

Report from the July Parish Council Meeting

Your Council met in person, as the rules now only allow us to do, there was one member of the public present along with the Susan Carey and Jennifer Hollingsbee.

Prior to the meeting, a short presentation took place regarding the Solar Farm proposed in Aldington, one of our neighbouring parishes.

While there is a lot of land being taken, not all of this land will have solar panels on it; there needs to be space between the rows of panels access the battery storage cabins, and to keep the panels clean, and more importantly there will be about a third of the land being kept for wild life – both fauna and flora. After forty years the land will have to go back to being farmland again.

The reasoning behind the positioning is that there will be less damage done to run the cables etc. to the converter station which as you all know has been there for some long time.

Please, do send your comments to the company, either on line or via the leaflet you have been sent, any comments you make will be considered before another round of consultation prior to the planning application being submitted.

While sitting writing this I am having a cup of coffee, probably should be a cold drink, (Not ice cold – this can be dangerous) but whatever you prefer, do remember to drink plenty in the very hot weather we are experiencing.

Also mentioned at your Council meeting was the consultation from the Boundary Commission; they are looking at the number of people in each electoral Constituency, to ensure that there is a fairness of resident numbers in each. This will not change the boundary for Sellindge, we will still be in the Folkestone & Hythe District Council area.

A budget for the Queens 75th Jubilee was briefly mentioned, however it was decided that this should be considered at the Finance committee first; in addition to this it was suggested that having a beacon on the green to light for days of celebration and commemoration would also be considered.

In the near future changes are to be made to the email address of the all the Councillors; this will ensure that the General Data Regulations will be adhered too. The new emails will be listed on the website and put on the noticeboards.

The next meeting of your Council is on Tuesday 10th August, it is now starting at 6.30pm, this allows everyone, councillors and residents to get home earlier in the evenings.

From your Parish Council Clerk
Linda