

Charlwood PARISH COUNCIL

AUTUMN 2019

FUTURE *spotlight*

Your Parish Council Newsletter

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITIES OF CHARLWOOD AND HOOKWOOD AND PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A STABLE FUTURE.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



The Parish Council comprises nine elected councillors, six from Charlwood and three from Hookwood. We are the community's direct link to District and County councils and to central government. It also has responsibility for maintaining the leisure & recreational areas in the community - The Recreation Ground, The Millennium Field, The Withey as well as management of The Glebe Field.

New bus service to Gatwick

We've done it! Following many meetings with the Gatwick Transport Team, the council have secured a regular bus service direct to Gatwick. We encourage residents to use it as much as possible, because if it's not used enough it may be withdrawn.

22 Crawley-Gatwick-Charlwood-Dorking-Holmbury St. Mary

Monday to Fridays from 2nd September 2019

Stops: Crawley, Gatwick Airport, Horley, Hookwood, Tesco, Charlwood, Leigh, Chart Down, Dorking, Holmbury St. Mary

Code	SDO	NSD	SDO	NSD
Shere Village Hall	0733	0743	0851	1057 1257 1457 1611 1911 1759
Abinger Hammer Felday Road	0754	0754	1030 1230 1430 1605	1729
Holmbury St. Mary Royal Oak	0802	0802	1018 1218 1418 1550	1721
Abinger Common	0800	0800	1013 1213 1413 1519	1745
Shere Village Hall	0818	0818	1050 1250 1450 1619	1752
Westcott Green	0826P	0826P	1057 1257 1457	1641 1759
Dorking Townfield Court	0826P	0826P	1057 1257 1457	1641 1759
Dorking White Horse (arr)	0826P	0826P	1057 1257 1457	1641 1759
Dorking White Horse, Stop N (dep)	0733	0743	0851	1057 1257 1457 1611 1911 1759
Dorking station, stop 4	0757	0747	0819	1102 1302 1501 1646 1804
Chart Down	0742	0752	0904	1107 1307 1506 1651 1809
Leigh Pough	0757	0807	0914	1117 1317 1516 1666 1804
Charlwood The Charlwood	0831c	0800	0810	0922 1125 1325 1524 1709 1709 1827
Hookwood Tesco	0831	0818	0931	1134 1334 1533 1718 1718
Hookwood Black Horse	0808	0818	0933	1136 1336 1535 1720 1720 1836
Horley Vicarage Lane	0811	0821	0936	1139 1339 1538 1723 1723 1839
Horley Library	0814	0824	0939	1142 1342 1541 1726 1726 1842
Gatwick Airport 5 Terminal	0636	0831	0831	0945 1148 1348 1732 1732 1848
Gatwick Road North	0833	0843	0940	1143 1343 1542 1737 1737 1853
Crawley Bus Station	0843	0843	0958	1201 1401 1745 1745

No service on Saturdays, Sundays or Public Holidays

CODES:
 SDO: School days only.
 NSD: Non-school days.
 R: Rail station nearby.
 C: Starts from.
 V: Bus serves Abinger Common first, then Holmbury St. Mary, and then Abinger Hammer, stopping on the opposite side of the road to the normal route.
 P: On schooldays continues to The Priory School, arriving at 0831.
 H: Also serves Horley town Centre at 0816 and Oakwood School at 0826.



Sports & Community Centre

The Sports & Community Centre continues to be well-used by sports group and casual users alike. The number of regular hirings is increasing as we welcome a varied choice of activity.

A fully equipped kitchen, 60 chairs, tables, and bi-fold windows the pavilion clubroom creates a great space for hire. With discounted rates for parish residents, and a great outdoor space it is popular for both adults and childrens events! For details on hire rates, contact the Booking Clerk by email bookings@charlwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Recognising Community Issues

YOU HAVE TOLD US WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.

Traffic Calming Following the consultation earlier in the year, we are awaiting the analysed results from 2020Consultancy from the many completed questionnaires. Once we have this, definitive measures, as per the consultation, can be taken to reduce the volume and speed of traffic through our parish.

Highways, Footpaths and Verges There have been a number of overgrown hedges and blocked ditches reported over the past few months. This is a household responsibility, so a reminder to please keep hedges trimmed and ditches clear outside your home, thus ensuring the full width of the pavement is available for pedestrians, and rainwater can drain freely.

Climate Change Statement

Charlwood Parish Council recognises that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human society and the planet.

In all instances, the council will endeavour to be environmentally sustainable and responsible in every way they can and encourage our parish residents to do likewise where possible.

GATWICK AIRPORT

Gatwick's latest proposal for expansion is to use the 'emergency runway' for regular use in conjunction with the main runway, this will increase movements by about 36%, with passenger volumes expected to rise to 70 million by 2030. The 2 runways are too close, so Gatwick's intention is to relocate the 'emergency runway' 12 metres north, bringing it closer to Hookwood and Charlwood. To do this will require a development consent order from the Secretary of State, a consultation process that will take several years. The Parish Council have already responded and intend to be represented at every stage of the process to oppose these plans. Gatwick also plan to continue to safeguard the land to the South of the airport but say they are no longer pursuing plans for an additional runway. Gatwick is working with County Councils to address the problems with taxi drivers waiting in local roads around the airport including developing a code of conduct for taxi companies. Councillors have regular meetings with GATCOM, the Surface Transport Team and Transport Forum to ensure our views are heard and considered.

New Parish Clerk

Earlier this year, following the retirement of Peter Barclay, our much respected, and long-standing clerk, we appointed Trevor Haylett as his successor. Trevor is an experienced clerk and we are pleased to welcome him to the council.



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Clerk's Weekly Surgery

Monday's from 11am to 2pm in the Sports & Community Centre on the Recreation Ground. Telephone 07917 088264 to make an appointment or just drop in.

Councillor Changes

The local elections in May were uncontested. However, after many years on the council Martin Needham retired. Martin's legacy must surely be that he led the council in the Sports & Community Centre rebuilding project, working tirelessly to secure funding and ensuring the project resulted in a facility to be proud of. We were joined by Trevor Stacey, who has lived in Charlwood for a number of years and we are pleased to welcome him aboard. Your councillors are: Chairperson – Penny Shoubridge, Vice-Chair – Carolyn Evans, Nick Hague, Walter Hill, James O'Neill, Richard Parker, Howard Pearson, Lisa Scott and Trevor Stacey. Councillors can be contacted via the Clerk.

Potholes & Flytipping

Highways are the responsibility of Surrey County Council. If you notice any potholes or a footpath that needs repairing, please report it directly to www.surreycc.gov.uk.

For flytipping, report directly to Mole Valley DC www.molevalley.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=16891. When reporting an incident of fly-tipping, give as much information as you can about the nature, location and size of the fly-tipping.

Join Us At Our Meetings

Meetings start at 8pm and the public are welcome to attend. There are slots on the Agenda which offer the opportunity to speak and ask questions.

- Charlwood meetings are held in the Sports & Community Centre
- Hookwood meetings in the Hookwood Memorial Hall committee room.

2019

18th November Hookwood

2020

20th January Charlwood

17th February Charlwood

16th March Hookwood

2020

20th April Charlwood

18th May Hookwood

**21st May Charlwood
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

22nd June Charlwood



Future Mole Valley – Local Plan Postponement

Mole Valley have taken the decision to postpone the Future Mole Valley Local Plan consultation, due to the uncertain national political landscape. They do, however, remain committed to delivering a sustainable 15 year Local Plan for Mole Valley and will provide updates as soon as they are in a position to. More information at www.futuremolevalley.org/villages



Parishes in Bloom

Earlier this year, the council entered Parishes in Bloom. This was an opportunity for our parish to receive a visit and be assessed under a simple non-competitive criteria and was the first time we tackled such a challenge. The competition was not just about gardens but was assessed and judged according to three criteria. - **Environmental Responsibility - Community Involvement - Gardening and Conservation Achievement** We are delighted to announce that, at our first attempt, we achieved a Silver Gilt Award. Thank you to everyone who helped us to achieve this fantastic result.

Keeping Our Community Looking Good

The council is leading the way in creating a biodiverse area in the Millennium Field. Following the felling of several diseased trees, the stumps, and some logs are being left to create a natural wildlife habitat. Lots of wildlife makes it's home in dead wood, and other animals use it as a source of food. Alongside this, Charlwood Community Volunteers recently sowed a wildflower meadow, so next summer should see a riot of breathtaking colour.

