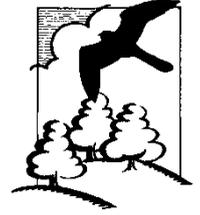


Hawkhurst Parish Council

Chairman's Letter November 2021



Hello!

It is with great sadness that I have to share the news that Brian Fitzpatrick has recently passed away. Brian was a longstanding member of HPC and only retired from the Council this May, after many, many years of service. Brian was instrumental in numerous projects involving the Parish Council's facilities over the years. Our thoughts and best wishes are with his family and friends at this difficult time.

I would like to thank everyone involved in making the Remembrance Day Parade such a great success earlier this month. HPC was delighted to offer support by organising the road closures. After the restrictions on last year's Remembrance, it was fantastic that the Parade was so well attended, both in terms of those marching and those that turned out to watch.

The winter edition of the Parish Council Newsletter is due to be published very soon. This includes reports on the work of HPC's committees, as well as updates on current projects. It will be available on the Parish Council website, as well as in hard copy.

This month, we met with Openreach and KCC to discuss the work they are undertaking to bring fibre to more properties across Hawkhurst. This is a huge project and will be continuing throughout much of 2022. Given that it's still at a relatively early stage, we don't yet have the answers to all of our questions. But it was a positive initial meeting, and we will be continuing to liaise throughout the remainder of the project to do all that we can to see that as many properties as possible benefit from improved connectivity. Please see the report in the Parish Council Newsletter for more details.

We're still waiting for the Inspector's decision on the Golf Club Appeal. I'm keeping my fingers crossed, but the waiting doesn't get any easier.

All the best,
Clare Escombe
Chairman, Hawkhurst Parish Council