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Horne, Burstow and Felbridge Parishes

The Clerk to Felbridge Parish Council works closely with the Clerks at Horne and Burstow. They routinely share information and work together to address cross border issues. There are many shared issues and interests beyond sharing a border. For example, with agreement from Horne Parish Council, Felbridge Parish Council have included the Mormon Temple roundabout, located in Horne, in the Felbridge grass cutting schedule. This is just a sensible way to deliver a better service to residents which is achieved by Parish Councils working together.

The B2037 runs through both Felbridge and Burstow. 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. Direct road routes to Gatwick run through or near to Felbridge, Burstow and Horne. Many properties are impacted by the existing flight paths and others rely on Gatwick for work or travel. 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 and regularly causes delays for local traffic. Any problems at this location affect the wider area. 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.

Summary

There are effective long term and ongoing working relationships between Horne, Burstow and Felbridge Parishes.

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.

For at least the past eight years, Felbridge Parish Council has had no communication or shared issues with Crowhurst Parish Council. Crowhurst's location near to Godstone and the lack of common interest suggests that moving Crowhurst Parish Council to the Godstone Division instead of Horne would be a more practical move and would not adversely affect the existing strong connections with Horne Parish Council.

Attached Documents:

None attached