Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

November 2026

Parish Council Finances

The Parish Council is setting a budget for the next financial year (2027/28) and this expenditure becomes the basis of the Parish Precept part of your next year's Council Tax Bill. The budget setting process commenced at the October 13th meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee and will continues at the November 24th and December 15th meetings of the Parish Council. All Parish Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and start with an allocated time for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions. Please contact the Parish Clerk for an invitation.

Speeding in the Parish

Speeding remains a significant issue in our Parish and trying to get the appropriate authorities to take effective action is one of the most frustrating challenges the Parish Counsil has. We feel that there is no effective police enforcement and disagree with the County Council over some of the speed limits and signage on our local roads. The red tape which has to be waded through to get a speed limit changed is enormous!

To deter speeding we operate Community Speedwatch on seven sites within the Parish and the results for the 3 months to the end of September are interesting. Most offences (numerically and percentage wise) are on Crowborough Road and the A22 at Fords Green in Nutley where 164 (15%) and 249 (13%) vehicles respectively were over the speed limit during the approximately 10 hours at Crowborough Road and 20 hours at Fords Green that our Speedwatch teams were operating. The offenders are reported to the Police who communicate with the drivers. The highest speeds reported were 64mph and 63mph at Fords Green and 58mph on Crowborough Road – both sites are in 30mph zones.

We also have two Speed indicator signs, one on Crowborough Road and the other on the B2026 at Fairwarp; these signs also record the speed of every vehicle passing the sign. In September approximately 30% of cars exceeded the 30mph limit on Crowborough Road with the highest recorded speed being 79mph! The B2026 figures were 19% and 78mph where the speed limit is 40 mph.

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Our Parish Clerk works from the Parish Office and visitors are welcome. Visiting hours are 10.30 to 12.30 Monday to Friday by prior appointment, please. (E-mail clerk@maresfieldparish.org.uk or phone 714555).

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