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To : Clerks to Town/Parish Councils

Dear Clerk

ANNUAL PARISH CONFERENCE

I wrote last year to give you early notice of the date for the Annual Parish Conference. As advised, this is to be Thursday, 3 April commencing at 1.45pm. The venue is Northiam Village Hall.

I also advised that Local Councils would be invited to send up to three delegates each to the event and that nearer the time I would be extending a formal invitation to do so. Very shortly now, I shall be letting you have copies of the Conference Programme. On reflection I think it appropriate to invite up to four delegates from each local Council, so if you were able to proceed to identify your Council's representative, that would be helpful.

As in previous years, we have worked closely with the Rother Association of Local Councils in terms of Conference format and content. At RALC's request there are to be two plenary sessions – one on Affordable Social Housing – Increasing the Supply and How Parishes can play a part, and the other on Budgeting – How Council Budgets are constructed and Key Influencing Factors. These will be followed by the ever popular Open Forum, the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on any matters within the purview of the District and County Councils.

During the afternoon there will be a refreshment break allowing the opportunity for informal discussion, and the event will conclude by 4.45pm.

Please do everything you can to ensure that there is a good attendance on the day.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Elliott
District Secretary