

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 28th October 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

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

Members of the Public and Councillors who wish to raise matters.**Brands Hatch:**

There was to be limited ticket sales for the truck racing event Sunday 8th November in accordance with Government guidelines there would be no fireworks. A Zoom meeting had been requested for the Brands Hatch Liaison meeting but no date had been set for this to date.

Hever Road Shops: Parking on the double yellow lines were reported to be on the increase. The Clerk had already requested that SDC parking officers attended the site. It would appear that after 4.30/5pm the parking on the lines seemed to increase.

Planning Minutes

Apologies for Absence: Cllr Holdstock, Cllr Brazier and Cllr Fothergill

Declarations of Interest: No declarations declared

Plans:**SE/20/02928/HOUSE : 21 Hever Road**

Development: Part first floor extension, part single storey rear and side extensions, new porch and alterations with fenestration. Carried over to November GP meeting.

SE/20/02936/Oceania, health and beauty 3-4 Portobello Parade Fawkham Road:

Change of use from Beauticians shop to opticians shop. No objection

SE/2002432/FUL: Bramfield, Kingsingfield Road:

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 8 new dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and amenity. Objection and comment

SE/20/02876/HOUSE: 151 Hever Avenue :

Loft conversion to create additional floor with Juliet balcony and alterations to fenestration. Objection and comment

SE/20/02635/FUL: Knatts valley Caravan home park, Knatts valley road:

Proposed creation of an additional 3 gypsy / traveller pitches. Objection and comment

SE/20/02958/HOUSE: 6 Symonds Close:

Raise ridge of roof to facilitate conversion of the loft with dormers and rooflights. No comment

SE/20/03001/PAC: Land adjacent to Richardson farm, Crowhurst Lane (actually opposite side of road Meadow Farm)

Prior notification for a change of use from agricultural use to dwelling house use C3 and associated operational development This application is made under class Q of the Town and country permitted development order 2015. Deferred until 9/11/20 meeting

SE/20/02910/HOUSE : 2 Hailwood Place School Lane :

Erection of outdoor swimming pool – Carried over to November GP Meeting.

SE/20/02909/HOUSE: 1 Hailwood Place School Lane : Carried over to November GP meeting.

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SE/20/02449/LDCEX: Land East of Millview Forge Lane:

Confirmation of land and buildings which is used for vehicle preparation and sales.

SE/20/03105/FUL:17 Ashen grove Road:

Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of replacement dwelling with associated works including subterranean basement. Carried over to November GP meeting

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Minutes of Previous Meetings:

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It was moved from the Chair that they be signed as a true record.

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Any Urgent Business

The Chairman ruled 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. The quote for tree work adjacent to 107 Millfield Road would be put before Members due to the need for the work to be carried out without too much delay.

Diary Item: There were no diary items

Footpaths:

BR292 An explanation was given that the order was for 6 months and the landowner had not completed the works. The path would be open when the works were completed and the path safe for walkers to use. This was confirmed by KCC public rights of way officer.

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Correspondence:

Report from CSU and PCSO re anti social behaviour

we are still continuing to provide additional high visibility policing, to areas across the Sevenoaks district which have been identified as hot spots for anti-social behaviour, this is something being conducted locally under "Operation Mint". At present there are still extra Police Community Support officers (PCSO's) on duty on late shifts over the weekends, looking at combatting the behaviour.

Attention has been paid across the district and at the following locations in particular:

- Swanley Park
- Heathside, New Road and Esparto Way, South Darent
- The Paddocks, The Square, Co-op, King Georges Playing Fields, Madan Rd, Ash Rd, London Rd, Westerham
- Caxton Close, Porchester Close and Gorsewood Road, Hartley
- The Row, Lambardes and Over Minis, New Ash Green
- Riverside, Eynesford
- Sevenoaks Leisure Centre
- Lullingstone Castle
- Knole Park
- Sevenoaks railway Station
- Cobbetts Way, High Street, Lingfield Road Recreation Ground, Hever Road, Spittals Cross and Stangrove estate, Edenbridge
- Chipstead Lakes
- Otford recreation ground

- Holly Bush recreation ground
- Seal recreation ground
- Crockenhill village hall car park
- Greatness recreation ground
Shoreham Parish Council car park
- West Kingsdown, Skate park and Hever Road

The resources have been used to provide high visibility foot and mobile patrol across the district and have also offered positive public engagement. The patrols have been attending reports of anti-social behaviour including reports of fireworks being let off, intoxicated underage drinkers and the use of off road motorcycles. This is something that in recent weeks has moved out of the rural areas and into the urban areas, with the change in season. As a result of this the focus of the local officers has also been moved.

On 15/10/2020 additional resources were once again used in Edenbridge, to tackle anti social behaviour, criminality and the use of off road motorcycles. Local officers from the community safety unit and Community Policing team worked alongside officers from Surrey and Sussex Police, taking a cross border approach and tackling this issue. In addition to this officers from the tactical operations department were also in attendance, providing unmarked patrols and both a general purpose police dog and a drugs dog. This was once again a successful evening, with numerous vehicles and people stopped and searched and intelligence gained.

Over the 16/10/2020 and 17/10/2020 PCSO's in Sevenoaks dealt with large groups of youths on both dates. Officers assisted in completing stop searches and one individual was given a cannabis warning. Full details of those involved were obtained from the individuals involved, which will be followed up by the community safety unit, in the form of visits being completed to parents addresses and ASB sanctions being put in place.

In Swanley the local PCSO's received an increase in reports of young people fishing at Swanley Park. Patrols in the local area were increased and those involved have been stopped and spoken to. Local officers have noticed a reduction in this issue, but have continued to provide high visibility patrol in the area. In addition to this officers are still locating NOS canisters in the area, but have continued to ensure that those locations are being targeted in particular.

Please see the Kent police Twitter account @kentpolice7oaks for regular updates on policing activity in the district.

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Metal detecting request

The following had been received:

I live in West Kingsdown in Vernon Close and I'm into metal detecting. I'm hoping you may have some land, woodland I can get permission of to detect in. I have all brands hatch as my permission and work close with them in the way of reporting finds and anything I see going on on their land. I am very much in to the history and know how to dig and fill holes and make small cuts in grassed areas. I have found a hole load of things from rings, watches, ww2 stuff buttons, cap badges and also coins from present day 1900, 1800, 1700 and my older is a 1307-1327 Edward 2nd penny hammered. All from west Kingsdown, so just imagine what is out there

Members considered the request and after discussion it was proposed through the Chair that the request be declined as not being appropriate on many sites in the villages.

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Bench:

It has been raised by Members of the public that the bench is being used by a resident the police are investigating, who has caused allegedly a lot of threats to the public and has been violent. The bench it is claimed has caused residents some distress as the person has made it a place to sit during the day and verbally abuse residents as they walk past. In view of this members have been asked to consider the location. It is also being used by youngsters who sit and have bikes dumped around it and causing an obstruction to users of the shops who have to walk round and some feel intimidated by this.

Members said that this was not how use of the bench was intended, it was there to help elderly shoppers or those waiting for a bus to wait. This was noted but Members felt on the whole the bench was being used appropriately

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Burial Ground:

Letters have been sent to local land owners asking for consideration to sell land to the Parish that could have the potential to be used as a burial Ground - No replies have yet been received. The clerk was also contacting a planning consultant to enquire about costs

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West Kingsdown Parish Council [draft 19 October]

Draft Remembrance Sunday plan [based on Government guidance as at 15 Oct 2020]

1. The agreed intention is that a commemorative event will be held at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.
2. The Government has published Guidance: [Local Authority preparation for Remembrance Sunday](#). This plan is in accordance with the Guidance which was circulated by email on 17 October.
3. Each organisation in the village that has, hitherto, laid a wreath has been invited to nominate one person to lay a wreath on their behalf.
4. A number of others will be in attendance with the total attendance including Marshals being limited to 30 [see list in separate document: *Remembrance Sunday attendees 2020*]. Contact details of all attendees will be recorded and held for 21 days.
5. The area at the front of the War Memorial will be marked up in advance so that attendees are suitably socially distanced.
6. A cordon will have to be created around this area. This can either be:
 - a. The burial ground boundary hedge with each entry gate being controlled by a Marshal OR
 - b. By roping off the grass area where the wreath layers will assemble with Marshals restricting access to this area.
7. Whatever cordon is put in place access should be allowed by the vehicle entrance to the burial ground for any member[s] of the public who wish to visit a family grave.
8. Members of the public are legally permitted to stop and watch the event as spectators, but must observe the rule of 6 and social distancing rules. Event organisers should take reasonable steps to ensure the public attend alone, or do not mix in groups larger than 6 when in an outdoor public space (unless they are from one household/support bubble).
9. The advice is that the event should be short and focussed on wreath laying with no communal singing.
10. The Guidance acknowledges that Remembrance Sunday events are traditionally part of communal worship but parties should adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times. Having regard to this and the previous paragraph a shortened version of the normal service could be held, see suggested Order of Service overleaf.
11. This plan may have to be modified at short notice.

Martin Stoneham - West Kingsdown Royal British Legion

The proposed plan was accepted as being an appropriate and sensible way to commemorate Remembrance Sunday.

It was proposed by Cllr Christie and seconded by Cllr Spencer that a donation should be made to the Royal British Legion of £75 for the wreath to be laid on behalf of the Parish Council.

ALL IN FAVOUR**Finance**

Finance was presented and it was proposed by Cllr Land and Cllr King that cheques totaling £9,262.00 be paid.

ALL IN FAVOUR**Entrance at the Gamecock Meadow Car Park**

1. Dig out and remove all soil and small part of hedge row leaving tree.
2. Reset Road curbs to make entrance wider and edging curbs to form pathway for pedestrians.
3. Reset gate barrier back on new pathway (so you can still secure the car park).
4. Fill all areas with type one road stone and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.
5. Supply and lay wearing course tarmac to path and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.
6. Supply and lay a subbase tarmac to new entrance and compact with a heavy vibrating roller and a wearing course tarmac and compact with a heavy vibrating roller.

Leave site all clean and tidy for the sum of £3,200+vat.

A diagram was attached to the hard copy of the agenda for Members' information.

The quote was noted and that a second quote would be obtained and bought back to the General Purpose Committee.

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Football at Gamecock:

SDC had approached Council to ask if we have any capacity on your football pitches to hire this season on Sundays morning (particularly Sunday 1/11) for youth teams, including girls only teams. I have asked what facilities they need and have been told pitches, line marking, pavilion including toilets, showers and changing rooms. Members were asked to consider this, although we have two adult teams on Saturdays and we are under Covid restrictions. No further contact had been made and it was thought that they had found alternative pitches.

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Recreation Ground at Hever Avenue:

The Annual inspection has been carried out by Wickstead and was circulated. Cllr Land and Cllr I Bosley would visit the site and look at the recommendations made by Wickstead, and report back to Council

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Website:

The new website is now live. The old one is running for a short time and information will be duplicated until the old site closes.

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Village Hall update:

A survey was due to be carried out for the installation of flood defences .

Church Woods Update:

Some coppicing works had started .

Old School update:

Site was being used by Pre school and small groups observing social distancing

Newsletter items.

Christmas lights

107 Millfield Road:

A quote from SL treecare had been received to reduce the height of the Leylandi by 40% in the sum of £672 inc VAT. It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr Land that works should take place and the quote accepted.

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Matters arising:

There were no matters arising

Dates of Next meetings in

Planning and General purpose Committee meeting: Monday 9th November (Virtual)

Planning and Finance Committee (Grants) meeting: Monday 16th November (Virtual)

The date of next Parish council Meeting Wednesday 25th November (virtual)

Meeting close at 20.45