

ST MARY HOO PARISH COUNCIL

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PEOPLE
SPEAK

MAY / JUNE 2023

NEWSLETTER



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St Mary Hoo Parish Council

NOTICE is hereby given that the **Parish Council Meeting** will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 11 July 2023. Councillors are hopeful that, going forward, more parishioners will attend Parish Council meetings to hold the Council to account and to see what work is done to keep the village maintained as it should be.

ELECTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

My name is Nick	66 years old.
Craddy and I have	I am a relatively
been elected as a	newcomer to our
Parish Councillor for	community having
St Mary Hoo Parish	moved here from
Council.	London with my Wife
I live at Fenn Corner	in 2020 when I
in one of the old	retired from a career
Forge Cottages. I am	in computer

telephony. Sorry,
yes, I'm the bloke
that wrote press 1 for
this 2 for that, and 3
for anything else;
although I lived
mostly in London I
was born in Dartford,
so the apple hasn't
fallen far from the
tree.

I chose to live in the
rural community of
St Mary Hoo because
I wanted to be away
from an urbanised
environment and
enjoy the beauty of
this area.

I decided to stand for
election because in
the short time I have

Don't lose the right to vote

Prior to recent local
elections, from
conversations with
neighbours across
the Parish, it became

clear to me that
some people felt
unable to vote, either
because our polling
station has moved to

h case I recommended
ering for a postal vote,
is something I chose to

ering for a postal vote will
e that you will be able,
d you wish, to vote in ALL
e elections and



every time, but can opt out
should you wish.

Once registered you will receive
your ballot paper together with
a free post return envelope
through your letterbox about
days before polling day, giving
plenty of time to fill it in and
send it back before polling

It simply requires your signature
assuming you are already on the
electoral roll.

For those with access to the

ANNUAL PARISH & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

meetings were held in the
room of the High Halstow
ation Hall.

rst was the **Annual Parish**
ng where the residing
man provided his report
is shown on pages 8 and 9.

public present

Members approved the Minutes
of the Annual Parish Meeting
2022 unanimously. approved
previous. There were questions
from the public on the clearing
ditches. Members were kept

Bill Budd who had been
man for many years.

dd was keen to step down
lp Cllr Summerfield to take
role.

ations were requested for
hairman. Cllr Bill Budd was
ated and the vote was
mous in favour.

were no apologies for
ce as all Councillors were
t and no disclosure of
ts.

ue of Policies was
sed. The Clerk confirmed
ALC (National Association of
ils) were working on an
ed version and this would be
ted within the next month
. Members agreed to
s then adopt the new
n when available.

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- KALC Medway Area
Committee— Sally Carm
and Nick Craddy
- Police Liaison—Nick Crac
- Rural Liaison—Pat Kelly

To appoint other posts:

- Footpaths officer - Alex
- Tree Warden – Andrew
Lapthorn
- Pond Warden – Darren
Summerfield

Finance

The was a proposal to appro
payments made up to 11 Ma
2023. The vote was unanim
favour. The was also a vote t
grant the Kent Air Ambulanc
£300.

Highways:

There was an official proposa

was a discussion on speed
as and it was pointed out
one of Medway Council staff
had been opposed to
as has now left the
rity.

vious years, St Mary
es had petitioned for a 30
nd were successful.

may need to be an
ation for data strips to
ain the amount of traffic and
al speed before the
ation of cameras would be
ved.

s and flooding

mmerfield has this issue in
There has been a problem
ne ditches since previous
rs had retired.

It was pointed out that it is n
Government policy that oil fi
burners are not allowed.

In many cases Air source heat
pumps cannot be installed
because there is not enough
power. It was felt that the lo
grid will not be able to cope

- Electric vehicles
- Air sourced heat pump

Members discussed what co
done this issue because the
power goes to the farms.

Clerk to write to Kelly Tolhur
about the issue of Broadban

The Chairman closed the me
at 20:20 when members of t
public stayed to socialise wit
Councillors.

u get a phone call from
meone claiming to be a
lice officer. They tell you
at your bank card has been
oied and someone is using
They ask for your help in
estigating the situation.
ey may send a person to
ur house to pick up your
nk card or ask you to take
t money from your
count or buy something
ensive to give to the fake
lice officer for examination
part of the investigation.
ey say you will get your
oney back.

might know your name
other personal informa
But when you give the
money or item to the fa
police officer, they disap
and you never get your
money back. It's impor
to be careful when som
claiming to be a police o
calls and asks for your h
with something related
your bank account.

Neither your bank or the
police will ever call you
ask you to verify your
personal details or PIN
phone or offer to pick u

your card by cou

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any significant events and
s.

we celebrated Queen
Elizabeth II 70th Jubilee and in
November were mourning her sad
passing. Then we celebrated the
coronation of King Charles III and his
wife Camilla this month. National
Service has seen 3 Prime
Ministers this year and Medway
Local Authority control has passed
from Conservative to Labour
following the May elections.

We have heard of the sad untimely
passing of Councillor Mick
Hartley of Peninsula Ward.

There have been boundary changes
which result in St Mary Hoo,
Stroves, Stoke and Grain being in
North All Saints Ward with one
Councillor, Chris Spalding, who
was elected on May 4th. We look
forward to working with him.

work as Footpaths Officer and
welcomed Sally Carman and A
Clarabut in their places.

Finally on May 4th the Parish Council
was elected to serve for 4 years
the ballot and I now welcome the
returning Councillors and Nick
Craddy as a new member, and
thank those who volunteered and
candidates who were not successful
this time.

Thank you to members of the Council
who come to our meetings or
contact us otherwise. Your requests
and ideas are important and we
try to help and resolve your
concerns.

Our goal is always to represent
views of the residents, keep up to
date with local and regional issues
deliver and request services to meet
local needs and to improve quality
of life and community wellbeing.

the provision of a defibrillator
it to be sited at the Fenn Bell
n and the organisation of CPR
aining.

the improvement of broadband
verage throughout the Parish
financial donation to the Air
mbulance Service.

maintenance of the Village Pond
d Green and the Council
ture Reserve.

porting to Medway on the
fety and condition of our
blic Rights of Way.

requesting and following up
ork to mend potholes and
ad surfaces.

including a request for 20m
limit at The Street.

- Consideration of Planning
to comment on inappropriate
over development.
- Requesting proper maintenance
and controls to manage flow
of roads from heavy rain and
groundwater run off.

Finally my thanks to our Clerk,
Atkinson, for managing financial
legal matters and for the production
and distribution of an informative
- monthly newsletter.

Bill Budd

Chairman

St. Mary Hoo Parish Council 2022

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

ent in Tunbridge Wells had
caller knocking on their
on Friday afternoon.

were going door to door

people that their

band had just been

ded and asking for

nts internet providers,

and how much they are

g. They also asked for

more personal

nation.

sident believed they were

a scammer as the informat
they were asking for would
already be known by the
internet provider.

Please warn friends and fam

Be very cautious about any

cold calling you whether at

door or on the telephone.

For advice and to report co

Citizens Advice on consum

helpline 0808 223 1133 or

report to Action Fraud on

0300 123 2040.

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