

CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Zoom Council Meeting of Chevening Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on
Monday 18th January 2021

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chairman
	Ms R Burgess	Councillor
	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
	Members of the Public	7
Apologies	Mr J Branton	Vice-Chairman

The meeting is being held to discuss the Chevening Parkland Scheme (Planning Application 20/03660/FUL) and the Parish Council's response to the Application

17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Branton and duly accepted by the Chairman

18 Declarations of interest or lobbying

Cllrs Weavers and Firmager declared a pecuniary interest in the subject of the meeting and therefore took no part in the debate or the vote.

Cllr de Turberville requested clarification as he would be affected by the lorry movements along the A25 for the duration of the development and believed the amount of traffic disruption for the amount of time it is taking place should be taken into consideration by the planners. He reiterated his view that if this was a development for a hospital or a school then then disruption would at least have a tangible and worthwhile end result. The Clerk confirmed that in her view, if there is no Planning Consideration which affect Cllr de Turberville he can take part in the debate – but his comments would be duly minuted

Cllr de Turberville noted the Chairman had written to Chevening Estate requesting they withdraw the Planning Application until after the Pandemic to allow proper consultation to take place. The Trustees had responded they were unable to withdraw the Application once it had been submitted

19 Chevening Parkland Scheme - Council Comments to date

The Clerk had circulated the preliminary comments documented to date for inclusion in the Council's submission to SDC. The Chairman read through them for the benefit of the members of the public present.

Cllr Chard made comments concerning the lorry movements, which were a concern for him both in terms of Chevening Parish but also Riverhead and Dunton Green (the Chair of DGPC was attending the meeting as a guest). Cllr Chard commented that putting a condition of repairing the roads was not usual but it might be possible to request some CIL or S106 monies to be set aside.

He mentioned that monitoring Air Quality was always going to be a problem as the laws in this area are weak.

Cllr de Turberville raised the recent case in London of a child's death from asthma being directly linked to the level of air pollution from the South Circular and stressed this must be a concern, especially to the residents of Bessels Green, Riverhead and Dunton Green.

He mentioned it was essential to raise the impact of the other proposed developments (already covered in the PC comments)

Cllr London stated that although the Consultants had suggested the stated aims of the development could be achieved much more simply (with a line of trees) it is not the Planners role to suggest alternatives, only to review each case on it's merits as presented.

He stated that the Planners are trained in Planning Law and are not swayed simply by the number of people commenting, however this is a factor which is given more weight when it comes to Development Control Committee.

The Chairman urged all members of the public to make Parishioners aware and to get their objections to SDC.

Cllr Eastwood requested an additional comment that if the District Council do grant the application lorry movements are restricted on A25/A224 from 9am to 3pm to avoid the already severely congested school times

20 Chevening Parkland Scheme - Consultant's report

The Council debated whether it was appropriate to simply send in the Consultants reports (which the Council agreed were excellent value) as sufficient to rebut the Planning Application. The report highlighted a number of apparent inaccuracies in the Applicant's submission and although the Council felt this should be sufficient to get the Planners to refuse the Application and ask the Estate to reconsider, after debate it was resolved to include all comments from the Council for the Planners to consider and for the Council to highlight the apparent discrepancies raised by the Consultants. The contents of the Consultant's report on the proposed scheme should also be sent to SDC in full

21 Chevening Parkland Scheme - Comments from the Public

The Chair of Dunton Green PC who had joined the meeting mentioned there is another potential development proposed for Dunton Green which would see a further 250 houses built from behind the Dukes Head up to the Village Hall. This would see further congestion on these roads.

A member of the public raised concerns about the prospect of lorries (when confronts with the queues on A25 into Riverhead) would instead go to Sundridge and turn into Chevening Road Ovenden Road at the Sundridge lights.

22 Chevening Parkland Scheme - The Council unanimously voted to object to the Planning Application

The meeting closed at 20.35