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JULY 2020 NEWS

Bees buzzing in the Old Burial ground.

Two colonies were collected on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May from the supplier in Robertsbridge. They are now in situ in their hazel wattle shelter designed by James Woodgate. We are hoping for a bumper crop of honey as they are building up well. RPC have two recruits to manage the apiary see attached photo.



Contact with the Wealden Prevention Team:

The Parish Council were asked to communicate some of the concerns and key issues affecting our parish to the Wealden prevention Team for investigation by the PCSO. Initially we reported the following areas:

Eridge Station - Junction with the A26 and the station approach (Groombridge Lane). The double yellow lines here are frequently abused with vehicles parking right up to the junction. Parking by the Forge Road junction. Residents have expressed concerns that vehicles parked in this location block access to emergency service vehicles.

North Street Rotherfield - The yellow lines outside the "Institute" are frequently abused, often by the same vehicle, and a report has been raised via "Operation Crackdown" as it creates a hazard for pedestrians and other vehicles.

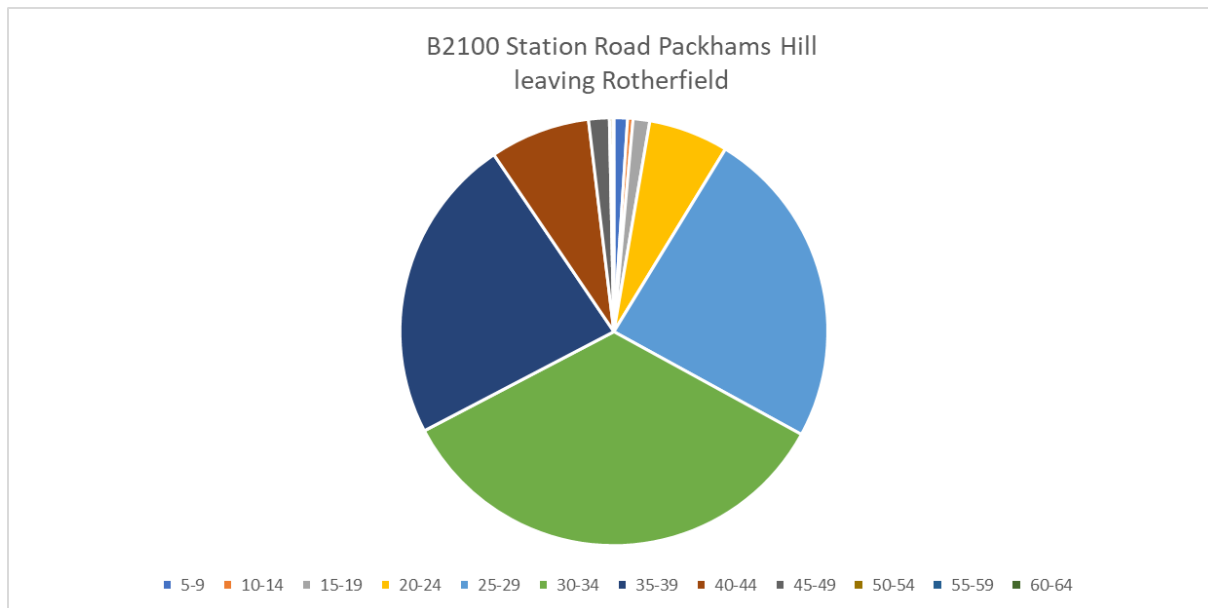
B2101 "High Cross" between the A267 Bicycle Arms junction and Mayfield turn - This length of road is subject to a 40mph limit which residents have reported is frequently breached. There are a number of properties either adjacent to the road or with driveways joining it which adds to the potential hazard caused by speeding.

We will continue to provide updates to the team throughout the year.



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SID Statistics Packhams Hill:



This last month SID has been deployed on the B2100 and shows that a significant number of vehicles are driving at speeds between 30-39mph. We would ask drivers to be respectful of the speed limit on this road which is 30mph.



The Countryside Code

Respect other people

- Consider the local community and other people enjoying the outdoors
- Park carefully so access to gateways and driveways are clear
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Follow paths but give way to others where it's narrow

Protect the natural environment

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home
- Don't have BBQs or fires
- Keep dogs under effective control
- Dog poo - bag it and bin it

Enjoy the outdoors

- Plan ahead, check what facilities are open, be prepared
- Follow advice and local signs and obey social distancing measures



*Enjoy,
be safe*

Countryside Code:

We have had an increase of reports recently from landowners across the Parish regarding walkers not following the Countryside Code whilst crossing their land. Please ensure that when you are out and about that you follow the code. Thank you.



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Eridge Station Works:

Network Rail have informed us about works due to start at Eridge Station on 27th June and last until the end of September.

Before we begin the work of removing the existing footbridge, we will also be creating a customer diversion route at the station. This is to ensure that there is a safe walking route for passengers boarding and alighting services on Platform 1 only. There will be no transition available between Platform 1 and 2 for the duration of the project. We will also be ensuring there are transfers in place to take passengers safely from the front of the station to the car park, which will be implemented from Monday 29th June.



Telephone Kiosks:

We are pleased to be able to report that work has begun on converting the two telephone kiosks in Rotherfield to their new ventures. Work is well underway, and we will bring you full information about their uses next month.



Whilst we are always pleased to receive posts and tweets from residents on our Facebook and Twitter sites please could any messages seeking or requiring action be made via email to clerk@rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk, or if urgent phone 01892 664245. Thank you for your cooperation.



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Forthcoming Council Meeting Dates

If you have any issue that you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk. All are welcome to attend our meetings and if you have an issue that you would like to raise please forward it to the Clerk so that a response may be considered. Please be aware that if a matter involves a decision from the Council it must appear on the agenda of a meeting and it is suggested that notification is advised at least a week before the meeting date.

July 2020

Tuesday 7 th July	Recreation & Burial Committee	Virtual
Tuesday 14 th July	Planning & Building Committee	Virtual
Tuesday 21 st July	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	Virtual
Thursday 30 th July	Parish Council Meeting	Virtual

August 2020

Tuesday 4 th August	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Tuesday 18 th August	Communications & Social Media Committee	TBC
Tuesday 25 th August	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Thursday 27 th August	Parish Council Meeting	TBC

Depending on how the Coronavirus situation develops it may be possible to hold these meetings physically and venues will be advertised when the agenda is published.

All of the above meetings are currently being held virtually. Members of the public are welcome to attend, please contact the Clerk for access arrangements. Draft minutes of meetings are added to the Parish Council website, and circulated via Twitter and Facebook, approximately 5 days after each meeting.

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