

# CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 at 7.30pm at the Recreation Ground Pavilion, Chevening Road, Chipstead, TN13 2SA.**

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chair
	Mr J Branton	Vice-Chair
	Ms R Burgess	Councillor
	Mr N Clark	Councillor
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Firmager	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Mr J London	SDC
	Members of the Public	2
Apologies	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor

The Chairman began by wishing Cllr Weavers a speedy recovery on her illness on behalf of the Council

## **114 Apologies and Absences**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Weavers and from Cllr Chard from KCC

## **115 Declarations of interest or lobbying**

Cllr Firmager did not participate in the vote for legal funding concerning item 119. Cllr Jarrett declared his interest as vice Chair of the Football Club and took no part in the requests for Council financial contribution under item 125 b

## **116 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Council voted to formally resolve all decisions the meeting on 5-7-21 and the Chairman signed the minutes as a true record

## **117 Questions from the Public**

There were no specific questions from Members of the Public present apart from items on the agenda

## **118 Open Spaces**

### **a Open Space Inspection**

Burial Ground

The Clerk advised a reported problem with a tree in the Burial Ground which potentially has Ash Die Back. The tree surgeon has been requested to reported back.

The Contractors have been instructed to put weedkiller on the Garden of Remembrance

A report from the member of the public concerning Sailing club Rd was reviewed

### **b Playground Inspection**

The recent Annual playground inspection produced no items of concern with nothing achieving worse than allow risk

## **119 Chevening Parkland.**

The Planning Officer at SDC Planning appears to minded to grant the application. DCC date is pencilled as 9<sup>th</sup> September. His major concern appears to be traffic movements and consistently refers to the bunds as "mounds" which severely understates the proposed size of the bunds (12m high i.e. the height of 3 double decker buses)

The Council resolved the following actions:-

A meeting between the Chairman, Clerk, Cllr London and David Norris from ADN to discuss the comments from the Planning Officer

Clerk to share the notes she has made on the Planning Officers comments  
Chairman to request Freedom of information request from SDC to review the correspondence concerning the Parkland

Clerk to send comments on Planning Officer's notes to him and arrange a meeting with the Parish Council for him to explain his actions (copying Alison Salter from SDC)

Clerk to write to Riverhead, Halstead and Dunton Green to alert them to the likely date of DCC and to invite Chairs to meeting with Jim Sperrin

Clerk to prepare emails for the Chairman to send to members of DCC explaining the potential impact on members

The Council resolved to put £5000 in reserve for potential future legal fees concerning the parkland

**120 Parking/safety in the Parish**

The Chairman, Clerk, Cllrs London and Chard will be walking round the Parish to review the parking\safety hotspots. Updates will be provided at September's meeting

**121 Drug dealing in Chesterfield Drive.**

A member of the Chesterfield Drive Neighbourhood Watch addressed the Council as there are reports of drug dealing in Chesterfield Drive. The alleged dealer is a resident in Chesterfield Drive and apparently has a history of previous drug offenses. Police have been advised each time the alleged dealing takes place and the Council, although very sympathetic cannot take any action. A CCTV camera could only be placed on PC land (with appropriate signage) but the offences are not currently occurring anywhere near PC land.

**122 Land overlooking the lake in Chesterfield Drive**

There are trees and bushes on the land overlooking the lake on Mrs Gilbert's land. The Council requested permission to cut down overgrown bushes to enhance the view. The Landowner will allow permission if the Council will also pay for the removal of Japanese Knotweed from her land as well as cutting back the bushes. The Council felt that taking responsibility for the Japanese Knotweed which is on private land would set an unacceptable precedent as it is an offense to allow knotweed to grow onto anyone else's land. The Council resolved to obtain a quote for treating the knotweed and pass the details onto the landowner for action.

**123 North Shore of Chipstead Lake.**

There are a number of the building plots on the North Shore up for sale. The Clerk, Chairman and Cllr London had contact with a member of the public whose Company buys areas of land to convert to woodland/parkland as part of a carbon offset scheme. This would mean the land would be permanently protected from any future development as it would become a protected parkland and potentially community owned. Further updates will be provided to the Council if the plan to buy the plots progresses.

**124 Update on Green Projects**

The Council has received a grant from Enovert for £9k towards solar panels and a water dispenser. The total spend for Water Fountain and Solar Panels is £16k. The next step is a survey from the preferred supplier of solar panels and updates will be provided at the September meeting

**125 Correspondence Received and General Issues**

**a Family Fun Day**

The Family Fun Day is taking place this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August

**b Waste Removal**

The Football Club has proposed the introduction a commercial wheelie bin to store the waste from the Pavilion. This would involve a fortnightly waste collection at a cost of £169 pa to the Council if the cost was shared 50:50. The Council resolved the proposal from the Football Club with the bin available for renters and the Football Club

**c Tree and Shrubbery Cutting Back**

The Football Club requested cutting back to be carried out on the side of the ground running parallel to the A21 and also behind the far goal. There is one tree with some branches overhanging the mini-pitch running parallel to the A21. The other area is behind the ball stop netting at the far goal where the netting is being caught up in the hedging and bramble bushes. The Council resolved to have the bushes and trees cut back as requested

- d Chipstead Common  
Cllr Jarrret confirmed that the Football Club is arranging fertiliser treatment on Chipstead Common

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

##### Future Council Meetings

The Council resolved to move the December 2021 meeting to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December with the Light up a Life service on Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

#### **127 Finance**

- a Income Received and Cheques Payable

The payments for August were resolved and the Payments and Receipts for July reviewed

#### **128 Planning Applications**

The Planning Applications decisions were reviewed by the Council

#### **129 Resignation of Cllr Burgess**

Cllr Burgess addressed the Council to resign from the Council as she is moving out of the area. She explained how she had enjoyed the challenges of the Council and being such an integral part of the Community.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for Cllr Burgess and all the brilliant work she had done for the Council, especially guiding the Council through the GDPR issues and problems encountered by the Council last year. The Chairman confirmed the Council will miss Cllr Burgess and her very valuable contribution to Council debates and decisions.

The Council resolved to remove Ms Burgess from the Bank Mandates

The meeting closed at 21.00

## Payments and Receipts for July

	Opening Balance	£67,140.56
05/07/2021	FASTER PAYMENTS RECEIPT REF.CHIPSTEADFC-PITCH FROM CHIP FC	£456.00
14/07/2021	BANK GIRO CREDIT REF HMRC VTR, XWV126000106443	£6,264.39
22/07/2021	Sharrad NEB9	£110.00
26/07/2021	Eastwood memorial plaque 76	£76.00
26/07/2021	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO SOUTHERN ELECTRIC REF 910036741, MANDATE NO 0005	£152.97
06/07/2021	SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL REFERENCE 2066281	£862.67
06/07/2021	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2247	£336.00
06/07/2021	COMPLETE WEED CONTROL REFERENCE KT 15204	£547.20
06/07/2021	J V GEER REFERENCE 28383	£174.00
06/07/2021	JULIA CHAMBERLAIN REFERENCE CHEVENING PC	£160.00
06/07/2021	K M FINCH REFERENCE 2693	£600.00
06/07/2021	J HAYTON REFERENCE EXPENSES	£200.62
06/07/2021	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2246	£301.27
06/07/2021	J HAYTON REFERENCE SALARY	£1,043.30
06/07/2021	HMRC REFERENCE 577PV00161414	£273.27
06/07/2021	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2245	£1,467.13
08/07/2021	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO EDF ENERGY REF 673109647889, MANDATE NO 0009	£8.00
11/07/2021	CHARGES FROM 2021-05-22 TO 2021-06-21	£7.50
16/07/2021	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO GOCARDLESS REF KENTCABLES-77MEMBH, MANDATE NO 0008	£31.68
	Closing Balance	£67,881.34

## Payments to be made in August

		Santander Payments			
842	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Open Spaces Maintenance	£1,222.61	£244.52	£1,467.13
843	HMRC	Tax & NI	£273.47		£273.47
844	J Hayton	Salary	£1,043.10		£1,043.10
845	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Gang Mowing	£251.06	£50.21	£301.27
846	J Hayton	Mobile phone	£6.83		£6.83
847	K Tudor	New sign at burial ground	£75.00		£75.00
848	DRM Trees	Trees at Chesterfield Drive	£250.00	£50.00	£300.00
849	DRM Trees	Cut back trees at entrance to Recreation Ground	£185.00	£37.00	£222.00
850	Complete Weed Control	Hebicide & fertilizer	£548.00	£109.60	£657.60
851	VC Handyman	Steps at Recreation Ground	£450.00		£450.00
852	WK Neighbourhood Watch	Donation	£100.00		£100.00
853	Play Inspection Co	Annual Playground inspection	£85.00	£17.00	£102.00
854	Oasis Landscapes	Grass seed for bank on Sailing Club Road	£24.00		£24.00

SDC Decisions on Previous Planning Applications					
21/01403/FUL	Telecommunication Equipment At Morants Court Road Dunton Green KENT	Proposed O2 and TEF site share application on existing EE and Hutchinson 3G UK Ltd Telecommunications Installation Upgrade	No objection	Jamie	Granted
21/01887/HOUSE	18 Woodfields Chipstead KENT TN13 2RA	Front porch, two storey rear/side extension, alterations to fenestration, new finishes to external walls and internal refurbishment.	No objection	Jamie	Granted
21/01590/HOUSE	Byways Bessels Green Road Bessels Green KENT TN13 2PS	Demolition of existing porch and reconstruction of new porch. New lightwell windows to the rear of the house. Demolition of existing chimney, construction of new chimney	No objection	Jason	Granted
21/01753/HOUSE	40 Westerham Road Bessels Green KENT TN13 2PZ	Construction of a contemporary timber clad garden building	No objection	Allan	Granted
21/01507/HOUSE	8 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks KENT TN13 2SN	Front wall extended across to create a porch area.	No objection	Nigel	Granted
21/01410/HOUSE	Broome Cottage 3 Bullfinch Lane Riverhead KENT TN13 2DY	Extend existing front porch	No objection	John E	Granted
21/01470/HOUSE	3 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks KENT TN13 2SL	Erection of first floor side extension, single storey front extension to form porch, replace flat roof to existing first floor dormers on front and rear elevations with new pitched roof.	No objection	Nigel	Granted