



# Chevening Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Chipstead Recreation Ground Chevening Road Chipstead TN13 2SA.

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chair
	Mr N Clark	Councillor
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr J Firmager	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Mr J London	SDC
	Mr N Chard	KCC (via Zoom)
	Members of the Public	4 (via zoom)
Apologies		
	Mr J Branton	Vice-Chair
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor

## 106 Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received from Cllrs Branton and Woodruff and duly accepted by the chairman

## 107 Declarations of interest or lobbying

There were no declarations any interests or lobbying regarding items on this agenda, A number of Councillors had been approached concerning the issue of School buses which was not an agenda item but covered by Cllr Chard under agenda item 109

## 108 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Council formally resolved the minutes of the meeting on 13-6-22 previously agreed by email and the Chairman duly signed them as a true record

## 109 Updates from KCC.

Cllr Chard attended the meeting via zoom and gave an update on the situation regarding school buses All school bus services are commercially run, KCC do not run them. They subsidise some bus services where there is a need to do so, for example to remote villages where running a bus service would not be viable for a commercial company. KCC used to subsidise quite a number of bus services but took the major decision to put their money elsewhere (largely into child and adult social care). Concern has been raised because bus operators will no longer provide the services to transport children to school. This has also created a concern for KCC because although KCC do not have a responsibility to get children to school, that rests with the parents, it is very upsetting and annoying to suddenly learn that these services are being withdrawn. The deadline of 31st July to apply for the saver card (the bus pass used by children for their school journeys) in order to receive it for the autumn term has also exacerbated the situation.

KCC are under pressure to get this service sorted as it has had a significant impact across the whole of Kent it is not just Sevenoaks who are affected. Cllr Chard currently has no more details but is responding to the emails he has received as best he can.

Cllr Chard was asked how KCC allowed the situation to occur. He confirmed that this is a commercial decision by a commercial operator and nothing to do with KCC at all. Where KCC subsidised bus services there is a consultation process that takes place but where these services are commercially run and operated there is no consultation because it is not the KCC decision to make.

He confirmed that he found it disappointing simply because if KCC knew that this decision was coming they could have pre-empted it and taken action.

The main bus company for Sevenoaks is Go Coach who have confirmed they are not making money on the school transportation and it is difficult for them to get drivers. They're also relocating their operation to Swanley which may also have affected their decision as to whether the school services remained viable.

David Brazier is the KCC councillor who is chair of the Transportation Committee and he has sent a generic response to Cllr Chard which he will share with the Clerk to share more widely. Cllr Chard confirmed that there is grant money from government available to KCC for bus replacement services and if it is possible to flex that grant money to allocate to this school transportation he reassured the council that KCC most certainly would do so if they could

Cllr de Turberville then asked Cllr Chard about an issue that they are experiencing with E scooters on the pavement on the A25 . They have notified the police but there is nothing the police can do about it as they are not there at the time scooters go past. Cllr Chard confirmed there is little KCC themselves can do if the police are unable to act. Cllr de Turberville confirmed his concern was for either a pedestrian or the driver of the scooter ending up in front of a car on the A25

Cllr London then inquired after Covers Farm There has been another delay in it going to committee simply because KCC are exploring every avenue they can to ensure they arrive at the correct decision

There were no further questions from the public and Cllr Chard left the meeting with the Chairman's thanks for attending

## **110 Questions from the Public**

The Clerk had received an e-mail question from a member of the public concerning the 20 mile per hour zone down Chevening Rd in Chipstead. The member of the public stated that large vehicles were speeding through early in the morning and during the day and evening

The Council debated what could possibly be done to alleviate the situation. A flashing sign is not permitted simply because these are only allowed by KCC for 30 mph limits not 20 mph as is the case in Chevening Rd. Further roundels in the road would take quite a long time for KCC to implement and be expensive.

The Council resolved to buy larger 20 mph signs to replace the existing ones on the Telegraph poles down Chevening Rd

## **111 Open Space**

### **a Open Space Inspection**

Cllr Clark mentioned that a couple of the posts on Chipstead Common by Barnfield Road had been damaged by cars. The clerk will get them looked at as soon as possible

The Chairman mentioned that the bus shelter had been sprayed with graffiti and the window damaged. The Clerk will look into it to see what can be done

### **b Playground Inspection**

Cllr Jarrett mentioned that there was graffiti in the playground on the slide and on the swings. The Clerk said she would look at it the following day and see if there was anything that could be done

### **112 Beautification of the Parish**

The Chairman confirmed the latest 4 planters were completed (planted) this morning in Chesterfield Drive. Cllr Eastwood confirmed they had been very favourably received by residents.

The remaining 4 planters are currently being finished and 2 will go either side of the bench in Chipstead Square and 2 by the Church gates in Chevening

The Clerk continues to pursue getting the Hanns Stores sign repainted.

Cllr Weavers hasn't managed to make contact with the member of the public who has extensive records of the Chipstead as the member of the public concerned has been unwell. Cllr de Turberville has obtained a copy of a book from the Woman's Institute which given the history of many houses in the village and this can be used to create a list of houses and a map of what building used to be

### **113 Q1 Financial Review**

Cllr Eastwood talked through the finances for the first quarter. The Council remains in good financial shape and all monies held are within FSCS limits.

### **114 General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items**

#### **a Request from residents of Chesterfield Drive to use the power from a streetlight to power a defibrillator box**

In principal it is possible to power a defib box (it only requires power for frost prevention). The Council requested the Clerk find out exactly where they were wanting to locate the defib and whether it is being attached to the street light column or a post next to it

#### **b Landowner has blocked the path where the bike trails used to be**

The footpath along the side of Cold Arbor Rd is now blocked by felled trees. A resident is trying to have it declared a PROW but this is a very lengthy process with KCC. The bike trails had been reinstated so the felled trees are an attempt by the landowner to prevent the trails from being rebuilt once again

#### **c Meeting dates for 2023**

The Council resolved to change the meeting dates from September to the last Monday of the month There will be no meeting in December. The dates for 2023 will be resolved at the meeting in September.

The dates for 2022 are:-

26<sup>th</sup> September

31<sup>st</sup> October

28<sup>th</sup> November

#### **d Provision date for Solar Panel installation 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Following Worldwide shortages and supply problems the Solar panels on the Pavilion roof should be installed 5<sup>th</sup> September

### **115 Finance - Income Received and Cheques Payable**

The payments for July were resolved and the Payments and Receipts for June reviewed. As there is no meeting in August the payments for August will be resolved via email

### **116 Planning Applications**

There were 3 planning applications discussed at the meeting for which the Council resolved "No objection" for all 3. There were no applications granted or refused.

**The meeting closed at 20.50**

## Payments & Receipts for June

	Opening Balance	£79,558.38
14/06/2022	BREETHING FROM BURSLEM MEMO LTD	£110.00
15/06/2022	STREET PARTY FROM HAYTON RJ+JS 1704	£30.00
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16/06/2022	MR SHAUN CHRISTOPHER BURGESS, REFERENCE BURGESS NEF10	£217.50
24/06/2022	WELHAM JONES FROM WELH FUNERAL	£220.00
06/06/2022	GOCARDLESS REF KENTCABLES-77MEMBH, MANDATE NO 0008	£30.00
08/06/2022	EDF ENERGY REF 673109647889, MANDATE NO 0009	£11.00
10/06/2022	CHARGES FROM 2022-04-22 TO 2022-05-21	£7.50
15/06/2022	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE HODGES	£90.00
15/06/2022	GARAGE DOOR CENTRE REFERENCE 3309	£186.00
15/06/2022	SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL REFERENCE 2073886	£120.00
15/06/2022	PSR LIGHTING REFERENCE 7971	£270.00
15/06/2022	VC HANDYMAN REFERENCE 29 05 2022	£675.00
15/06/2022	MUSKETEER SERVICES REFERENCE 78359 2845	£177.60
15/06/2022	IAN FOX REFERENCE STREET PARTY	£200.00
15/06/2022	TRANSFER TO RIALTAS SOFTWARE REFERENCE SM25588	£154.80
15/06/2022	J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER	£261.51
15/06/2022	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2525	£355.20
15/06/2022	J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER	£1,189.76
15/06/2022	HMRC REFERENCE 577PV00161414	£492.15
15/06/2022	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2526	£1,683.60
28/06/2022	VEOLIA ES UK LTD REF 04937801, MANDATE NO 0010	£25.20
29/06/2022	SOUTHERN ELECTRIC REF 910036741, MANDATE NO 0005	£148.11
	Closing Balance	£74,088.45

Payments to be made in July

Santander Payments

989	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Open Spaces Maintenance	£1,403.00	£280.60	£1,683.60
990	HMRC	Tax & NI	£462.13		£462.13
991	J Hayton	Salary	£1,219.78		£1,219.78
992	MDH Horticultural Services	Gang mowing	£296.00	£59.20	£355.20
993	J Hayton	Expenses - phones sim cards	£57.81	£4.00	£61.81
994	Oliver Hoad	Bolts for planters	£223.81		£223.81
995	HCI Data	Website Domain name	£85.00	£17.00	£102.00
996	DRM Trees	Alder trees - Sailing Club Road	£1,050.00	£210.00	£1,260.00
997	Eureka Hire	50% of Marquee hire for Jubilee	£293.09		£293.09
998	Terrain Aeration Services	Aeration treatment Recreation Ground	£2,500.00	£500.00	£3,000.00
999	What Knots Wood	Additional glue for planters	£38.98		£38.98

**Planning Applications for Consideration at the Meeting**

22/01455/LBCALT	West Lodge 60 High Street Chipstead Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2RR	Replacement window on side elevation.	No objection	Nick
22/01537/LBCALT	Southdown House Park Place Bessels Green Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2QD	Addition of electronic gates at the front access drive of the house.	No objection	Jamie
22/01809/HOUSE	37 Chesterfield Drive Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2EQ	Replacement rear balcony and changes to external materials and staircase	No objection	John E