

Summer
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NEWSLETTER

Parish Clerk



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Appeal for Councillors

Due to several resignations in recent months the Parish Council is down to four Councillors. This is a very unsatisfactory situation and we desperately need some volunteers to come forward to fill the vacancies. Currently we need three new Councillors to bring the Parish Council up to strength.

Enthusiasm is the main requirement and no experience or particular skills are required as training is available.

If you can spare a few hours a month and have an interest in making a contribution to the village then that is all that is needed. It doesn't matter if you are young or old, new to the village or a long term resident.

Sadly if we do not have sufficient numbers then the Parish Council cannot operate effectively and we run the risk of responsibility falling to the District Council thereby losing an important strand of local democracy.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the role please contact the Parish Clerk who will arrange a meeting when you can ask any questions or seek clarification.

It is vital we have a strong and effective Parish Council so please give this appeal serious consideration if you feel you can make the commitment.

Community Support Team

This is the team which trims footpath and cycleway vegetation. CDC are intending on reducing funding to this team which will mean either the vegetation will be cut less often or the Parish Council will have to arrange for it to be done by contractors or volunteers.

If you can spare some time to help please let the Parish Clerk know. Work will be supervised by the Parish Council.



Job Advert

The Parish Council is looking for an Admin Assistant with immediate effect for 3 - 4 hours a week (in the Annexe) to assist the Parish Clerk in their legal duties. You will assist by providing a clerical and administrative support service alongside the Clerk.

If you would like more details or an application form for the post, please Contact the Parish Clerk, Carol Smith on 01243 789039 or via email clerk@hunstonparishcouncil.org Applications must be received by 5pm Monday 15th August 2016 and interviews will take place the week commencing 22nd August 2016.

A27 Improvement consultation

Earlier this year options for improvements to the A27 were leaked to local media. Inexplicably, some of the options have been dropped before any proper public consultation. We shall be seeking answers from Highways England to explain exactly why these options were dropped.

In the meantime, the consultation on possible improvements to the A27 is now running until 22 September 2016. Full details are available via the Parish Council website. Included in the papers are a number of videos that show what the proposals might look like when completed. For detailed explanations on how the proposals options were developed then you can attend one of the exhibitions being run over the course of the summer - the closest being held at North Mundham Village Hall on Saturday 6th August 2016.

If you cant get to any of the exhibitions then do pop into the Annexe and see the Parish Clerk who has a small number of paper copies you can view.



Pedestrian and cyclist safety is also a topic of much concern in the village and although WSCC highways are aware of these concerns there are presently no funds allocated to implement new road safety measures (or maintain existing ones).



Community Speedwatch (CSW).....

..... is a locally driven initiative where active members of the community join together with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

Volunteers receive appropriate training, and are supported by neighbourhood policing team (NPT)staff. The scheme aims to:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads
- Improve the quality of life for local communities
- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed

Please contact the Parish Clerk, if you wish to volunteer.

Village Tea Party



Sunday 4th September 2016

At

Hunston Village Hall

3pm - 5.00pm

All welcome

In celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday we will be holding a tea party in the Village Hall. Please note that entry is by ticket only and tickets are free and will be available from either the Parish Office or Kirklands newsagents from 8th August.