

Cliffe Parish Council News



A Week To Remember

The hurricane force winds that hit the parish last month have caused many problems for the residents. It is hoped that the insurance companies will be picking up the repairs costs for the considerable damage to residential properties, but both the Parish and City Councils will be trying to replace some of the trees destroyed during that night.

Some areas were affected much less than others and the decision to put main services (electricity and phones) underground in Cliffe Woods meant that most of that area had supplies restored very quickly.

Following this second of two major problems this year, it is important that the Parish Council learn lessons from them. If you have any constructive suggestions, please contact one of your local Parish Councillors (see addresses and phone numbers on page 2).



Seperate Parish Status

The City Council are currently reviewing the local Parish and City council boundaries and will be considering our appeal for a seperate Parish Council for Cliffe Woods. A couple of years ago, the residents of Cliffe Woods were consulted about a possible split and the vast majority supported it.

If it does go ahead, it is unlikely to take affect until 1991, the next Parish and City Council elections.

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**Merry Christmas to All
the Residents of Cliffe
Parish from the Council**

Beware Road Works

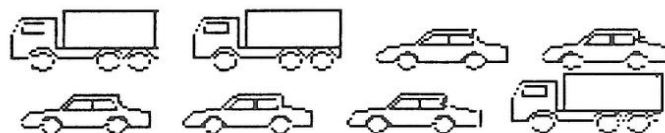
Plans to improve the lower end of the B2000, between Hollywood Lane and the Mockbeggar Farm, have been discussed with the Parish Council over many years. We were promised that the work would be starting in 1986, but this has been delayed several times.

We have now been informed that the road works should be starting in December or January and we have asked for some details on the proposed diversions that will be operating during some of the works.

We will know about the actual arrangements with dates and times later, but there are plans to make the B2000 one-way between Stonehorse Lane and Hollywood Lane (towards Strood) and Stonehorse Lane, from Brompton Farm Road to the B2000, one-way (towards Cliffe).

You will probably need to set your alarm clocks earlier to get to work on time, because you must expect delays. The work is expected to take more than 6 months.

We hope the inconvenience will be worth it. It is planned to both upgrade and straighten the existing road, Kent County Council have indicated that they will also be providing a path on the side of the road.



Local Contacts

Cliffe Parish Councillors

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Parish Newsletter Launch

The Cliffe Parish Council have launched the Cliffe Parish News to keep you informed about what is happening in your Parish. The newsletter will be delivered free of charge to all houses in the parish on a quarterly basis.

The newsletter will let you know what the Parish Council can do for you and how you can contact your local Parish Councillors.

What does a Parish Council do ?

This is the first of a series of articles to describe the services the Parish Council provides, and the cost to you. This article covers the Recreations and Leisure facilities provided by the Parish.

The Cliffe Parish Council owns and maintains the Cliffe Recreation ground. Football pitches are provided for several local teams on Saturday and Sundays, with some floodlit training facilities during the week. We are looking to improve the Changing Room facilities over the next few years, but as an urgent matter, we are installing a heater and providing a frost thermostat to protect the water supplies from freezing-up this winter.

During holiday times the recreation ground is used by several visiting Caravan Clubs. They provide a donation to the Parish for this use.

The children's recreation ground is monitored closely and several repairs have been done to the play equipment. The equipment continues to be vandalised and badly treated with continued maintenance becoming an expensive problem.

The Cliffe Woods Recreation ground (including the swings etc.) is the responsibility of the City Council, who also control the A.P.C.M. ground in Cliffe.

Free School Transport

The Parish have continued their support for the retention of the free school bus from Cliffe to Cliffe Woods Middle School. The Kent County Council have given notice that they will be withdrawing these passes from January. An appeal has gone to the Local Ombudsman with the written support of the Parish Council.

There will be a meeting on Thursday 10th December at 7.30pm in the Cliffe Memorial Hall, to add more protest to the County Council decision. Even if you do not have children affected by the decision, still come along.

I have the following problem/ Comment

NAME :- _____

ADDRESS :- _____

Please return this slip to the address below :-

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