



Working for the Community
in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

May 2021 Parish Council News

Parish Newsletter:

This month is a short news month as every household across the parish should be receiving the Spring edition of the Parish Council newsletter. Please keep an eye out for it coming through your letterbox soon.

Rotherfield Surgery Driveway:

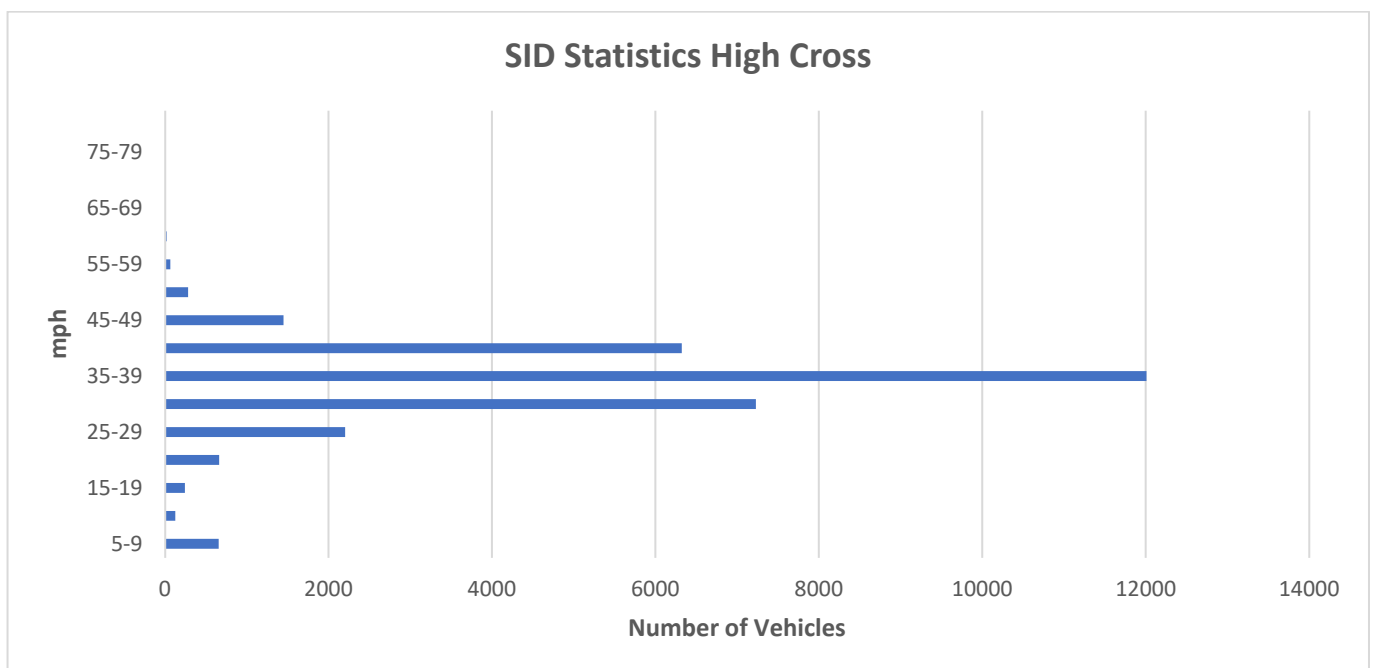
Following feedback from parishioners the council arranged for the Surgery driveway to be repaired making it easy for all to access.

Speedwatch Campaign:

One of the main concerns we hear from the Parish residents is the speed and erratic driving from people driving through and between the villages. To help us record these speeds we're hoping to reinstate the local Speedwatch Group, but **in order to do this we need your help**. We have a couple of volunteers already, but desperately need more if we are able to progress with the campaign. Please contact Cllr Angela Moore for more details on how you could help make a difference in Rotherfield and the surrounding villages

SID Statistics High Cross:

Throughout February and March the council's Speed Indication Device (SID) has been deployed on the B2101 at High Cross:



We are pleased to see that the majority of the vehicle are sticking to the speed limit. However, there are a number of vehicles that are still driving above the speed limit. Please adhere to the speed limit when driving through all areas of the parish. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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B2100 Speed Petition Update:

"The Petition endorsed by the council about safety on the B2100 west of Rotherfield was formally considered by the County Council last month. Thank you for having signed it in November! They decided speed limits are 'not a priority' compared with more dangerous Sussex sites, and the other requests don't match their criteria either. They will 'investigate' replacing the broken reflectors on the fatal bend, and 'review' traffic signage. Disappointing result, but if there's another disaster, we'll try a new petition then."

By the petition organisers

Councillor Hobbies – Cllr Kember's Lockdown:

"Light aircraft have been an important part of my life since my father took me to Rochester Airport when I was about 8 years old. As a qualified designer and motor engineer and the owner of a local motor car dealership he explained to me that aeroplanes represented the finest form of transportation engineering. When I was 14 years old I joined the local Air Cadets in Tunbridge Wells and I flew in many different RAF aircraft of the time, Chipmunks, Ansons, Beverleys, Hastings, Jet Provosts and Britannias.



I bought my first aeroplane in 1985 and have owned and flown my own aeroplane regularly since then, often in connection with my work as an aviation planning consultant.

Looking for speed and economy of operations in Tunbridge Wells I built the first British-designed Europa kit plane in 1995 and another (kit number 1000) in Eridge in 2005. During the recent lockdown and unable to fly for 5 months I looked around for a project to work on in the garage adjoining my house in New Road, Rotherfield.

In December 2020 I bought a partially-constructed Viking Cygnet (plans- built) aeroplane from a man who had started building it in 1992 but had to give up recently when he developed severe Alzheimer's disease at age 72.



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Since December I have spent over 500 hours assembling and disassembling, finishing and painting the aeroplane. In the next month I hope to transport it to a nearby Aerodrome for ground and flight testing. I have thoroughly enjoyed working on this project and it has kept me fully occupied during what for many has been a very trying time. I thoroughly recommend an absorbing hobby as a way of dealing with Covid”.

By Cllr Peter Kember

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.

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.

May 2021

Tuesday 11 th May	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Tuesday 25 th May	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	TBC
Thursday 27 th May	Parish Council Meeting & Annual Council Meeting	TBC

June 2021

Tuesday 1 st June	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Tuesday 15 th June	Communications & Social Media Committee	TBC
Tuesday 22 nd June	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Thursday 24 th June	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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