



# Chevening Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 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 J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Ms J Nielsen	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Cllr N Chard	KCC
	Cllr S Robinson	SDC
	Members of the Public	0
Apologies	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J London	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Cllr M Alger	SDC

## **151 Apologies and Absences**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs London; De Turberville & Weavers and were duly accepted by the Chairman. Cllr Alger from SDC also sent her apologies

## **152 Declarations of interest or lobbying**

There were no declarations of interests or lobbying regarding items on this agenda that have not been notified previously

## **153 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 previously agreed by email were formally resolved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record

## **154 Updates from KCC.**

Cllr Chard was not present at the meeting, Cllr Williams advised Cllr Chard had agreed to fund 2 traffic surveys concerning the Bessels Green crossing. Cllr Robinson advised she had spoken with traffic consultants who believe as it is a busy A road people are less likely to cross and therefore the perceived demand as measured by KCC may be understated

## **155 Updates from SDC**

Cllr Robinson stated the District Council has 2 statutory duties, to provide housing and to collect waste. SDC spend £1.2m on housing (temporary housing no actual purchase of housing stock) and over £4m on waste collection which includes the projected savings on recycling bags. Consultation has just been launched on glass and food recycling

## **156 Questions from the Public**

There were no members of the public in attendance

## **157 Open Spaces**

### **a Open Space Inspection**

Planters – Cllrs Nielsen and Woodruff will visit Coblands to order polyanthus and bulbs for the planters and prepare them for winter

### **b Playground Inspection**

There are no reported issues with the playground. Part of the budgeted spend for next year is to repaint the equipment and refurbish the protective ground surface

## **158 2025-6 Draft Budget**

Cllr Eastwood presented the draft budget for 2025-. He outlined that costs had been increased by 5%, the Clerk's pay increase for 2023-4 has now been agreed and he will detail at the next meeting. He recommended a precept of £75,000. Any comments on the budget should be submitted by end November and the final budget will be resolved in January. The clerk had submitted some ideas for increasing parking, which could utilise part of the beautification budget. The Council resolved not to proceed until the working party chaired by Cllr London had concluded its recommendations

## **159 VE Day Celebrations update**

The marquee has been booked. Tables are available and it was agreed to hire 60 of them and sell them at £10 a table. Batch 18 and Big Red Pizza van are confirmed. Ian Fox is booked. Awaiting response from Pirouni and Eynsford Band.

## **160 Response to SDC consultation on Review of polling districts and polling places and polling stations**

The Council did not wish to respond to the consultation and resolved to wait and see what the outcome was

## **161 HIP**

It was resolved to include all current items on the HIP – with the Council's no 1 priority being Chevening Crossroads. The crossing at Bessels Green is not a HIP item as this was an SDC initiative and now being taken forward by KCC

## **162 Correspondence Received and General Issues**

### **a Football being played in Bullfinch Close**

A Parishioner had commented that football was being played by young children on Bullfinch Close green (owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to contact the Parishioner to see if she had any suggestions as to what the Council might do to stop cars being hit by balls

### **b Update from the Bricklayers Arms**

Work should begin shortly on the bin store to make it more hygienic and easier to keep clean. There has been no further developments concerning the B&B proposal

### **c Request for donation from Victim Support**

The Council resolved a donation of £100

### **d Worm Treatment on Chipstead Rec – alternative treatment has been suggested**

The Council do not want to control the worms. There are perfectly safe products which could be applied which drive the worms deeper into the soil. It was noted that after play on the Recreation Ground the quadraplay machine used to be used to aerate the pitch and removed the worm casts. This does not appear to be being done by the current groundsman

### **e Request for £100 from Rotary Club to "rewild" Cheshire Home**

The Rotary Club requests funds to help to rewild areas of the Cheshire Home garden. The Council resolved to give £100 towards their efforts

***f* Gazebo for Remembrance Sunday**

The Rector had asked whether a gazebo might be available in case of bad weather on Remembrance Sunday. Unfortunately the council does not own one and would be concerned as to how to secure it by the War Memorial

**163 There were no proposals for Future Agenda Items**

**164 Finance**

The payments for November and the Payments and Receipts for October reviewed

**165 Planning Applications**

There were no Applications for consideration by the Council

The Council debated whether to call in 28 Bullfinch Close which was an MMA which changed the roofline of the proposed development. The Council had objected to the original development and to the MMA but felt it would be highly unlikely to win the objection at DMC and would not therefore take it further

**The meeting closed at 21.00**

## Payments and Receipts for October

03 October 2024	Hmrc Vtr, Xwv126000106443	£2,866.13
08 October 2024	CHEVENING AMBLERS	£2,650.00
14 October 2024	Chipstead fc	£160.00
20 October 2024	Chevening Amblers	£1,033.34
01 October 2024	Sse Energy Supply	£737.43
01 October 2024	Gocardless Ref Kentcables-	£30.00
08 October 2024	DRM Trees	£300.00
08 October 2024	Mazars	£504.00
08 October 2024	MDH Horticultural	£398.46
08 October 2024	Window Cleaner	£30.00
08 October 2024	KCPFA	£20.00
08 October 2024	HMRC	£819.40
08 October 2024	Judith Hayton	£1,080.45
08 October 2024	Vicky - Cleaning	£50.00
08 October 2024	SDC	£834.60
08 October 2024	Spectulise	£360.00
08 October 2024	Judith Hayton	£344.86
08 October 2024	JGC Sportsturf	£1,040.00
08 October 2024	MDH Horticultural	£1,888.63
	Charges From 2024-08-22 To 2024-09-	
11 October 2024	21	£7.50
15 October 2024	Octopus Energy Ref	£58.68
21 October 2024	Castle Water Ltd	£6.06
24 October 2024	Valda Energy Limit	£10.07
28 October 2024	Veolia Uk Ltd Ref 04937801,	£51.80

Payments to be made in November

1303	MDH Horticultural Services	Open Spaces	£1,573.86	£314.77	£1,888.63
1304	HMRC	Tax & NI	£819.40		£819.40
1305	J Hayton	Salary	£1,080.45		£1,080.45
1306	MDH Horticultural Services	Gang mowing	£332.05	£66.41	£398.46
1307	J Hayton	Expenses	£418.59		£418.59
1308	JGC Sportsturf	Vertidrainning and sand dressing	£3,000.00	£600.00	£3,600.00
1309	JGC Sportsturf	Cricket Square	£866.67	£173.33	£1,040.00
					<b>£9,245.53</b>

**Planning  
Decisions**

24/02181/HOUSE	196 Chesterfield Drive Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2EH	Demolition of side extension and rear conservatory, to be replaced with a two-storey side and front extension and a single-storey flat roofed rear extension with rooflights. Changes to fenestration. Changes to off-road parking and landscaping.	No objection	John E	<b>Granted</b>
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