

LYMINGE PARISH COUNCIL

As the Parish Council did not meet in August its contribution to the newsletter is in a different format this month.....

- **Parish Clerk's contact details:** Crispin Davies, 7, Ormonde Road, Hythe, CT21 6DN Telephone: 01303 239500 Email: lymingepc@btconnect.com
- **Your Council needs you!** We currently have vacancies for Councillors so if you care about the future of our village and think you can make a contribution to our efforts, please contact the Clerk or come along to the next meeting and watch proceedings. All Councillors are volunteers and receive no payments except the reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.
- **Speed Watch** - our volunteers in Etchinghill and Lyminge are doing a sterling job having noted over 100 speeding motorists since we began but we need more volunteers in order to carry on. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are able to help.
- **Dog Fouling** - Would all dog owners and dog walkers please remember that dogs should not be allowed to foul our fields and pathways so please clear up after your animal and make life a little nicer for everyone?
- **Rhodes Minnis bus shelter** - Plans to erect a new bus shelter are afoot and hopefully by the time you read this it will be done.
- **Good Citizen Award** - We would remind everyone that Nominations for the first Good Citizen Awards will close on 31st December 2009. We all know some-one who goes the extra mile so why not show your appreciation by nominating them? Forms are available in Lyminge Library, the Post Office, both Surgeries and the Age Concern Day Centre. Contact the Parish Clerk if you can't find one. Please address completed Nomination Forms to the Clerk to the Council and take along to one of the collection points in either the Lyminge Library or the Lyminge Post Office.
- **A Volunteer is needed** to help us plan the refurbishment of the concrete bus shelter opposite Mayfield Road. Do you have a little time to help us work out what materials we need? Please contact the Clerk for further details.
- **Parish Walk** - You may have seen the notices around the Village advising the date of the next Parish Walk but did you know they are open to everyone? This includes our four legged friends provided they are under their human's control! We walk for about 2_ hours covering around 5 miles. Starting from the Post Office Car Park at 10am on the third Sunday of each month (except where advertised), we take varied footpaths around the parish returning in plenty of time for lunch. The next walk is on Sunday 18th October so see you there.
- **Jubilee Field** - Now that all the new facilities are in use, it is a good time to remind everyone that dogs are **not allowed** on Jubilee Field. This is so important when we have small children using the facilities.
- **Village Hall Car Parks** - This is also the right time to remind drivers that they should be far more aware of the dangers of speed in both the Village Hall car parks. There are so many children about that anything over 20mph is positively dangerous!!
- **LPC Website - Under construction.** Calling local groups and societies, send details to the Parish Clerk for possible inclusion on the Council's new website.
- **Parish Plan** update - the Parish Plan has been reviewed and considerable progress has been made on some of the important items. However, there are still some items that are outstanding, ie the Broadstreet House Footpath which we are still progressing. A full report will be published on the new Parish Council website which we hope to have operational by the New Year.

- **Quad Bikes** - Please note that unlicensed vehicles including quad bikes and mini motorbikes are **not allowed** on public roads and no unauthorised motor vehicle is allowed on Tayne Field, Well Field or Jubilee Field. If you see any suspect vehicles in these places please report details to the Parish Clerk.
- **Archaeological Dig** - This was very successful this year and the next stage is some excavation on Tayne Field which the Parish Council fully supports. Depending on the Archaeological funding that dig may take place in 2010. We will keep everyone advised when further information is available.
- **A new PCSO for Lyminge** - Richard Fowler has been appointed the new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for the Lyminge. He already covers the Etchinghill area. Richard can be contacted on 07772 226187 or by email at: richard.fowler@kent.pnn.police.uk Richard and Gary Harrison, KCC's Community Warden, work closely together to combat and reduce anti-social activities in the Parish. Gary can be contacted on 07977 982185 or by email at gary.harrison@kent.gov.uk
- **Parking outside the Surgery in Church Road** -- We are investigating the cost of remedial works to the verges either side of the driveway into the doctor's surgery in Church Road as we are concerned at the appearance of the verges and the potential dangers from such deep ruts. Residents are reminded that it is possible to park in the lay-by opposite the surgery entrance in Church Road.
- **Safety Mirror** - Have you seen it yet? To improve road safety we have installed a safety mirror at the junction of Church Road and High Street. And all for less than £50 due to careful purchasing and volunteer installation!
- **Red Telephone Kiosks** - BT is to remove the equipment from the kiosks at Woodland Road, Lyminge and at the New Inn, Etchinghill as they are no longer economic with full mobile coverage of the area. Following local consultation by the Parish Council in August we will "adopt" the kiosk (without equipment) at Etchinghill and will make a final decision about the kiosk in Woodland Road at a meeting in early October.
- **Parking around the Village** - Inconsiderate double-parking is becoming a problem again. Church Road, High Street and Mayfield Road, and the area at the Canterbury Road and North Lyminge junction in Lyminge are the most prevalent areas. Please think about other people, pedestrians and, in particular, access by emergency vehicles before you park your car. KCC is unlikely to achieve a 20 MPH speed limit or a one way traffic scheme in Church Road near the school, nor will there be yellow lines at the Church Road-High Street junction as had been hoped. A reminder, therefore, that it is illegal to park within 15 yards of a road junction; it reduces visibility and increases the possibility of an accident. All motorists are requested to keep their speed to 20 MPH or under in Church Road at all times.
- **Next meeting dates and venues:** Full Council on Monday 28 September at 7.30 in Etchinghill Village Hall and on Monday 26 October at 7.30pm in Lyminge Village Hall. The last full Council meeting before Christmas will be held in Etchinghill Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 23 November.