



# Chevening Parish Council

## CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm  
at the Pavilion, Chipstead Recreation Ground Chevening Road Chipstead TN13 2SA.

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chairman
	Mr N Clark	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr J Firmager	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Mr J London	SDC

Apologies	Mr J Branton	Vice - Chair
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor

### 1 Apologies and Absences

Apologies were received from Cllrs Branton and De Turberville and duly accepted by the Chairman

### 2 Declarations of interest or lobbying

Cllrs Weavers and Firmager affirmed their interest in item 7. Cllrs Jarrett and Woodruff declared an interest in the planning application at 19 Chevening Road (agenda item 14) and took no part in the vote

### 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 which had been previously agreed by email were signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council as a true record.

### 4 Updates from KCC.

Cllr Chard did not attend the meeting or provide any updates

### 5 Questions from the Public

There were no members of the public present at the meeting

### 6 Open Spaces

#### Open Space Inspection

The Clerk raised the issue of the planters, which are looking untidy at present. The Chairman has arranged for trays of pansies from Coblands, but their advice is not to plant them until it is less wet (end of the month?). In the meantime cutting down the dead bedding plants will look better than what is there now. It was agreed that the Chairman will tidy up the planters on Chipstead Common and in Chevening, Cllr Woodruff will do Chipstead Green and the Square and the Clerk will do Bessels Green and Chesterfield Drive. The Clerk also confirm the Parish Council has 4 salt bins (2 in Chesterfield Drive, 1 in Bessels Way - by Bessels Meadow, and 1 in Bullfinch Close). She confirmed they have all just been refilled in case there is any more cold weather

#### Playground Inspection

There are no reported issues with the playground but it has been very wet which will also have affected the number of children playing there

## **7 Update on Chevening Parkland**

The Chairman gave an update on progress towards the Hearing, which takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am in the District Council Offices at Argyle Road.

There are a number of people who have agreed to speak on their various areas of expertise and interest. We have been informed that the Inspector has asked to visit the House and Grounds and can be accompanied by someone supporting the Appeal and someone opposing it (together with Sean Mitchell as the SDC Planning Officer). A number of members of the public have expressed a wish to attend as observers only. The Clerk is maintaining a list of these to give SDC prior to the meeting to make the Registration process more smooth.

The Chairman is in close contact with Sean Mitchell although Sean's holiday over Christmas and his other work commitments have proved to be a challenge in terms of ascertaining his progress

A question was asked as to whether there is any further appeal after the hearing. A Judicial Review could take place only if it was believed the Inspector had acted in some way improperly, but this would be extremely expensive.

## **8 Finance**

The 2023/4 budget was unanimously resolved and the precept set at £70,000. The Clerk will advise SDC accordingly

## **9 Standing Documents**

The Annual Statement of Internal Control and Financial Regulations were reviewed by the Council and unanimously approved.

## **10 Q3 Financial Review**

Cllr Eastwood presented the Q3 Financial Review. He confirmed that there were no issues to report and the Council was on track to come in under budget.

## **11 Correspondence Received and General Issues**

### **Plans for Parish Council Archive**

The Clerk confirmed she had removed all the records from Dr Drapers home that she thought were relevant and useful to the Council. However she requested someone attend=s there with her to check where there is anything else which may be useful. Cllr Weavers suggested cotacting Marcia Barton to see if she would be interested in helping. Cllr Clark suggested employing a firm to digitise the paoer records so they could be put online and accessed by word search

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

Cllr London requested the Council debate the need for a crossing at Bessels Green at the next meeting and this was agreed by all Councillors present

## **13 Finance**

**Income Received and Cheques Payable** see appendix A

## **14 Planning Applications**

Applications for consideration by the Council and SDC Planning Decisions See appendix B

**The meeting closed at 20.50**

## Payments and Receipts for December

	Opening Balance	£76,628.18
06/12/2022	FASTER PAYMENTS RECEIPT REF.RAYNER FEE 19694 FROM CLEVERLY LTD	£110.00
07/12/2022	FASTER PAYMENTS RECEIPT REF.BOAKES E5 FROM BOAKES A D & J B	£145.00
05/12/2022	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO GOCARDLESS REF KENTCABLES-77MEMBH, MANDATE NO 0008	£30.00
08/12/2022	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO EDF ENERGY REF 673109647889, MANDATE NO 0009	£11.00
11/12/2022	CHARGES FROM 2022-10-22 TO 2022-11-21	£7.50
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO SEVENOKS DISTRICT COUNCIL REFERENCE 277570	£862.68
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2696	£828.00
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER	£32.31
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER	£1,225.73
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2695	£355.20
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO HMRC REFERENCE 577PV00161414	£446.40
14/12/2022	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2694	£1,683.60
28/12/2022	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO SOUTHERN ELECTRIC REF 910036741, MANDATE NO 0005	£152.97
28/12/2022	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO VEOLIA ES UK LTD REF 04937801, MANDATE NO 0010	£25.85
	Closing Balance	£71,221.94

**Payments resolved for January**

1060	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Open Spaces Maintenance	£1,403.00	£280.60	£1,683.60
1061	HMRC	Tax & NI	£446.40		£446.40
1062	J Hayton	Salary	£1,225.73		£1,225.73
1063	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Gang Mowing	£296.00	£59.20	£355.20
1064	J Hayton	Phone & sim cards salt for bins	£96.31		£96.31

## Planning Applications

### Planning Applications for Consideration at the Meeting

22/03231/FUL	Land North Of Chipstead Lake Chevening Road Chipstead Kent TN13 2SA	Erection of greenhouses, warehouses and storage areas, with solar panels on the roof.	The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of:- Over development of the Green Belt Significant traffic flow issues Vulnerable traffic and road pinch points with poor visibility (especially with morning employee arrival and school traffic potentially coinciding) Concerns of Industrial use on residential roads Additional parking requirements will further destroy AONB and Green belt	12/01/2023	Jamie
22/03425/HOUSE 22/03426/LBCALT	17 Chevening Road Chipstead Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2RY	Internal alterations. Addition of under stairs cloakroom on ground floor. Removal and reposition of partition stud wall on first floor. Reposition of Bathroom on first floor	No objection. (Cllrs Woodruff and Jarrett declared an interest and took no part in the decision)	16/01/2023	Jason
<b>Planning Decisions</b>					
22/02654/FUL	Timbers Wheatsheaf Hill Goathurst Common Ide Hill Sevenoaks Kent	Proposed replacement of existing bungalow with a four bedroom dwelling house with solar panels on roof.	No objection	Nigel	<b>Refused</b>
22/02333/OUT	Land South East Of Riverhead Infants School Cold Arbor Road Sevenoaks Kent	Outline application to erect five detached dwelling houses with some matters reserved.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current PROW application (awaiting decision)</li> <li>• Dangerous access road with limited sight lines</li> <li>• Loss of pedestrian route on a very dangerous road</li> <li>• Environmental impact</li> <li>• Unnecessary Greenbelt Development. No evidence of exceptional circumstances being met</li> <li>• Dubious claim that all Brownfield sites are exhausted</li> </ul>	Nick	<b>Refused</b>