

**Village Clean-Up** – Publishing deadlines mean this is the first set of notes written since the Village Clean-Up on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks go to everyone who helped remove 80 bags of rubbish from our streets.

**Annual Parish Meeting** – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May in the North Hall, Staplehurst Village Centre. This year the meeting is at the weekend, which will hopefully better suit those who find weekday evenings difficult. At 5.00pm there will be an opportunity to visit information stalls run by invited exhibitors (including a representative from NatWest). The meeting itself will start at 6.00pm, followed by refreshments at 7.00pm. The meeting will include presentations by representatives of the parish, borough and county councils as well as a question and answer session.

**Summer Play Scheme** – It will again be held at Staplehurst School and run by Play Place. After the open morning on 31<sup>st</sup> July the scheme will hold sessions on weekdays until 18<sup>th</sup> August. Further information: <http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/playscheme.aspx>.

**Surgeries at the Library** – Parish Council - every Saturday in the library between 10.00am and 11.00am; Borough Councillor Perry - last Saturday of the month; next PCSO surgery - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00am and 11.00am.

**Parish Council on-line** – Visit [www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk](http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk) for local information. The Parish Council is also on Facebook.

**Contact Kent County Council** – Some useful Kent County Council numbers:

KCC Main Number 03000 41 41 41

Highways Helpline (1) 03000 41 81 81 (office hours - see options below)

Highways Helpline (2) 03000 41 91 91 (out-of-hours emergency)

- Option 1 - Driver Education and Speed Awareness
- Option 2 - Vegetation Enquiries
- Option 3 - Potholes
- Option 4 - Street lights enquiries and problems (most village lights are KCC-owned)
- Option 5 - Drainage problems
- Option 6 - Items not covered above

Speed Awareness	03000 41 82 82
Concessionary Fares	03000 41 83 83
Kent Freedom Pass	03000 41 84 84
Public Rights of Way	03000 41 71 71

Report a highways problem on-line at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. For motorways and trunk roads contact the Highways Agency on 0300 123 5000 or e-mail [ha\\_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk).

**Maidstone Borough highway-related services** - MBC is responsible for some highway services such as street sweeping, street nameplates, street naming and

numbering, park and ride facilities. Telephone MBC Contact Centre on 01622 602162 to report issues requiring attention or go on-line to <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-streets/street-problems>. For other highways and public transport issues contact Kent County Council Highways.

**Dog Issues** – Bagged dog waste can be put in any ordinary litter bin or domestic waste bins. Report fouling or persistent incidents of mess to MBC Environmental Services on 01622 602202. To report a stray or problem dog, telephone MBC's Dog Warden on 01622 602117.

**Rubbish & Recycling Collections** – Use black bins for rubbish. Use green recycling bins to dispose of paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, food and drink cartons, plastic bottles and food trays and containers. Leave bins and sacks at the boundary of your property by 7.00am on the day of collection and no earlier than the evening beforehand. For further information: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins>.

**Garden Waste** – Two sizes of wheelie bin can be hired from Maidstone Borough Council: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins> or telephone 01622 602600.

**Bulky Collection Service** – Phone MBC on 01622 602600 or go online to <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling> to arrange a collection. KCC Household Waste Tip at Burial Ground Lane in Tovil is open Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Sundays and most bank holidays from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

**Reporting Incidents to the Police** - All non-emergency crime-incident reports should be telephoned to **101**. For emergencies dial **999**. Local contacts: Community Warden Mira Martin (mob: 07969584179 or [mira.martin@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mira.martin@kent.gov.uk)) and PCSO Pete Gardner (tel: 101 or email: [peter.gardner@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:peter.gardner@kent.pnn.police.uk)).

**Neighbourhood Watch** – For information about local Neighbourhood Watch contact David Ralph on 01580 891656 or Jacqui Blake, NHW liaison officer at Maidstone police station on 01622 604395 or go to <http://www.maidstonenhw.co.uk>.

**Parish Council Meetings in Staplehurst Village Centre from 7.00 p.m.**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 - Planning Committee only  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Parish Council & Planning Committee

**Parish Council Contact Information**

Parish Office, Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst TN12 0BJ (open Mon-Thurs 09.00-13.00; closed Fridays)

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