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Lingfield Division

Horne, Burstow and Felbridge Parishes

I regularly work closely with the Clerks at Horne and Burstow. We routinely share information and work together to address cross border issues. There are many shared issues and interests beyond sharing a border.

The B2037 runs through both Burstow and Felbridge. Regular issues relating to speeding, planning and development often cross the border and residents don't know who to contact for help and information. Because both Parish Councils work together to address these issues, residents again receive a better service. This also reduces the number of calls and emails to District and County Councils avoiding officers without local knowledge having to spend time on queries which can be answered quickly and more efficiently at a local level.

Gatwick Expansion

The proposal to bring the emergency runway at Gatwick Airport into full use would have a major impact on all three Parishes as well as on nearby Lingfield. Many of the routes to Gatwick run through or near to Burstow, and also Horne and Felbridge. Whilst Burstow has suffered the most regarding noise due to being closes to Gatwick, the other two parishes are now experiencing an uplift in complaints and comments about aircraft noise. Many properties are impacted by the existing flight paths and others rely on Gatwick for work or travel. Bringing the emergency runway into

full-time use will direct planes further north into our parish and also Horne. This is a contentious subject and one that is an issue for all four Parishes.

A22/A264 Star Junction

Residents of Horne, Burstow and Lingfield are directly affected by this Felbridge junction which operates well beyond capacity. Any problems at this location affect the wider area. And equally wider problems such as closure/delays on either the M25 or M23 result in a large increase in the volume of traffic passing through the three parishes. The impact of development, mainly on the Felbridge border with Mid Sussex, has a direct affect on residents of all nearby Parishes. By sharing information on works or issues at this junction, the effect on residents can be reduced. This communication also extends to neighbouring Mid-Sussex Town and Parish councils.

Community Events

Recent years have seen Burstow and Horne work collectively organising community events such as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the King's Coronation. These events have taken place at the Centenary Hall in Burstow as Horne does not have an equivalent space. It has allowed residents of two parishes to come together in celebration and build upon existing close relationships.

Parish Name Change

The Parish Council notes the recommendation that Burstow's name is changed to Smallfield. The Council strongly objects to the proposed change as we have a long history, stretching back to the inaugural meeting in January 1895, as Burstow Parish Council. It is our identity and we have gone to great lengths in all our documents, including our draft Neighbourhood Plan to reference both the parish and separately our larger rural settlement of Smallfield. To change our name from Burstow would not be popular with all our residents who currently live outside of the settlement space as, when asked, they say they live in Burstow.

In addition, Smallfield is defined as a larger rural settlement, inset from the Green Belt. This creates a clear boundary between the developed area of the parish and the more remote, rural, Green Belt.

Summary

Burstow, Horne and Felbridge Parishes can demonstrate collaborative, longstanding relationships.

The communication between the Parish Clerks at Felbridge, Horne and Burstow helps to deliver a better service to residents of all Parishes and reduces the need for residents having to contact District and County Councils with basic queries.

There has been no communication between Burstow and Crowhurst Parish Councils for a significant number of years. Crowhurst does not

generally respond to collective emails shared between the other Parishes in the Lingfield division whereas there is regular contact between Burstow, Horne, Felbridge, Lingfield and Dormansland parish clerks. Given the geographical location of Crowhurst, which is closer to Godstone than Horne, it would seem more appropriate for Crowhurst to transfer to the Godstone division than Horne. It would also allow the current strong relationship and shared common interests we have with Horne to continue and grow.

Attached Documents:

None attached