

SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL



Councillor Surgeries

Southwater residents can raise concerns directly with councillors online. 1st Saturday of most months except August. Details of the surgery will be placed on Southwater Parish Council's website and Facebook pages: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/default.aspx>, <https://www.facebook.com/southwaterpc> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/582024346049891/> each month or contact Executive Officers at enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk or call the Parish Office on 01403 733202.

Vacancies

Southwater Parish Council (SPC) has the following vacancies; 4 x volunteer Parish Councillors. Details are on the SPC website and Facebook page, or call the Parish office on 01403 733202.

In the news

- **Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Keeping up to date** – The Community is reminded of their continued responsibility for following remaining Government guidelines. Keep up to date with the latest Government information at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Both West Sussex and the NHS can support residents, See <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/community-hub-covid-19/> and <https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/>. Residents may also contact Horsham District Council Hub at 01403 215100.
- **Chatty Café Scheme** – As we are all aware, the pandemic has had a significant impact on people's mental health and has demonstrated how important talking to each other is and how it enables us to feel connected. The Chatty Café scheme (www.thechattycafescheme.co.uk) was founded in Manchester and now has over 900 cafés and pubs across the UK. Within Horsham District the following are now members of the scheme; The Bridge Leisure Centre, Broadbridge Heath, Chanctonbury Leisure Centre and Halcyon Days Café, Storrington, Southwater Country Park Café, Southwater and in Horsham the Holbrook Heart Café, St Marks Lane, Muffin Break and The Pavilions Leisure Centre. If residents or businesses of Southwater Parish know of an organisation who may wish to join the scheme, please contact Claire.Shepherd@horsham.gov.uk
- **2022/23 Parish Budget and Precept approved** – The Southwater Parish Council 2022/23 Budget was approved at the end of January 2022. The total estimated Budget Precept for 2022/23 is £537,522. This is a £149,940 (21.8% decrease) reduction from previous financial year and provides a 2022/23 Tax Band D precept total of £115.50

(21.2% decrease), a decrease of £31.16. See <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Precept.aspx> for other Tax Bands

- **Chairman resigns** – Michael Neale has resigned from his position as Chairman of the Parish Council and as Councillor. Michael has been with the Council for many years and has held positions on many committees including Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes. Michael has also been involved with multiple charity organisations within Southwater Parish. The Council and Parish staff thanks Michael for his contributions over his tenure and wish Michael every success in his future endeavours.
- **Horsham County Local Forum** – Come along and meet your local County Councillors and ‘talk to them’ about your local issues. To register to attend email, call or sign up via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/horsham-county-local-forum-tickets-241136996247>. If you have a specific question, please email talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk at least 5 working days before the meeting. Meeting commences at 7:00pm on Monday 14th March 2022 at County Hall North, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham, RH12 1RL.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** – Residents are requested to report ASB for example, verbal abuse, drug taking, irresponsible alcohol use, theft or damage to property, etc. Without notification, the police do not know an incident has occurred and cannot respond. The sooner an incident is reported, the faster the resolution could be. Report using telephone number 101 or online using <https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>. If it is an emergency, Call 999.
- **Southwater Infrastructure Delivery Plan (SIDP)** – Residents and businesses of Southwater Parish will be given an opportunity to have their say during a consultation period from March 2022 onwards on the SIDP. To remind, Policy SNP23 of the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) refers to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies raised from further development from within the development area being spent in accordance with the Southwater Infrastructure Delivery Plan. The SIDP contains infrastructure projects proposed by the community, residents and businesses of Southwater. Further updates will be posted on SPC Website and Facebook pages.

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733202, email enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk or website
<https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/default.aspx>

Neighbourhood Wardens - Dominic
Woodhead – 07789 943193 or Jacquie
Cave – 07789 943156, Tweet them on
[@HorshamWardens](https://twitter.com/HorshamWardens), or email
Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk
and web page including monthly reports
<https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Wardens.aspx>

