## **Broadbridge Heath Parish Council**



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We would love to see you at our "Meet your Councillors" evening on Tuesday 13th June, between 7pm & 9pm at the Parish Office, Sargent Way. An informal evening with the opportunity to meet the Councillors and Officers and discuss any village matters.



Due to an un-contested election the Council currently has Councillor vacancies.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor or would like any more information please do get in touch via email or come along to one of the Council meetings.

### New Monster Play Park at Village Centre Recreation Field

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council are very pleased to update you regarding the long-awaited new Monster Play Park to be installed at the Village Centre Recreation field. This playpark has been funded by Section 106 funding. Section 106 funding is paid by developers and is used on community infrastructure projects. There was allocated S106 funds specifically allocated for improving access and improving and expanding equipment at the Village Centre.



This project proposal commenced back in 2018. The monster concept was derived because of the Frankenstein story written by Mary Shelley, wife of the late poet Percy Bysshe Shelley, who was born at Field place. The tender process was carried out and awarded to Kompan. The final design was agreed by Council in summer 2019 with a formal order placed in September 2019. The design was shared with Shelley School by Cllr Christine Knight and the final design will include bespoke monsters designed by children from the school.

Due to the location of the playpark, some challenges arose with the access to the site and the installation requirements which meant that a new vehicular access was required. Added to this, Covid delays, increase in material costs, road layout changes and therefore road license requirements the project has hit some considerable delays and challenges out of the Parish Council's control. We were delighted when the new access was finally completed in January this year, and we could commence installation plans!

The design has been slightly tweaked from the original to now include a footpath from the new access meaning that it can be easily accessed from the shared footpath. It is also planned for this new access to be gated, for both pedestrians and vehicle access for maintenance requirements. The design does include keeping some of the existing pieces of play equipment but also lots of new pieces including a new Multi-spinner Carousel and 3-Seater Carousel.

We are excited to share that the installation is planned to commence week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May (weather and grounds permitting) and will last approximately 6 weeks. Whilst we recognise the playpark will be closed for the May half term it is hoped to be completed for the school summer holidays!

We hope you share the Councils excitement for this new playpark.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Coronation Picnic**

Thank you to BBH Gala Association for organising the Picnic to celebrate The King's Coronation. It was great to see the dry weather and children enjoying the Crown crafts. We also handed out Wildflower Seed envelopes to mark the occasion and have some left available at the office for anyone that would like some: please just pop in or get in touch.





#### **Priority registers for Services**

A recent water supply issue to the area highlighted the need to ensure those that may require Priority Services are registered. If you, relatives or maybe friends and neighbours may need help should power, gas or water cuts occur, please make sure that you or they register for priority support. You can help everybody by passing on this message. The Priority Services Register is a free support service to help people in vulnerable situations. Energy suppliers and network operators offer it. Each keeps their own register, although some share with each other.

OFGEM has a summary at <a href="https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/getting-extra-help-priority-services-register">https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/information-consumers/energy-advice-households/getting-extra-help-priority-services-register</a>, and this includes help in finding the suppliers in your area. As various energy suppliers and network operators are active in Sussex, the following are the ones who cover most of the county, but there are some others. If you try to register with the wrong operator they will usually steer you in the right direction.

## **Electricity**

UK Power Networks – most of the SE of England https://

www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services/about-the-priority-services-register

SSEN – parts of the West of Sussex <a href="https://www.ssen.co.uk/PriorityServices/">https://www.ssen.co.uk/PriorityServices/</a>

#### Water

Southern Water <a href="https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-advice/join-our-priority-services">https://www.southernwater.co.uk/help-advice/join-our-priority-services</a>
-register

South East Water <a href="https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/get-help/help-for-priority-customers">https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/get-help/help-for-priority-customers</a>



The Parish Office is open every Tuesday, 10am-12pm.
You are very welcome to drop-in with any enquiries, feedback or questions you may have.

Please email the office for appointments at alternative times, thank you.

# Dates for the Diary

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

Monday 5th of June 19:30Monday 3rd of July 19:30

"Meet your Councillors"

• Tuesday 13th June 19:00-21:00

## PCSO ADRIAN BELL, DROP IN SESSIONS AT THE PARISH OFFICE

Tuesday 20th June 10:00-12:00
Tuesday 25th July 10:00-12:00
(Other dates will continue throughout the year)

## AGE UK— Cuppa & Chat continues monthly at the Shelley Arms Pub

Tuesday 6th June 13.30-15.30Tuesday 4th July 13:30-15:30



We are pleased to share, we now facilitate a food bank drop-off point

supporting Horsham Matters.

If you wish to donate items, this can be done during our

Parish Office opening hours:

Tuesdays 10am-12pm.