

Newenden Parish Council

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Dear Newenden Resident

The annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22 March beginning at 7.30 pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served from 7.00 pm.

Representatives of the Village Hall committee and other Newenden organisations will be present to report on their progress, so please take this opportunity to comment and make suggestions about any aspect of life in the village over which you feel concerned or would like to see improved in some way.

Over the past year, your Parish Council has continued to pursue the main issues relating to traffic safety and road conditions, and has engaged actively with Kent Highways through meetings in Newenden and at Ashford. The village has also started a programme of Days of Action, where we, the villagers, ourselves help to improve our environment. In addition, the Council has made an effort to increase co-operation with neighbouring parishes and with Ashford on matters of common concern.

The Council budget is under pressure, in particular on insurance premiums, but we have managed to consolidate a number of policies, thus keeping outgoings down and so there is no current need to raise the precept (the part of Council tax that is specific to Newenden). We are also working with the Selmes Trust and other village organisations to improve coordination and take a strategic look at village matters, not least through the well-attended Township meetings. These, together with the “surgery” session at the White Hart the first Wednesday of every month, help to get your input so the Parish Council can do things right.

But the annual Parish Meeting – the Village AGM if you like – remains the most important date in the village calendar. I hope you will make a special effort to attend on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, as your views and comments are important and much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Åke Nilson  
Chairman