



Chevening Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.30pm
at the Pavilion, Chipstead Recreation Ground Chevening Road Chipstead TN13 2SA.**

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chairman
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Mr J London	Councillor
	Ms J Nielsen	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor

	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Cllr M Alger	SDC
	Cllr S Robinson	SDC
	Members of the Public	4

Apologies

Mr J Firmager	Vice Chairman
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16 Apologies and Absences

Cllr Firmager sent his apologies which were accepted by the Chairman

17 Declarations of interest or lobbying

There were no declarations of interest or lobbying regarding items on this agenda that have not been notified previously

18 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 6th January 2025 which had previously been agreed by email were formally resolved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record

19 Updates from KCC.

Cllr Chard did not attend the meeting. Cllr Weavers expressed her disappointment that Cllr Chard has stopped attending meetings. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Chard to see if he would be available to attend by zoom as he used to

20 Updates from SDC

Cllr Robinson commented on opportunities presented by Devolution. These Comments are included in agenda item 26.

Cllr Robinson mentioned an initiative from Bristol City Council where their black waste is only collected every 4 weeks. She stated both Sundridge and Brasted had discussed this initiative and expressed surprise it was not on the agenda. The Clerk commented that she had not heard of it and will contact her colleagues to find out the context of their discussions

Cllr Robinson mentioned the planning application at 26 Witches Lane and how it breaks the covenants in place on the land. The Council confirmed that as this was not a material planning consideration, covenants could not be taken into consideration when the Parish Council makes it's response to SDC

Cllr Alger updated on the Town redevelopment proposal and that KCC had withdrawn the library from the redevelopment and plans would have to be redrawn and unfortunately plans for a hotel in the centre of the town will have to be abandoned

Cllr Williams raised the crossing in Bessels Green. KCC report that the issue is that there are not many people who cross the road there and KCC have quoted £50k for a zebra crossing and £100k for a traffic light controlled crossing

21 Questions from the Public

The members of the public were there to discuss agenda item 23 and their comments are included there

22 Open Spaces

Open Space Inspection

Planters update – the Company who do Riverheads are now available to plant and tend to them (spring, summer & autumn planting and watering). It was resolved unanimously to employ them on that basis

Playground Inspection

There are no reported issues with the playground

23 Otford Football Club

Otford Football Club requested to use Chipstead Rec for 2025/6 season for girls football on a Sunday morning and as a Reserve pitch on Saturday afternoons. 3 officials from Otford were present together with the Chairman of Chipstead FC. Chipstead FC have not played adult football on the main pitch in the 2024-5 season, but have decided they would like to return in 2025-6. The Council highlighted the concerns about parking and the congestion in the village caused especially by Saturday morning football where it is the Council's belief that there are simply too many children arriving in too many cars to be sustainable. Chipstead FC commented on the difficulty of getting volunteers to act as traffic marshals

The Chairman of Otford presented his proposals which included maintenance of the ground, cleaning up after games and employing a cleaner to come on Mondays to give a proper clean, fully marshalling all parking areas and introducing a "one way" system whereby anyone parking in the school or the Rec comes from Chevening end and anyone parking at Sailing Club Road comes from the centre of Chipstead. It was noted that the numbers of cars will be far less for Otford than on Saturday mornings

The two teams will get together to present a proposal as to how they will work together at the next meeting

24 VE Day Update

The Clerk confirmed the Big Red Pizza van will also be in attendance and she has contacted the Amblers to see if their licensee cricketer will provide a beer tent. The Chairman will also contact the Bricklayers Arms to confirm they do not want to provide a beer tent. There is a link on the PC Website to book a table

25 Chairman's letter and Annual Report

The first draft of the Chairmans annual report was reviewed

26 Devolution

Cllr Robinson suggested the proposed devolution was an opportunity for Parish Councils to take control of land previously owned by SDC or KCC. The Council does not believe there is any SDC owned land within the Parish. There are a number of spaces owned by KCC – the biggest of which is Dryhill but the Clerk reminded the Council there are huge maintenance costs associated with taking on somewhere like Dryhill.

Cllr Robinson stated that in her research it shows that Unitary authorities need more people not fewer and she believes Parish Councils need to band together to be a strong unit. The Council agreed to review once the situation regarding KCC and SDC becomes more clear and more facts are known.

27 Clerks salary.

The Clerks salary for 2024-5 is agreed at Government level and was resolved by the Council

28 Correspondence Received and General Issues

A Request had been received that the Parish Council tries to reinstate a later bus service through Chipstead village. This has been suggested many times but the bus companies do not believe it is a viable service. The Go-coach “Dial a ride” service is the model they are adopting to offer these services

Cllr Nielsen reported that Chipstead WI are raising money towards the defibrillator for the phone box in Stairfoot Lane

Cllr Weavers requested that Cllr Chard at least attend the PC meetings via zoom as he has not been to a meeting for many months

29 General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items

The Clerk is working with SDC Print services to get an editable version of “History of the Parish of Chevening” with a view to updating and reprinting it

30 Finance - Income Received and Cheques Payable

The payments for February were resolved and Payments and Receipts for January reviewed

31 Planning Applications

Applications for consideration by the Council

22 High Street Chipstead Kent TN13 2RP – no objection providing listed building permissions are complied with

Turvins Farm Sundridge Road Dunton Green Kent TN14 6HB – no objection

9 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2SL – no objection

The applications granted or refused were reviewed

The meeting closed at 21.10

Payments and Receipts for January

06 January 2025	Hmrc Vtr, Xwv126000106443	£3,125.75
31 January 2025	BG Fees Jones NEB 4	£317.50
02 January 2025	Kentcables	£30.00
09 January 2025	SDC	£834.60
09 January 2025	Judith Hayton	£430.74
09 January 2025	JGC Sportsturf	£1,040.00
09 January 2025	MDH Horticultural	£398.46
09 January 2025	MDH Horticultural	£1,888.63
09 January 2025	Judith Hayton	£1,080.45
09 January 2025	HMRC	£819.40
10 January 2025	Charges From 2024-11-22 To 2024-12-21	£7.50
14 January 2025	Octopus Energy	£83.80
22 January 2025	Castle Water Ltd	£8.64
22 January 2025	Campaign To Protec Ref 017255, Mandate No 0003	£36.00
24 January 2025	Valda Energy	£12.59
28 January 2025	Veolia Es Uk Ltd	£51.80

Payments to be made in February

1335	MDH Horticultural Services	Open Spaces	£1,573.86	£314.77	£1,888.63
1336	HMRC	Tax & NI	£819.40		£819.40
1337	J Hayton	Salary	£1,080.45		£1,080.45
1338	MDH Horticultural Services	Gang mowing	£332.05	£66.41	£398.46
1341	MDH Horticultural Services	Burial fees NEB 4	£100.00		£100.00
1339	J Hayton	Expenses	£234.43		£234.43
1340	JGC Sportsturf	Cricket Square	£866.67	£173.33	£1,040.00
1342	Sevenoaks District Council	Remebrance day service sheets	£35.00		£35.00
1343	Sevenoaks District Council	Emptying dog & waste bins	£718.90	£143.78	£862.68
1344	The Safety Sign Group	Unsuitable for HGV signs	£153.28	£30.63	£183.91
1345	Oliver Hoad	Painting Pavilion	£1,068.42		£1,068.42
1346	Newlands Nursery	Christmas Tree	£165.00	£33.00	£198.00

Signed as a true record

3rd March 2025

Planning Applications for Consideration at the Meeting

24/03457/LBCALT	22 High Street Chipstead Kent TN13 2RP	Proposal to remove part of the existing wall at first floor level. This is required to amended the access to the second floor which was previously approved under listed building consent 23/03237/LBCALT.	No objection providing listed building conditions are complied with	Val	
24/03226/FUL	Turvins Farm Sundridge Road Dunton Green Kent TN14 6HB	Proposed change of use of agricultural barn to an E(d) (indoor sport and recreation) for gymnastics training and associated external alterations and landscaping.	No objection	James	
25/00009/HOUSE	9 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2SL	First-floor side and front extension. Raise height of roof and insert dormers to enable loft conversion. Single storey side extension, new front porch. New flue and alterations to fenestration	No objection	Jason	

Planning Decisions

24/02920/HOUSE	Russetts Chipstead Lane Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2AJ	Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of two storey side, rear and front extensions. Alterations to roof. Conversion of loft into habitable roof space. Installation of rooflights and front and rear. Dormer windows at rear. Alterations to fenestrations. Installation of Juliet balconies at rear. Installation of brick wall and electric gates to the front. Removal of chimney brickwork. Associated landscaping		Jamie	Granted
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24/03127/HOUSE	55 Woodfields Chipstead Kent TN13 2RB	Partial conversion of garage to habitable rooms. Demolish porch and replace with enlarged porch. Alterations to fenestration, including rooflights.	No objection	Jason	Granted
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