

News from Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council



Good ideas

We've had twelve proposals after our advert for ideas for improvements in the Parish. We have a fund of close to £39,000 collected under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) scheme. Three councillors are now working to check that the ideas are workable and affordable, and that they fit within the rules set by the Government and Wealden Council. Then they'll come back to a full Parish Council meeting for public presentation; we'll let everyone know when that's happening.

Calm down

The Council is working with the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership, to discuss options for traffic calming. Parents and teachers at Ripe Nursery, operating in the Hayton Baker Hall, are particularly concerned about vehicles coming past when children are being dropped off and collected, but Councillors have heard worries right around Chalvington and Ripe - both about speed and the size of vehicles passing through the villages. We're starting to collect more data, so that we can present a co-ordinated plan to East Sussex Highways, who operate a matched-funding scheme for parishes.



Fare well

We sorry to say that our Clerk, Alison Stevens, is leaving us. Our longest-serving Councillor, John Ward, paid tribute to her work - he's worked with four different clerks over time, and she has been the most helpful. We'll be advertising as soon as possible for a replacement, hopefully to achieve a handover before Christmas.

Money

The October meeting started discussions on setting the budget for the year ahead. It'll be on the agenda for decision at our November meeting, which will be on Monday 4th November at 7.30pm in the Hayton Baker Hall, Ripe.

Info

The Council has adopted an outline plan to improve communications, looking at noticeboards, newsletters, Facebook, The Parish Magazine and our website. We're still open for suggestions as to how best to keep everyone across our activities; contact any Councillor, or email chalvingtonripe@aol.com. Meanwhile, full minutes will, as always, be on the noticeboards and the website: www.chalvingtonwithripe.co.uk.