



Chevening Parish Council

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

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chairman
	Mr J Firmager	Vice Chairman
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Ms J Nielsen	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Cllr N Chard	KCC (via zoom)
	Cllr M Alger	SDC
	Members of the Public	1
Apologies		
	Mr J London	Councillor
	Cllr S Robinson	SDC

32 Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received from Cllr London and duly accepted by the Chairman. Cllr Robinson from SDC also offered her apologies

33 Declarations of interest or lobbying

There were no declarations interests or lobbying regarding items on this agenda

34 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 3rd February 2025 previously agreed by email were formally resolved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record

35 Updates from KCC.

Cllr Chard spoke about the upcoming Planning appeal on Covers Farm. He had prepared a one page statement which he will share with the Clerk to distribute. The only way to win the Appeal is to fight on Green Belt issues. The traffic issues are always disregarded in Planning appeals. The hearing will be on 3rd; 6th; 11th & 12th June. Westerham Town Council are leading the appeal and a KCC representative has offered support in ensuring the time at the appeal is well spent and well focussed

Cllr Alger asked how much the Covers Farm Planning Application had cost KCC. Cllr Chard will revert with a figure so far.

36 Updates from SDC

Cllr Alger confirmed one of her Committees is discussing the Buckhurst Development tomorrow (4th March) and she will update at the next meeting

Cllr Eastwood thanked SDC for the new road name signs installed at Chesterfield Drive

37 Questions from the Public

The member of the public present was there to update on item 41 and his comments are reported there

38 Open Spaces

Open Space Inspection

Planters

The planters will be planted next week (w/c 10th March)

Chipstead Common

Cllr Jarrett reported a post out in Barnfield Road.

Telephone Boxes/Defibrillators

A cheque has been sent to purchase the two red telephone boxes. Chipstead WI have raised £680 towards a defibrillator in the Chipstead box (Stairfoot Lane)

Playground Inspection

There were no reported issues with the playground

39 VE Day update

Red Pizza Van and Ice Cream van are confirmed. Cricketers will be running beer tent. Cllr Woodruff will contact the Guides to see if they want to do teas and coffees

Cllr Weavers raised the “Lest we Forget” booklet produced by a Parishioner. It was resolved to distribute to all Parishioners as part of the VE day Commemorations

40 Update on meeting from Parking Committee

Cllr Firmager gave a summary of the findings of the Parking Committee

The School have removed the gate from the back of the school (up the footpath) sine they had a robbery and therefore using that path as a safer access to the school from Sailing Club Road is not feasible.

Land Registry searches have established the owners of 2 potential pieces of land to convert to parking. The inherent problem of rendering them as grey or brown field by the Council’s actions mean neither are suitable to be pursued

Extending the parking bays in Sailing Club Road is the most effective solution to alleviate some of the problems. The Clerk produced the title map from the Land Registry which appear to show that the Angling Club, when they fenced during covid to prevent incursions have inadvertently taken Parish Council land.

41 Update from Chipstead and Otford Football Clubs on their proposed ground share

The proposal between Chipstead and Otford is being finalised and will be presented to the Council shortly. The Council may hold an additional ordinary meeting to review the proposals – depending on when they are received

Chipstead are now providing Parking marshals on Saturday mornings. Unfortunately the School gates were left open all weekend a couple of weeks ago and the parking sign left out all weekend.

The Clerk has received complaints about the state of the main pitch and confirmed to the council that it has not been cut when the rest of the pitch was cut by the groundsman. The Football Club will instruct their groundman to resume maintaining the pitch until advised otherwise.

42 Chairman’s letter and Update.

It was resolved to print the “Lest we Forget” booklet and include with the chairman’s letter and update

43 Correspondence Received and General Issues

The Chairman suggested a portable flagpole would be a good idea to allow the Parish to recognise important days throughout the year. Ideally it could be placed on Chipstead green but could then be move to the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday and to the Recreation Ground for the VE Day picnic. The Chairman will identify the suitable item and the Clerk will purchase it

The Clerk was instructed to contact Chevening Estate about the state of the road to the Burial Ground which is in a very bad condition

44 General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items

Cllr Firmager confirmed the Dragon Boat Festival will go ahead on August Bank Holiday Monday as usual

45 Finance - Income Received and Cheques Payable

The payments for March were resolved and the Payments and Receipts for February reviewed

46 Planning Applications

Applications for consideration by the Council

15 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2SL - No objection.

The Applications granted or refused were reviewed

The meeting closed at 8.50

Payments & Receipts for February

04 February 2025	Bowyer NEF 23	£217.50
14 February 2025	Arkell 630	£110.00
17 February 2025	Bowyer NEF23	£110.00
24 February 2025	Stevens 387	£525.00
03 February 2025	Gocardless	£30.00
05 February 2025	MDH Horticultural	£1,888.63
05 February 2025	Judith Hayton	£1,080.45
05 February 2025	Oliver Hoad	£1,068.42
05 February 2025	JGC Sportsturf	£1,040.00
05 February 2025	SDC	£862.68
05 February 2025	HMRC	£819.40
05 February 2025	MDH Horticultural	£398.46
05 February 2025	Newlands Nursery	£198.00
05 February 2025	Safety Sheep	£183.91
05 February 2025	MDH Horticultural	£100.00
05 February 2025	SDC	£35.00
05 February 2025	Window Cleaner	£30.00
07 February 2025	Judith Hayton	£234.43
11 February 2025	Charges From 2024-12-22 To 2025-01-21	£7.50
11 February 2025	Octopus Energy	£137.87
21 February 2025	Castle Water	£6.26
24 February 2025	Valda Energy	£11.32
28 February 2025	Veolia Es Uk Ltd	£43.10

Payments to be ratified in March

Unity Payments

1347	MDH Horticultural Services	Open Spaces	£1,573.86	£314.77	£1,888.63
1348	HMRC	Tax & NI	£819.40		£1,316.80
1349	J Hayton	Salary	£1,080.45		£1,498.68
1350	MDH Horticultural Services	Gang mowing	£332.05	£66.41	£398.46
1351	J Hayton	Expenses	£490.74		£490.74
1352	DRM Trees	Fallen tree and hedges Sailing Club Road	£750.00	£150.00	£900.00
1353	JV Geer	Gas boiler service	£190.00	£38.00	£228.00

Signed as a true record

6th April 2025

Planning Applications for Consideration at the Meeting

25/00363/HOUSE	15 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2SL	Remove first floor dormer. Install a gable in its place. Reposition and additional rooflights.	No objection		
Planning Decisions					
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 permissions are complied with	Val	Granted
24/03173/HOUSE	41 Bullfinch Lane Riverhead Kent TN13 2EB	Demolition of existing side extension to be replaced with single storey ground floor side extension.	No objection	Val	Granted
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