot of heartache."

If you are not in a NHW scheme at the moment, and would like to know more about setting one up in your road please contact CADNHWA's Vice Chair, Neal Fowler, by email at neal.fowler@talktalk.net

PLANNING:

CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Gardens, Land off The Ridgeway:

Back in the summer of 2017, Chestfield Parish Council objected to this outline application. Read the full objection letter on the front page of our website www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

The decision, by Canterbury City Council on whether to approve it or not, is still awaited. We will of course let you know. The Canterbury District Local Plan, adopted on 13 July 2017, does include Grasmere Pasture as a strategic site for some of the housing required for the District to 2030.

As we go to print we have just learned that the description for the outline application has been changed:

FROM/OLD DESCRIPTION: Outline application for 300 dwellings, employment space; a community hub to include shops, financial services, food & drink outlets; non-residential institutions (clinics, health centre, crèche, nursery and day centre); a cafe/restaurant/bar; 7.16ha of open space, play facilities, parking and landscaping.

TO/NEW DESCRIPTION: A mixed use development including up to 300 dwellings and 3,500sqm of employment floorspace comprising: Detailed proposals for the erection of 140 residential dwellings, 1 no. Local Area of Play (LAP), vehicular access from Reeve's Way and emergency access from Richmond Road, associated internal roads, footpaths and cycleways, open space, associated car park and overspill car park from Reeves Way, pumping station and landscaping.

Outline proposal for up to 160 dwellings and 3,500sqm of employment (Use Class B1 (a)) with associated parking, allotments, MUGA and open space with all matters reserved except access (excluding internal circulation).

Viewing planning applications – nowadays residents need to view plans online. CCC will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. Residents may then view applications on the city council's Planning Portal themselves (either at home or CCC has computers in their reception area for public use).

You need the application reference number. Each application is made up of a reference, such as CA/18/00001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 18 is the year the application is registered, the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year, and then the last three letters are an abbreviation for the type of application, for example FUL is a Full application, OUT is Outline and LB is a listed building type application.

To view online: visit the city council home page at www.canterbury.gov.uk Then select 'planning' then 'view and comment on planning applications' .

Then click on the blue box in the middle “search planning applications”. In the search box at the bottom you need to enter the planning application reference number. As explained above each application has a unique reference – but for viewing purposes you need to input just the year and application number in the search box – so in our example input 18/00001 only not the full reference of CA/18/00001/FUL. (CCC’s planning call centre may assist with any difficulties: call 01227 862178 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

In May 2018 we put together a Guide to Planning and Planning Applications – which we will now include as part of our welcome pack documents for new residents. An extract follows on the next pages, the full document may be found on our website.

A Guide to Planning and Planning Applications

Canterbury City Council (CCC) is the local planning authority. They publicise planning applications with letters to immediately neighbouring properties, informing the relevant parish and in some cases a site notice is displayed. The public are welcome to give views, whether for or against, an application.

How can I give my views? CCC gives residents 21 days to comment on an application. To comment, submit views online via the planning application pages on CCC’s website at www.canterbury.gov.uk. Comments will become a public document and published on their website (with address, telephone, email and signature removed – a person’s personal details are retained by CCC for administrative purposes and, where applicable, for future consideration. CCC will not release personal details to a third party if the disclosure would contravene the Data Protection principles.)

What sort of things can be taken into account?

Valid planning comments are wide ranging. The most common include;

- The effect of the proposed development on the appearance of the area
- The quality of the design
- Significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook
- The economic benefit of the proposal
- Highway safety issues
- Loss of important trees
- Intrusion into the countryside
- Significantly increased noise and disturbance resulting from use
- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Overlooking/loss of privacy
- Visual intrusion/increased sense of enclosure
- Adequacy of parking/loading/turning

- Highway safety
- Traffic generation
- Hazardous material
- Smells
- Effect on listed building and conservation area
- Layout and density of building
- Design, appearance and materials
- Landscaping
- Road access
- Local and national planning policies
- Government orders and statutory instruments
- Disabled persons' access
- Previous planning decisions (including appeal decisions)
- Nature conservation
- Archaeology

Please note: It is important to understand that the material considerations relevant to any particular application will need to be weighed in the final decision process according to their seriousness and relative importance.

What cannot be taken into account? Many concerns cannot be addressed through the planning process. The Council can only take into account “material planning consideration” when looking at comments. These are matters / effects / issues that the legislation says can be taken into account. Material has been indicated under planning legislation and guidance. If an issue is raised which is not material it cannot be taken into account. Such issues which cannot be taken into account include:

- Loss of view
- Loss of property value
- Private disputes between neighbours
- Breach of agreement / Restrictive covenants
- Loss of trade to a competitor
- The level of profit and developer might make
- Personal circumstances of the applicant (in most cases)
- Fence lines etc
- Personal morals or views about the applicant
- Moral objections for example to uses such as amusement arcades
- Ownership disputes over rights of way
- The impact of construction work or competition between firms

How does the council decide a planning application?

After the 21 day consultation period has passed, the case officer should have all the information needed to assess the application. CCC has to consider the proposed development in line with the policies set out in the Canterbury District Local Plan 2017. If it is in line, it could be approved. As

well as these documents, CCC must also consider other “material” or relevant factors including planning law, policy and guidance. Current government policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and government guidance in the National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG).

Will the public views be considered? CCC is legally obliged to take into account the comments from neighbours and other interested parties when deciding all planning applications. However, CCC is responsible for making the final decision on the application, and for deciding how much “weight” any comments have on the final decision.

Can a ward councillor speak on residents’ behalf? A Ward councillor is an elected member of the council, who represents the views and interests of people living in the ward area they represent. A ward councillor can request that an application be reported to Planning Committee if they have a justified planning policy related reason. This means it will be debated in public at a Planning Committee meeting with the ward councillors able to speak on residents’ behalf. To find out who councillors are by ward visit www.canterbury.gov.uk/your-council/how-your-council-works.

What will happen after objections have been made? Due to the large numbers of responses CCC receive, it is not possible for them to respond personally to each letter. Comments will be used by the case officer in deciding the planning application (and made public as explained above). People who comment will not be automatically notified of the decision on the application. Information on the progress and the decision on applications can be viewed on the CCC website.

Will the application be refused if lots of objections are received? No, the volume of objections will not result in an application being refused. An application can only be refused for “planning reasons” and not because of the number of objections.

Who makes the final decision on the application? The Planning Committee gives the authority to Planning Case Officers to decide the majority of planning applications. However, the minority of complex applications are reported to the Planning Committee, who meet on a four-weekly basis to decide applications.

Speaking at planning committee meetings About five percent of planning applications are decided by the Planning Committee. To find out more about speaking for or against an application at a Planning Committee meeting, visit CCC’s website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/your-council under “Have your say consultations...”

If I don’t agree with the decision, can I appeal? As the law stands there is no right of appeal for objectors. In certain circumstances a decision can be challenged in the courts, if there is a concern that CCC has acted unlawfully.

Update on Actions from our Community 2016 Survey

We continue to progress actions from residents comments made in 2016. An “**Areas for Action document**” is on our website at

<http://www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>. This Areas for Action document is divided into broad ‘themes’ :

- (1) Planning and development – major and minor – and householder improvements – and including flooding
- (2) Environment
- (3) Highways, Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian items, including pavements
- (4) Footpaths and Public Rights of Way paths through the village
- (5) Community spirit / feeling connected
- (6) Communications, Parish Magazine, Website and noticeboards
- (7) Health and leisure and Facilities
- (8) The Single Most Thing to change in the village
- (9) One Thing that should be the same in 5 years’ time (10) All Other comments and (11) Feedback to residents.

Contact the Clerk with questions and more information where this is available.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE HEALTH CENTRES

Whitstable Medical Practice (Harbour Street) : 01227 284320

Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

For Out of Hours medical advice please call: NHS 111

Emergencies that are out of hours (other than 999) ring NHS 111

For Commuters: Whitstable Medical Practice offer early morning and late evening appointments for patients who cannot attend during the day, starting at 7am and evening appointments until 7.30pm. Appointments are available on various days at all of the Practice’s sites (Chestfield Medical Centre, Whitstable Health Centre, Estuary View Medical Centre) – book by calling the surgery where you are registered.

NHS Patient transport service - for people who cannot get to hospital or clinic appointment because of their medical or physical condition - bookings number 0800 096 0211 (open 24/7) For further information about patient transport, including alternatives for people who are not eligible for patient transport, visit www.km-pts.co.uk

Bus timetables are available from Traveline. Ring 0871 200 2233 for details or visit the web site www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

FREE BUS SERVICE to Estuary View – runs from Tesco, Whitstable / The Plough at Swalecliffe / Priest & Sow Corner, Tankerton / Tankerton Circus / Town Centre Horsebridge / Top of Borstal Hill. Starts at 9.30am

Transport to Estuary View Medical Centre from Chestfield

In our last (June 2018) edition of the magazine Cllr Bob Todd ran an article about transport by bus to Estuary View Medical Centre. We did not hear back from anyone about the article, but in compiling this he researched the following web sites which we felt may be worth running in our magazine each time for reference:

- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/maps#tab2>

Mini bus service and local volunteer transport schemes

Further to the above, Cllr Lorraine East has researched local volunteer transport schemes and found the following:

Red Zebra has been set up in Whitstable through the city council. See <http://www.redzebra.org.uk/volunteer-car-scheme/>

The scheme is for people who find it difficult to use public transport either through age or a need for special assistance. It is aimed at helping people get to essential appointments such as Health Centres, Hospitals, Dentists, Chiropodists, Day Centres etc.

Where resources permit, shopping and social trips may also be possible. The scheme offers a return journey and you will not be charged for waiting time, which is up to a maximum of two hours. A longer wait e.g. a drop-off in the morning and collection in the afternoon, will mean a double charge.

There are charges to cover the cost of running the scheme and petrol mileage, these are:

- annual subscription of £10 (or £15 for a couple)
- £2 administration charge per trip
- 45p per mile

All volunteer drivers are DBS checked and insured, and a driver who is able to carry and assist with a wheelchair etc. can be arranged.

When you want to arrange your journey telephone Red Zebra in advance on: 01227 271111 - Call during office hours - their volunteers are available to take your calls: Monday – Friday between 10am–12.30pm.

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3LD.
Father St Aubyn – Tel 01227 272758

SATURDAY (First Mass of Sunday) :

6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Northwood Road, Whitstable

SUNDAY :

8:30am Mass at St Joseph's, Chestfield

10:30am Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable

Note: Above details are for usual times, etc but may, of course be subject to change due to funerals, holidays, etc.... details for each week can be found on: www.rcourladyimmaculate.org.uk

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Swalecliffe Court Drive.

Rev. David Vannerley - Tel 07510 838 123

SUNDAYS:

9 am. Traditional Language Holy Communion (3rd Sundays)

10am Children's Brunch Club (starts in the Church Centre) 2nd and 4th Sundays

10.30am Parish Eucharist (except 3rd Sunday: family friendly Morning Praise in the Church Centre, St John's Rd)

4 pm Café Church (family friendly informal worship in the Church Centre) - 1st Sundays.

630pm 1st and 3rd Sundays - Evening Prayer in Church; or Village Praise (2nd Sunday Church Centre; 4th Sunday in Chestfield WI Hall).

WEDNESDAYS

10am Holy Communion, Church Centre (with healing ministry on 1st Wednesdays)

5.30 Evening Prayer in Church

See the parish church website: <http://www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk/>

SWALECLIFFE FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)

Herne Bay Road, Swalecliffe. Pastor: Rev. Simon King – Tel 01227 274697

All are welcome to our weekly Sunday services which start at 10:30am.

On the first Sunday of each month we have a joint service with St John's Parish Church in Swalecliffe Free Church, and communion is served on the fourth Sunday each month.

Further details of events at: www.swalecliffe-free-church.com

RIVERSIDE CHURCH Thanet Way (next to Amphenol) CT5 3JQ

Pastors Simon & Keely Bateson

Sunday morning services start at 10:30

Further details, including other meetings at www.riversideuk.org

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Swalecliffe with Chestfield WI

President: Mrs J Silk 01227 634642 ;Secretary: Mrs J Saunders 01227 793210 ; and Bookings: Mrs R Medlock 01227 792447

Neighbourhood Watch: Neal Fowler Tel: 01227 639257

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

Chairman: Mike Battson, Green Pastures, Broomfield Gate, 01227 792238
Secretary: Mrs Brenda Hunter, 11 Dukeswood Tel: 01227 794909

Maydowns Road Residents Association

Chairman: Mick Clarke, 92 Maydowns Road, CT5 3LW Tel: 01227 794042

The Drive, The Drove, Meadow Drive and The Leas Residents Road Association

- For any matters concerning these private roads contact
Chairman Chris Brealy, email: roadassociation2017@outlook.com

Pre Schools in Whitstable

- Townsend Montessori @ Whitstable
4, Makerstudy Business park, Thanet Way · 01227 274444
- All Saints Nursery School, Shirley Hall, Church St · 01227 282628
- Choochoos Day Nursery
Whitsable Station, Railway Avenue · 01227 280077
- Daisy Chain Nursery School Within Community College Whitstable
Whitstable 07947 819348
- Jo Jo's Day Care Nursery, Herne Bay 01227 361377
- Kindergarten Kids Within St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Primary Schools in Whitstable

- St Marys Catholic Primary School
Primary School, Northwood Rd · 01227 272692
- Joy Lane Primary School 01227 261430
- Swalecliffe Community Primary School
- Primary School, Bridgefield Rd · 01227 272101

Letters, jokes and puzzles *Please email us your jokes and humorous stories, and crosswords for a future edition*

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council Amanda Sparkes Office 4, Unit A and B, Jagow House, Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate, Millstrood Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 3PS

Telephone: 01227 773121 **Email:** clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES

Parish Council formal meetings are held bi-monthly at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and are open to all. The formal meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is an adjournment early on to ask questions, or comment on current issues.

Look for Notices on the village notice boards and on the website

www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk. Minutes are published on the website and available from November 2007. Full minutes of the previous meeting are available at each meeting for members of the public. To receive an electronic version of the Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address.

The parish council holds bi-monthly formal meetings but has informal residents' surgeries for those same date and for the months in between. *Dates of full parish council meetings therefore: 10 September, 12 November 2018.*

Councillor surgeries for residents - want to speak informally to a parish councillor? Chestfield Parish Council has 'councillor surgeries' for residents each month. Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall in Chestfield Road to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor. *Dates of surgeries for residents: from 6.30pm to 7.30pm – 10 September, 08 October, 12 November, 10 December 2018*

If you have a query and want to speak to the parish council about it, please contact the Clerk in the first instance (details above). Alternatively come along to one of the monthly surgeries and get to know and engage with your local councillors:

STEVE BAILEY Responsibilities: Chairman, Highways, Bus and Train services, Social events co-ordinator	CHRIS BREALY Vice-Chairman, Highways, Environ- ment & Street scene, litter, dog fouling, Play Park & Rec Grnd.	TRICIA CHAPMAN Tree Warden, Open spaces, and Training. Community events support
ANNE LODER Traffic, Footpaths/ Public rights of way	CHRIS ELLIS Planning, Village walks, Village Calendar	PAT GIBSON Parish Plan, footpaths. Community events support
BOB TODD Emergency Plan, Parish Plan, planning applications back up	DAVID FITZPATRICK Planning, Highways and Drainage	LORRAINE EAST Fire Hydrant inspection and problem reporting

As the Clerk is part-time, email is the favoured means of contact for a more timely reply to any urgent enquiry.

When you contact the Clerk by telephone please ensure you leave contact details if you want a reply! The answerphone does not capture numbers called to it. Also....

Please also note that we cannot deal with anonymous reports. For the Clerk to onwardly report any item we need to have contact details of the person reporting – although these details can be withheld if appropriate for onward reporting. Speak to the Clerk if unclear.

City Councillors

- i) Cllr Jennifer Samper: Smeeds Farm, Church Street, Whitstable, CT5 1PJ. Tel: 01227 272666
- ii) Cllr Pat Todd: 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH. Tel. 01227 276396

County Councillor

KCC Cllr John Simmonds: 43 Downs Avenue Whitstable Kent CT5 1RR.
Phone: 01227 275349. Mobile: 07753 682755.

Email:john.simmonds@kent.gov.uk. Bus. phone: 03000 416684

Kent Police – In a non-emergency situation ring Kent Police on 101 any time of the day or night, seven days a week.

Chestfield is supported by **PCSO Jade Hoyle** - Jade is the Kent Police's Police Community Support Officer for Chestfield and Swalecliffe but she is on maternity leave currently. While she is away ring Kent Police on 101. This 101 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There can be a wait until your call is answered – continue to use 999 in any emergency..

New to the village? Or know someone who is?

Ring the parish council clerk on 01227 773121 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk for a free 'welcome pack' with information about local councillors, churches, tree works and so on.

Partially sighted? Want this magazine in a larger format?

Contact the Clerk and she will arrange this – call 01227 773121 and don't forget to leave your name, address and phone number.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club Linda or John Wickings Tel: 01227 794511
Chestfield Cricket Club Tel: 01227 793 260
Chestfield Golf Club Tel: 01227 794411. Mob: 07837273560
Whitstable Rugby Club Mr Bob Tomlinson Tel: 01227 793329
6th Whitstable Scout Group Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Leader Tessa Dale 01227 792325
Chestfield Rotary Club David Mann Mob: 07736 463921
1st Swalecliffe Brownies Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Sarah Marshall Tel: 01227 261391
1st Swalecliffe Rainbow Guides Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Jessica Cleary Tel: 01227 793964
ABC Pre-School Long Rock, Rachel 01227 280444 enquiries@abcpreschools.co.uk.
Whitstable Volunteer Centre Tel: 01227 772248

Passenger Transport Information 0800 0960211

Canterbury City Council

- **Main switchboard** 01227 862000 www.canterbury.gov.uk
- **CCC Planning Call Centre** Tel: 01227 862178
- **Canterbury City Council**
- Recycling Information – 01227 862247
- Refuse - (Domestic) bulky collections and missed collections – 0800 031 9091
- Street Charity Collections – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- **Environment issues: Serco** Ring for syringes in the play park, vandalism, public lavatories, dog fouling and graffiti Tel: 0800 031 9091
- **Fly Tipping on public land - Serco** Tel: 0800 031 9091 or report online at www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-recycling/flytipping-vandalism-and-public-bins/flytipping-flyposting/
- **Emergency Out of Hours CCC** Tel: 01227 781879

Power cut? Call 105 – all electricity operators have this national number: Calling 105 when you have a power cut is free and puts you through to the local electricity network operator that manages cables, powerlines and substations to homes and businesses in your area. You can still contact by phone or website.

UKPN vulnerable customers Priority Services Register – call 0800 169 9970 or email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

Southern Water Services Customer Help Desk (24 Hour Help Line) Tel: 0800 820999

The Environment Agency : Daytime Office Number Tel: 0870 850 6506; Hot Line for Out of Hours Tel: 0800 807 060 ; Flooding Tel: 0845 988 1188

Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk Website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Consumer Direct www.consumerdirect.gov.uk Tel: 0845 404 0506

Kent County Council Highways and Road/ Lighting defects - web link for the KCC fault reporting tool – for reporting things like potholes, faulty lights, overgrown vegetation etc. : <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>

To report a potential emergency situation, please call KCC immediately on 03000 418181 between 8am and 6pm Mon – Fri or on 03000 419191 at all other times

If you're paying someone to take rubbish away - if you have your rubbish removed and it ends up being flytipped, you could be fined. Protect yourself - ask the waste removal service or tradesperson for their waste carrier registration number. Check the number with the Environment Agency 0370 850 6506 or www.cleankent.com (follow the link to the Environment Agency). Keep information from the waste collector – and ask for a receipt. If they're not registered don't use them and tell Trading Standards - 03454 04 05 06.

112 (999) on a mobile – did you know if you call 112 in an emergency on a mobile phone, it pinpoints your location to within a few metres (this is done by tracking to the cell that the phone is using). You can still call 999....

Blood donation: 96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood. If you're healthy and aged 17-65 you may be able to give blood - For an appointment or more information please call 08457 711711 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Necessary Furniture – to donate unwanted furniture or for anyone to buy second hand furniture at very reasonable prices, visit Necessary Furniture, Unit 2B, Canterbury Industrial Park, Island Rd, Hersden, Canterbury CT3 4HQ.Tel. 01227 712680

Homelessness - If you see a homeless person on the street there is a 24 hour helpline – **0800 567 7699** – this puts you through to the charity “Porchlight”

Junk Mail/ Mail Preference Service 0845 703 4599 www.mpsonline.org.uk

KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – www.kent.gov.uk/environment

Engine Oil 08708 506506 – www.oilbankonline.org.uk

Mobile phone recycling 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling

Real Nappies Library 0845 3450 210 www.kent.gov.uk/clothingnappies

Recycling for Kent 0845 345 0210

Salvation Army Trading Company – 01843 411 086

Spectacles – Contact Specsavers who send them out to Africa

Toner recycling and refill – 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling

Check-A-Trade: www.checkatrade.com/ A directory of recommended/trusted tradesmen who have been vetted and monitored and meet standards of trading

Trading standards – for information and to report a problem:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards>

Fire safety advice visit www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking or call 0800 9237000.

Keep your family safe – test your smoke alarm weekly!

Not sure if you need planning permission? CCC's residential self-assessment forms at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectid=58>

Any errors with details above, or any community information elsewhere in the magazine, let the Clerk know to amend in future editions. Or to add new contacts also let us know!

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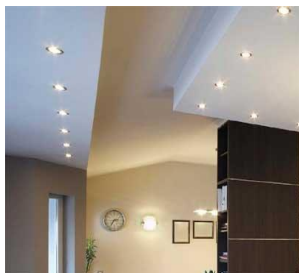
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