


# SALEHURST & ROBERTSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your diary

|   |           |
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| Planning Committee<br>Youth Centre  | 7<br>Nov  |
| Parish Council<br>Meeting<br>Robertsbridge Hall   | 18<br>Nov |
| Christmas Trees<br><br>Deadline for ordering<br>Christmas trees to go up<br>on houses in the main<br>streets | 18<br>Nov |
| Planning Committee<br>Youth Centre  | 5<br>Dec  |
| Christmas Capers 2019   | 6<br>Dec  |

**Full Parish Council Meetings take place on the 3rd Monday of alternate months at the Village Hall. Planning Committee Meetings are held monthly, on the first Thursday, at the Youth Centre.**

*All meetings start at 7.30 pm and a period of up to 15 minutes is allowed at the start of the meeting for public comment or questions if required.*

*Agendas for meetings are posted on the parish notice boards and website at least 3 days before the meeting.*

*Planning applications can be viewed on Rother District Council web site, where comments on all applications can also be submitted.*

## A New Term Begins...

Congratulations to our new Parish Councillors who were elected in May. Our Parish Council is made up of nine councillors. Four Councillors were re-elected from the old Council and four new faces volunteered to become Councillors (see Page 2). This left us with one vacancy which we are pleased to report has been filled by Lorraine Miles. Sadly two members have subsequently resigned for personal reasons so we are currently recruiting for their replacement (see below). We also had District Council elections in May. Sue Prochak was re-elected and we look forward to working with her once again.



to all those who volunteer to support the work of the Council and our active community. Without these volunteers our village would not be the vibrant and attractive place it is. In addition to our tree warden, speedwatch and footpath groups we have all our newsletter deliverers, those who came along to the Annual Village Spring Clean, organisations such as The Football Club who painted the inside of the Recreation Ground Pavilion, Robertsbridge Beavers who held a litter pick evening, Don and Sheila Sherry who have looked after the garden at the front of old United Reformed Church for many years, and of course Helping Hands. If you have the time to help us in any way please do get in touch.

## Could it be you?

### ***Make a Difference - Contribute to Your Community***

The Parish Council is looking for two new members. We need to choose two residents (age 18 or over) to join the team. No experience is needed, just an interest in the community, some time to spare and a willingness to get involved in local matters and decisions.

Interested? Contact the Parish Office for an application form, which must be returned by **Sunday 10th November**.

The current Councillors will consider the applications and make their choice at the next Council meeting on Monday 18th November (candidates should attend; those selected will immediately join the table to take an active part in the rest of the meeting).



## SALEHURST & ROBERTSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL 2019/2020

|                              |                |                                    |               |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>CHAIRMAN – Nick Brown</b> |                | <b>VICE CHAIRMAN - Sean O’Hara</b> |               |
| Gillian Branford             | Lorraine Miles | Roger Palmarczuk                   | Gillian Smith |
| Vacancy                      |                | David Todd                         | Vacancy       |

### COMMITTEES (DELEGATED POWERS):

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| <b>Cemetery</b> | The Chairman <b>or</b> Vice Chairman, Gillian Smith, Roger Palamarczuk |
| <b>Planning</b> | Nick Brown, Sean O’Hara (Chairman), , Gillian Smith, 2 vacancies       |

### WORKING GROUPS: (NO DELEGATED POWERS)

|  |  |
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| <b>Finance Working Group</b>               | RFO, Chairman, Sean O’Hara, David Todd   |
| <b>Amenities Working Group</b>             | Roger Palamarczuk, David Todd  |
| <b>General Purposes</b>                    | Chairman, Vice Chairman, Gillian Branford, vacancy   |
| <b>Summer Event Group</b>                  | To be determined   |
| <b>Car Park Working Group</b>              | Clerk, Chairman, Gillian Branford, David Todd,<br><i>Non-council member: Rother District Cllr Sue Prochak</i>  |
| <b>Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group</b> | Clerk, Gillian Branford, Sean O’Hara (Chairman), Roger Palamarczuk<br><i>Non-council members: Ruth Hardy; Xand Church; Tamara Strapp; Carolyn Cloutt</i> |

### LEAD COUNCILLORS:

|                             |                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b> | Roger Palamarczuk |
| <b>Youth Matters</b>        | Vacancy           |

### REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

|  |                                |
|--|--------------------------------|
| <b>Robertsbridge Arts Partnership</b>                        | Gillian Branford               |
| <b>Robertsbridge Community Association</b>                   | Gillian Smith                  |
| <b>Robertsbridge Enterprise Group</b>                        | David Todd                     |
| <b>Rother Association of Local Councils</b>                  | Clerk, Gillian Branford        |
| <b>Salehurst Charities</b>                                   | Clerk, Gillian Smith           |
| <b>Tree Wardens</b>  | Caroline Knight, Gillian Smith |
| <b>East Sussex Association of Local Councils Ltd (ESALC)</b> | Roger Palamarczuk, David Todd  |

## SALEHURST & ROBERTSBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk to the Council:** Karen Ripley (Mrs)  
**Assistant Clerk:** Gill Colquhoun (Mrs)

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**Facebook:** Find us at 'Salehurst & Robertsbridge Parish Council'

*Please note we use our Facebook page alongside our website to communicate information (rather than answer questions).*

The Parish Office is open to the public:  
Tuesday 2pm to 4pm  
Thursday 2pm to 4pm  
and at other times by appointment.

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**We urgently need someone to lead on the Robertsbridge Summer Event next year** (which could be linked to VE Day 75th Celebrations in May 2020). There is an enthusiastic group of helpers for such events. For more information please contact the Parish Office. We are very pleased to report that David Todd, one of our new Councillors, will be taking the lead with Stephen Hardy in organising Christmas Capers this December. Contact Stephen on 01580 881309.

### ***A message of thanks from Peter, our Village Steward...***

*"Dog fouling has improved!...still not as we would like but a lot better. The litter is particularly bad outside One Stop, and down by the Village Store, by the bridge in Station Road, but again it is improving"*

Thanks everyone; please continue to help us, we don't want Peter to spend time unnecessarily litter picking when we have other more important jobs needing attention.

### **To report potholes/Highways Issues:**

Responsibility of East Sussex Highways. Issues can be reported at <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem>

**If Highways emergency ring 0345 60 80 193**

## **And last but not least...Housing Developments**

**Neighbourhood Plan:** I'm sure everybody is aware of the progress at the old Countrycrafts site on George Hill. I wish I could report that things are moving quickly with the other sites in our Neighbourhood Plan but the feedback we have received indicates there is unlikely to be any real news until next year. I understand that there may be a temptation for some residents to welcome a lack of progress in the hope of minimising disruption to parish life. However, if it becomes apparent that the Neighbourhood Plan is going to fail to deliver on its objectives the likely outcome is that we will lose the protection provided by the Plan in terms of controlling location of development and having a strong influence on the style/quality of development. Less scrupulous developers will be able to take advantage of Government pressure on Local Authorities to approve plans to just build as many properties as possible.

**General development:** The Planning Committee has noticed a reduction in the number of applications over the last 12-18 months, probably due to the general political situation but we thoroughly scrutinise every application regardless of whether it relates to a whole building or just a conservatory or porch. Don't forget the Committee gets the opportunity to comment to Rother on all planning applications in the parish as well as general consultations etc. If you want us to take your views into account, please drop us a line or attend the relevant monthly meeting.