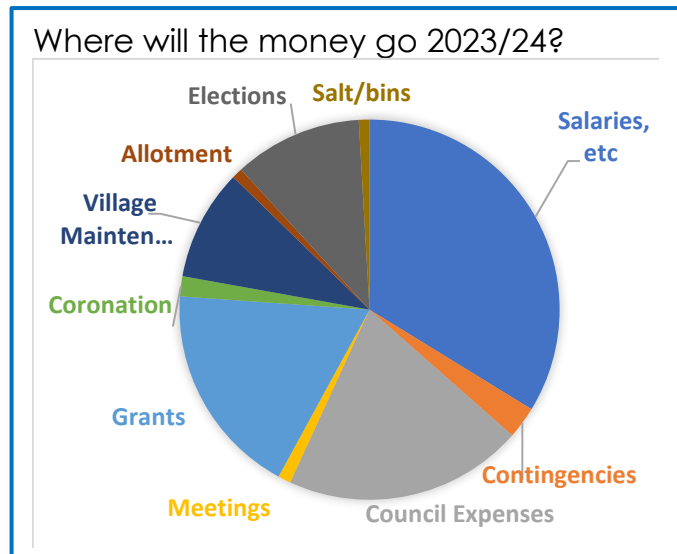
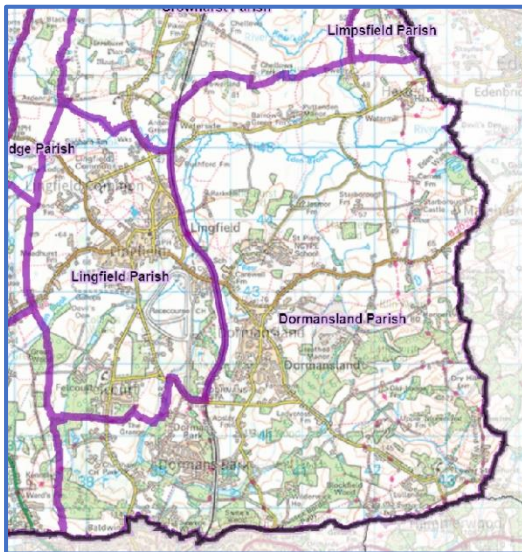




## **Dormansland Parish Council Newsletter No.1 ~ March 2023**

### **Five things you may not know about your local Parish Council:**

1. The Civil Parish Council area extends beyond the Parochial Church Parish boundary.
2. The area is 2716 hectares (about 10 and a half square miles) and the population at the 2021 census was 3,407.
3. None of the Parish Councillors are affiliated to any political party.
4. The Parish Council sets its own budget and this year the Parish share of your council tax bill will be £33.18p a year ( Band C property).
5. There are seven Parish Councillors on the Council representing the two wards of Dormans Park and Dormansland. Currently there are four women and three men.



The Parish community survey results confirmed that the priorities of the Parish Council reflect your aspirations. You want to see less speeding traffic, better facilities for young people in the recreation ground and the preservation of the green spaces. We will share the results soon.

**We are a community facing parish Council and in December we were delighted to meet residents at the War Memorial Community Hall's Christmas Fair and hosted a Parish Council meeting with mulled wine and nibbles which was enjoyed by more than 40 residents.**

## Meetings

You are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings on each first Wednesday, at 6.30pm in the Centenary rooms. We take a break in August.

Planning meetings are every 3 weeks, please check the website for dates and timings.



## What has the Parish Council been doing in the last few months?

We trialled some new 'urban' grass cutting techniques to reduce the debris falling onto the paths and roads, to prevent it blocking the road drains and discourage weed growth. We are grateful for the positive comments we have received about this work from you.

We planted 14 trees as part of the Surrey County Council tree project in four locations; the ones on the verge opposite The Plough look amazing. We have also joined in and provided funding for advertising, floral displays and other materials for the events around the Platinum Jubilee, culminating in the lighting of the Beacon.

The Parish Council were honoured to participate actively in the community's marking the passing of the Late Queen and the historical moment of the proclamation of the New King.



In November Jacqui O'Sullivan joined the Parish Council as the Clerk. She has embraced the task, including intensive training, and is well on the road to being fully qualified. Crucially, she has also been the glue that has held us together. Her positivity and organisational skills have been the rock of the last five months.

## Future projects

- Working with Surrey County Council Highways officers to make the High Street safer for everyone, but especially the school children which will hopefully see new Vehicle Activated Speed signs installed this summer and refinements to the on street parking to improve visibility at the crossing points.
- Coronation Events
- Free Defibrillator training
- Parish Council and District Council Elections Thursday 4 May 2023

## **A date for your diary....**

**Your Annual Parish Assembly will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May at 6pm at the Dormansland War Memorial Community Hall.**

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