



***FROM THE CHAIRMAN***

***(Chris Housman)***

Welcome to our Summer newsletter aimed at keeping you abreast of Parish activities. In this respect I was very gratified by the turn-out for our Annual Parish Meeting in May. The new High Sheriff of Kent was a very enlightening guest speaker, and it was good to hear from our County Councillor, our Borough Councillors, and representatives of some of our village organisations. It's meetings like this that emphasise that Pluckley is a thriving community.

We've just received news that the Government's Planning Inspector has refused the applicant's appeal against refusal of planning permission for the huge 'solar farm' south of Dowle Street, so this will now not proceed. I'd like to record my thanks to all who objected to Ashford Council and/or the Planning Inspector. I must particularly thank the 'Pluckley Solar Group' whose well-reasoned arguments, backed up with solid legal advice, made a huge difference – indeed the Inspector quoted the PSG several times in making his determination.

Our new defibrillator has now arrived, funded by a grant from Clair Bell (one of our Borough Councillors) and with a large discount via the British Heart Foundation. We're now sorting out a weatherproof case and a suitable location for it in the village centre.

Sue Beattie and I have just attended a joint meeting with Charing Parish to discuss traffic concerns with KCC Highways, Kent Police and Borough and County Councillors. This was very productive in giving us ideas for addressing such things as speeds, HGV traffic and damage to footpaths etc. Sue will be taking this forward.

Creation of our Neighbourhood Plan is now underway. I urge you to support us in making this document truly represent the village's views on our future. More on this below.

***NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN***

***(Martin Newman)***

We are collating feedback from residents to build a vision for the parish to 2030 and to establish the scale and type of development that is felt appropriate. A number of workshops have now been held and some good, largely consistent, views given. For anyone who has not attended a workshop, there is a questionnaire covering the same topics that can be completed. This is included with this Communicate or, if you prefer, it is available on-line. Just go to [www.pluckley.net](http://www.pluckley.net) and click on the link. If you are completing the paper copy, please leave it in the box provided at Pluckley Butcher's by **25<sup>th</sup> July** at the latest.



Once completed, the Neighbourhood Plan will become the guideline for future planning applications, so it is vital that it reflects what residents want. This is your chance to have your say so we do urge you to complete a questionnaire. If you would also like to attend a workshop please contact Martin Newman.

### **VILLAGE HALL** **(Martin Newman)**

The revised planning application for the extension, encompassing a new entrance, new toilets and improved disabled access, has now received planning approval. Quotes will now be sought from local builders. We anticipate that Parish Council funds will be sufficient to meet half the costs, and we will be applying for grant(s) for the remaining funding necessary to undertake the work.

### **VILLAGE WEBSITE** **(Carol Washer)**

The Parish Council is looking to redesign the parish website to make it more informative and user-friendly. If you have the skills necessary to undertake this task (or know someone who has) please contact Carol Washer.

### **PLUCKLEY CRICKET CLUB**

Our village Cricket Club currently has a shortage of players and would welcome some fresh blood. So, if you fancy a bit of exercise on the lovely setting of our Recreation Ground, please get in touch with Alan Symonds on 01233 840322.

### **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

If you have any comments or issues about anything in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact one of your Councillors:

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The Council meets in Pluckley Village Hall at 7.30pm, normally on the third Monday of each month, except August. All residents are welcome to attend.

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# Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan – Residents’ Questionnaire

## Pluckley Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Please indicate how far you agree with the following statements taken from the Parish Plan and Design Statement.

**10 = completely agree and 1 = completely disagree.**

1. Any development in Pluckley should be small-scale (i.e. 1 – 4 houses) and dispersed.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. Developments of 5 or more houses should be resisted.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Sheltered housing for elderly residents should be provided by the village cluster (*The village cluster is an agreement by six neighbouring villages to cluster together to find a site able to take the minimum of 30 dwelling units*).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4. We should seek to control the volume and speed of traffic, particularly HGVs.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

5. We should encourage Leisure and social interaction.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

6. We should protect open views as a defining aspect of the village character.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

7. The ‘green heart’ of the village (i.e. the area of fields and woodland at the heart of the village bounded by The Street, Station Road, Lambden Road and Sarden Road) should be retained,

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

8. Trees and woodland should be protected.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

9. Open spaces within groupings of houses should be retained (e.g. the triangles of green by the station car park, Fir Toll, and the land at the end of the Thorne estate).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

10. Uniform layout of houses is to be avoided.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11. The scale and size of any development should fit into its surroundings.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

12. Owners or developers should plant hedgerows, native trees or picket fences to soften impact on roadside frontages.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

13. Should the village encourage commercial activity? (*tick all that you agree with*)

- Manufacturing
- Agriculture
- Logistics/wholesale/ distribution
- Business Services (accountancy, marketing, legal firms etc.)
- Tourism
- Retail
- Other please specify....



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14. To what extent do you think it is critical for the village to retain the following? Please answer using a scale of 1 – 10 where 10 is critical and 1 is not important at all.

- Shops  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Pubs  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- Post office  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

15. Do you think the on road parking around the station is a problem for the village?

- Yes (continue)
- No (Go to Q 17)
- Not sure (Go to Q 17)

16. You’ve indicated that you consider on road parking is a problem. Which of the following would you like to see to help address the problem? *(tick all you agree with)*

- Additional “charged for” parking facilities
- Double yellow lines on Station Road
- Single yellow lines on Station Road

17. Would you like to see street lights introduced to the village?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

18. Do you think that the maintenance of pavements in the parish needs to be improved?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

19. Over the last 15 years Pluckley has seen about 10 new dwellings in the village. Over the next 15 years do you think the number of new dwellings to be built should be:

- More
- Fewer
- About the same

20. How many houses would you like to see built over the next 15 years?

- |         |         |
|---------|---------|
| None    | 16 - 20 |
| 1 – 5   | 21 - 25 |
| 6– 10   | 26 - 30 |
| 11 – 15 | 31 +    |

21. Finally, please provide details to classify your responses:

- Age: 18 -24, 25-44, 45-64, 65+
- Gender: M / F
- No. of children living at home \_\_\_\_\_
- Postcode TN27 \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. It’s part of an on-going Parish Council initiative to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. We’re also running a series of workshops to better understand your views - if you’re interested in attending please fill in your contact details below.**

- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU**  
**PLEASE PLACE COMPLETED FORMS IN THE BOX PROVIDED AT PLUCKLEY BUTCHER’S**

