**ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The Great British Spring Clean**

The Parish Council having again agreed to organise a clean-up in our villages in March –the Open Spaces Working Group has recommended the following provisional programme: -

Rye Harbour 3rd March, 13.00 – 15.00; Meet at the Car Park.

Winchelsea Beach 4th March, 13.00 – 15.00 Meet at Harbour Field Pavilion.

Icklesham 10th March, 13.00 – 1500 Meet at Recreation Ground.

Winchelsea 10th March , 10.00 – 11.00. Meet at Monks Walk.

The group noted that the Insurance cover limited us to pick only within the 30 m.p.h. limit.

Check the Notice Boards for the final details if you are interested in joining in.

**Footway Lighting in Winchelsea.** The working Group has asked that the operating times are checked as some lights have been on during the daytime.

**Allotments.** The Council has been asked to agree a tender to carry out maintenance works to spare land and vacant plots at Cricket Field Site, with a view to getting the work completed by the end of February. This should make vacant plots more attractive to prospective tenants.

**Annual Parish Meeting**

A reminder that this will take place on Monday 5th March at Winchelsea Beach. The full agenda will appear on the Parish Notice boards about two weeks before that date. In addition to Inspector Dan Russell of Sussex Police the speakers will include Mr Hogarth from Natural England, who will talk about the proposed Eastbourne to Camber section of the England Coast Path Project.

There will be a drop-in session for one to one discussions with an advisor on this project at Fairlight Village Hall on Wed 14th March from 17.00 – 19.30.

**Winchelsea Beach new bus passenger shelter.**

We are still awaiting the detailed information from East Sussex Highways on exactly what works they think are necessary, before they will agree to licence the erection of a bus passenger shelter within the highway.

**Health and Safety Risk Assessmen**t. This year’s assessment is due to take place shortly. A specialist adviser looks at all the Council’s Open Spaces and advises on any areas where action should be taken.

**Rye Harbour Car Park and Toilets.** I know when the Council decided to take on the lease for the car park and toilets that there was considerable concern about the annual cost of maintaining the facilities. This financial year is the first full year that the Council has been responsible for the facilities. We have also had the donations boxes in place throughout the year. The latest financial report to Council shows that to date in this financial year the donations received from users of the car park just about match the Council’s expenditure on the car park and the toilets. Hopefully we can maintain this performance in the future.

**Waste and recycling.**

East Sussex County Council will shortly be consulting on proposed changes to their waste and recycling facilities with a view to saving £720,000 from next year’s budget. The specific proposals they will consult on are: -

1. To charge for certain waste types at the Recycling Sites that are not ‘household waste’ i.e. rubble, soil, plasterboard, tyres and asbestos.
2. To close part-time Recycling Sites at Forest Row and Wadhurst.
3. To change Recycling Site opening hours to better suit demand.
4. To work with charities to reduce the amount of waste they currently deliver.

Look out for the consultation details. These should appear on <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk>. This is a website on which you should find details of all ESCC consultations.

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