

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Pavilion
London Road
West Kingsdown
TN15 6BZ
20th October 2021

I hereby summon you to attend the Annual Parish Council Meeting of West Kingsdown Parish Council to be held in the Old School Hall School Lane, West Kingsdown commencing at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 27th October 2021** to transact the following business.

Clerk to the Council.

Planning Agenda

Members of the Parish Council: Cllr J Watchorn (Chairman), Cllr I Bosley (Vice-chairman), Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr Gray, Cllr G Christie, Cllr Miss J Holdstock, Cllr King, Cllr D Land, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr Spiller & Cllr L Spencer .

Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.

1. Apologies for Absence:

2 Declarations of Interest:

3. Plans:

SE/21/02657/FUL Rajdani London Road:

Proposal Outdoor seating area with a retractable canopy.

SE/21/02753/HOUSE TyroSt Clere Hill Road

Proposal Demolition of old storage buildings and the erection of a double garage and attached car ports.

SE/21/03272/HOUSE:Woodlands Manor Tinkerpot Lane

Proposal Conversion of garage into games room ancillary to the main dwelling

SE/21/03396/HOUSE 2 Hailwood Place School Lane

Erection of new gym/sauna outhouse in garden

SE/21/03446/HOUSE: Conistone London Road:

Formation of vehicle access and hardstanding

SE/21/03306/FUL Land West Of Terrys Lodge Farm Terrys Lodge Road

Proposal Conversion of agricultural barn to a 3-bed dwelling with associated parking, private garden and landscaping.

SE/21/03361/MMA:Land East Of 136 Hever Avenue

Minor material amendment to 20/02025/FUL

Trees:

SE/21/03423/WTPO 9 Pound Bank Close

Proposal Two Oak trees: Reduce the overhang to approx the previous reduction (i.e reduce by approx 2m).
Hawthorn:reduce back away to give approx 1m clearance from the boundary.

Appeals

APP/G2245/D/21/3276403. SE/21/00533/HOUSE Shiraz Eden Tinkerpot Lane:

The proposal to demolish the existing double garage and part demolition of a newly built garage with rooms in loft space. This is to be an annex and ancillary to the host house.

App/G2245/W/21/3275218 SE/20/03597/FUL: 101 Scratchers Lane:

Erection of 3 bedroom chalet bungalow

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Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr Mrs P Bosley (Chairman), Cllr G Christie (Vice Chair) Cllr I Bosley Cllr Miss Holdstock, Cllr Gray, Cllr D King, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr R Spiller, Cllr Mrs J Watchorn, Cllr D Land, and Cllr L Spencer.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr Spencer

2 Declaration of Interests relating to items on the Agenda

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee held on 22nd September 2021, as attached.

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th September 2021 as attached.

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the Planning Committee held on 11th October 2021, as attached.

To approve as a correct record the MINUTES of the General Purpose Committee Meeting held on 11th October 2021, as attached.

4. Any Urgent Business

The Chairman to rule that any business received since the despatch of the Agenda, by reason of special circumstances, be considered, in order to avoid any undue delay and have up to date information.

5. Diary Items.

There are no diary items

6. Footpaths

7. Correspondence

10/01 Traffic survey results:

Below is a full response from KCC Highways regarding recent traffic e survey and concerns raised regarding the road accidents and safety at the Junction of Fawkham Road and School Lane:

“We receive many requests for the implementation of improvements on the highway, and all requests are reviewed and prioritised. We use an evidence-based approach to prioritise investment in our highway improvement projects to achieve safer roads and streets. Our first priority is to check if there is any pattern of personal injury crash records for the past three years that could be addressed by engineering methods.

Having reviewed the personal injury collision data for the last available three-year period (currently up to 31st March 2021) there is no pattern of personal injury collisions at this location, however taking into account the wider area around the junction there are four recorded incidents.

I am unable to comment on this most recent incident (an accident reported to KCC via the Parish Office 9th September) as it occurred outside of our latest data cut-off period. Having assessed the site and given the concerns that have been raised here we do feel that this location could warrant further investigation and as such we will undertake a feasibility study here in the first instance to help identify what potential improvement measures could be practically implemented (subject to any funding being approved). We have also recently commissioned traffic surveys around West Kingsdown to ascertain average vehicle speeds.

For your information a copy of the summarised results is attached for Members.

KCC do currently have a consultant reviewing this traffic speed data with a view to assessing whether there are any suitable engineering measures which may help to reduce vehicle speeds through West Kingsdown.

KCC will be in touch with the results of this assessment and the feasibility study mentioned above in due course.

As you will be aware we have recently established a process with local Parish Councils and County Members to ensure that a community voice helps to prioritise our efforts and, in many cases, help support funding for improvements that do not achieve sufficient priority through our countywide assessments. We are keen to work with the parish council to see what measures may be suitable here.

We have also recently developed and published a new approach to casualty reduction in Kent and this is called 'Vision Zero Road Safety Strategy (see link below)

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-safety/road-casualty-reduction-strategy>.

This new approach is designed to build a more complete picture which understands that people make mistakes and aims to ensure these mistakes do not cause a death or a life-changing injury. This is called 'The Safe System Approach' and consists of looking at safe roads and streets, safe speed, safe behaviour, safe vehicles and post collision response.

We are therefore reviewing how we evaluate and prioritise road safety schemes to reflect the principles of the Vision Zero Strategy. Once we have finished this review, we aim to publish the way that communities and residents can report their concerns to us and how we engage with them to deliver our new approach.

There also schemes such as Speed Watch that allows the local community to record speeding vehicles on roads in their area, by using portable speed devices. The owners of vehicles seen repeatedly speeding anywhere in Kent over a 12-month period are then sent a warning letter and advice by the police. I would encourage anyone concerned about speeding to contact Kent Police Speed Watch Team at:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/kent/community-speedwatch/>

who can provide training on community led speed action.

As you can see from the information above our new approach recognises that everyone plays a part in helping to reduce casualties on our roads, whether it is our highway team to improve the road layout, communities to encourage those who use local roads to do so appropriately or our local Police colleagues to enforce speed limits. Community engagement is at the heart of this strategy; if Vision Zero is to succeed it will depend on Kent's public and all road users sharing our ambition.

I would like to reassure you that reducing the number of people injured on our roads is one our top priorities."

10/02 Sevenoaks Character Study

Sevenoaks Character study: The District Council are running a 3 week survey to find out what residents think about where they live, it runs from 18th October - 8th November www.sevenokas.gov.uk/sdcs to complete the surveyor this can be done by telephone or email 01732 227000

b) Correspondence received since the publication of the Agenda.

8. Finance

Details of income and expenditure to be tabled. To approve online payments for authorised payment

9. Meadowbank:

Wild Damson Partially failed tree. Fell to hedge level and clear stacked debris £112.50
 Total Value: £112.50 Vat(20%): £22.50 Total Inc Vat: £135.00

10. Tree works 99 - 95 , Millfield Road,

Black Poplar and Lombardy
 TPO Trees

Three Black Poplar trees, Previously reduced,
 Reduce to the previous reduction (ie by approx 4m), Remove epicormic (trunk) growth.
 Lombardy, Reduce the height by approx 10m to bring it in line approx with the Black Poplars

£2,250.00

TPO /Conservation Area. To carry out works that require permission or notify works that are exempt please apply to the Council (for free) or SL TreeCare Ltd can apply on your behalf for a fee of £50+Vat to be payable in advance. Please contact the office for further information

£50.00

Total Value: £2,300.00 Vat(20%): £460.00 Total Inc Vat: £2,760.00

Two further quotes have been requested but no response from one and the second has said they cannot quote till 2022 due to volume of work they currently have

11. Recreation Ground leylandi tree works**SL Treecare have quoted**

Hedges Vegetation overhanging and growing through the fence around the allotment gardens. Cut back to boundary full height. (not the tree in the south corner) £900.00

Leylandii Leylandii to left of entrance and round the play area. Reduce height only to approx 3m £900.00

Total Value: £1,800.00 Vat (20%): £360.00 Total Inc Vat: £2,160.00

A second quote has been received from Kent Grasslands as follows

Reduce Height of Fir Trees To 10 Feet Cut Side Of Hedge In Allotments Back To The Fence

SUBTOTAL £1,600.00 VAT (20%) £320.00 TOTAL GBP £1,920.00 work can be completed late this year:

12. Affordable housing – English Rural

The option agreement has been finalised and English Rural has signed the final version. English rural are trying to exchange the agreement with the Landowner's solicitor but he is being a little elusive at present. I am continuing to chase and let you know if there is any further update before the Parish Council meeting next week.

In the meantime we have commissioned our architect to 'firm up' the layout following a topographical survey and I attach a copy for your info.

13. Church Woods Committee update**14. Matters Arising****15. Newsletter Items**

16. November Meetings

Planning and General purpose Committee Meeting followed by Finance Committee meeting for Grants : Monday 8th November 2021 Main Hall, Old School, School Lane 7.30pm

Planning and Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 24th November 2021 : Main Hall, Old School, School Lane 7.30pm