



# Chevening Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 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 Jarrett	Councillor
	Ms J Nielsen	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Cllr M Alger	SDC
	Cllr S Robinson	SDC
	Members of the Public	3
Apologies	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr J London	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor

## **82 Apologies and Absences**

Apologies were received from Cllr Eastwood, Cllr London and Cllr Weavers and duly accepted by the Chairman

## **83 Declarations of interest or lobbying**

There were no declarations of interest or lobbying regarding items on this agenda

## **84 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Annual meeting on 13th May 2024 which had previously been agreed by email were formally resolved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **85 Updates from KCC.**

Cllr Chard did not attend the meeting which was disappointing as two members of the Public had questions for him. The Chairman undertook to get information from KCC Officers on the crossing at Bessels Green (see item 87)

## **86 Updates from SDC**

Cllr Robinson had shared her extensive response to KCC concerning Covers Farm with the Council. She also stated that the reason the traffic order making Chipstead Lane Riverhead access only was rescinded was because the tool they were using to introduce the TRO would not have stood up to legal scrutiny.

Cllr Alger updated on the Leisure Centre procurement process which is underway.

Cllr Alger mentioned she was very concerned last weekend at Chipstead Sailing Club because there were 3 or 4 adults openly sniffing nitrous oxide and they had 3 very small children with them who were playing on the jetty. Members of the Sailing Club had asked them to leave but they did not and no further action was taken. The Chairman confirmed that with the approaching

summer it is always a huge concern with young people accessing the lake – but this example is very concerning given there were toddlers with them.

### **87 Questions from the Public**

A member of the Public asked for an update on the crossing at Bessels Green. Unfortunately there had been no response to her emails from Cllr Chard. It was pointed out this initiative was not one started by the Parish Council (it was being driven by the 3 previous District Councillors). The Parish Council had been asked originally to support it and would do so if the result of the consultation confirmed public support for the proposal (Minute 22 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 “[The Council voted unanimously to support the proposal subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the public consultation as to the location of the proposed crossing](#)”)

A member of the public raised the undergrowth on Homedean Road between Rookdean and opposite the Parish Hall. The weeds are now growing out so far that cars are moving across into the opposite lane of traffic

A member of the public came to express concerns about the planning application to make a driveway and dropped kerb on Chevening Road. The Parish Council has objected to the application and the clerk explained the process concerning calling planning applications to DMC. The District Councillors are approached by the Planning Officers and they then ask the Parish Council if they want to take the application to DMC. The Parish Council may wish to do so providing a neighbour is also willing to state their objections. The Parish is not notified directly by the Officers.

A member of the public asked about the bins on Chipstead Common This is covered under agenda item 91

### **88 Open Spaces**

#### *Open Space Inspection*

#### ***Crowns of Trees on Bessels Green and Chipstead Common***

The Council debated raising the crowns of the trees in Bessels Green and Chipstead Common as in both areas the foliage is so low it is impossible to see beyond them and resolved to accept the quote obtained

#### ***Football Coach using the Rec***

Following reports of a Football Coach setting up on the Rec on a Saturday the Parish Council resolved that this should not be allowed as the space is already used by our two sports teams and they pay to hire the Recreation Ground.

#### ***Planters***

The Council is awaiting a quote from CJS Plants for maintain the planters. The Clerk mentioned that a resident of The Old Carriageway suggested that each road could adopt a planter and maintain them. The Council felt that although this was an excellent suggestion, the enthusiasm for such things tends to diminish with time and therefore it is better to have a company doing it consistently and properly

#### ***Comments about the Burial Ground***

The Clerk had received two complaints. 1 That strimming hadn't been done and 2 that grass cuttings from strimming had been left all over graves. The Clerk highlighted a number of graves which had been planted but are now overrun with weeds which although the grass has been cut makes the whole area look untidy. The Contractors will not strim or weedkill those graves without the instruction from the Parish Council as they have been accused in the past of destroying expensive plants. The Council resolved that the Contractors should tidy the particularly overgrown graves

#### ***Playground Inspection***

There are no reported issues with the playground. The Annual Inspection takes place in July

### **89 Request from Chipstead Football Club to allow ground sharing on Chipstead Common**

Chipstead FC would like to offer Chipstead Common to either Sevenoaks Town or Otford FC as Chipstead do not have a team to use it at present. Cllr Jarrett confirmed he knew the Chairs of both Clubs and that he was confident they would abide by any restriction we may put in place.

The Council reaffirmed it's support for children playing sport and unanimously agreed to allow it on Sunday mornings and obtain permission for any ad hoc training sessions as happens with Chipstead at the moment

#### **90 Potential costs of vertidrainng on Chipstead Rec.**

The Clerk had obtained a quote for vertidrainng and fertilizer. The Council resolved to look at vertidrainng the main pitch only and applying sand to that area and the clerk will obtain a price for that

#### **91 New bins on Chipstead Common**

The cost from SDC of a replacement bin (same size as existing) with animal proof flaps will be £400.00 A larger plastic Litter bin without animal proof flaps is £500.00 . SDC will also charge £150 to install, remove or move an existing bin. Cllr Alger mentioned there were dual bins at both Greatness and Brasted which looked attractive and have recycling and general waste. The clerk will investigate costings for those before the next meeting. In the meantime the Council resolved to have the bin near the Football Hut moved to the dog waste bin as it is a much more prominent location

#### **92 Update from KCC Highways on HIP and proposed responses**

Following correspondence from KCC Highways the Clerk prepared a response to the HIP update. The Council agreed the responses as there was no progress being made and not hidden by the trees

#### **93 Update from Beat PC Wilson on questions raised**

The response from the Beat PC was very generic and did not address the concerns raised by residents concerning the type of burglary and whether it is now a general trend or whether it is unique to the burglaries in Chipstead. He was unable to give any insight – apart from they are under investigation

#### **94 Correspondence Received and General Issues**

##### ***Beacon Lighting on 6<sup>th</sup> June***

Music has been arranged to play on the Bricks patio. Cllr Nielsen asked for the National Anthem to be played. The Red Pizza Van and Andy Hogg were unavailable to offer food but the Chair will ask the Bricklayers Arms if they would do a bbq

##### ***VE-Day Anniversary – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025.***

The Council debated what type of event to commemorate 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day. It was felt that the D-Day Commemoration would be the last one to utilise a beacon, and the VE Day event is much more of a celebration and therefore a Parish Picnic/Party on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May would be a suitable event to hold. The Clerk will put on the agenda to ensure everything is covered and booked early

##### ***Sailing Club Road***

A parishioner had asked whether the woodland walk in Sailing Club Road where the pathways are overgrown could be strimmed. The Clerk will ask the contractors to do it when they do their monthly strim

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

There was nothing raised.

#### **96 Finance Income Received and Cheques Payable**

The payments for June were resolved and authorised by the Chairman and Cllr Eastwood (online) and the Payments and Receipts for May were reviewed with no issues raised (appendix 1)

#### **97 Planning Applications**

Applications for consideration by the Council

The Tile House Bessels Green Road Bessels Green Kent TN13 2PS – No objection

Packhorse Cottage Packhorse Road Bessels Green Kent TN13 2QP – No objection

Vessels Bessels Green Road Bessels Green Kent TN13 2PT – No objection

The Applications granted or refused were reviewed and are in appendix 2

Payments and Receipts for May

	Unity Current Account	
	Opening Balance	£203.81
10-May-24	Transfer from 20493587	£8,100.00
13-May-24	Oliver Hoad	-£130.00
13-May-24	Edward Sargent	-£98.08
13-May-24	Julia Chamberlain	-£175.00
13-May-24	JRB Enterprise Ltd	-£400.50
13-May-24	DRM Trees	-£660.00
13-May-24	Zurich	-£2,113.62
13-May-24	Judith Hayton	-£454.16
13-May-24	MDH Horticultural	-£386.10
13-May-24	Judith Hayton	-£1,207.71
13-May-24	HMRC	-£692.14
13-May-24	MDH Horticultural	-£1,830.07
	Closing Balance	£56.43
	Santander Account Opening Balance	£52,217.98
07/05/2024	Jezzard Grave No 443	£400.00
08/05/2024	Chipsteadfc-Cleaning Bill	£180.00
07/05/2024	Kentcables Mandate No 0008	£30.00
11/05/2024	Bank Charges From 2024-03-22 To 2024-04-21	£7.50
15/05/2024	Octopus Energy Mandate No 0012	£69.84
17/05/2024	Castle Water Ltd Ref 546134, Mandate No 0011	£6.06
24/05/2024	Cheque no 022156 To Unity Account	£30,000.00
24/05/2024	Valda Energy Mandate No 0014	£9.32
28/05/2024	Veolia Es Uk Ltd Mandate No 0010	£34.54
	Closing Balance	£22,640.72

Unity Payments

1242	MDH Horticultural Services	Open Spaces	£1,671.47	£334.29	£2,005.76
1243	HMRC	Tax & NI	£819.40		£819.40
1244	J Hayton	Salary	£1,080.45		£1,080.45
1245	MDH Horticultural Services	Gang mowing	£352.64	£70.53	£423.17
1246	J Hayton	Expenses	£136.15		£136.15
1247	Musketeer Services	Water testing at the Pavilion	£158.00	£31.60	£189.60
1248	DRM Trees	Fallen trees in Allbrook from Sailing Club Road	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
1249	SDC	Annual Report Printing	£195.00		£195.00

**Planning Applications for Consideration at the Meeting**

24/01127/LBCALT	Vessels Bessels Green Road Bessels Green Kent TN13 2PT	Repairing and reinstatement of a listed boundary wall for like for like basis.		Val	
24/01206/HOUSE	The Tile House Bessels Green Road Bessels Green Kent TN13 2PS	Single storey rear extension, loft dormer extensions, first floor extension and two storey front extension		James	
24/01239/HOUSE	Packhorse Cottage Packhorse Road Bessels Green Kent TN13 2QP	Proposed demolition of existing detached garage with construction of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension with link section from main dwelling. Roof and fenestration alterations		Nigel	

**Planning Decisions**

24/00549/HOUSE	3 Springshaw Close Bessels Green Kent TN13 2QE	Single and 2 storey extensions to the rear of the property. First floor front extension.	No objection	Allan	<b>Granted</b>
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