



Chevening Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Chipstead Recreation Ground Chevening Road Chipstead TN13 2SA.

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chairman
	Mr J Firmager	Vice – Chair
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Jarrett	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Ms M Alger	SDC
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Members of the Public	3
Apologies	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Ms S Robinson	SDC

79 Apologies and Absences

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Eastwood and duly accepted by the Chairman. Cllr Robinson from SDC also sent her apologies

80 Declarations of interest or lobbying

There were no declarations any interests or lobbying regarding items on this agenda

81 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 9th May 2023 previously agreed by email were resolved by the Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record

82 Updates from KCC.

Cllr Chard did not attend the meeting

83 Updates from SDC

Councillor Alger updated the Council and the members of the public present as to the key roles in SDC following the elections in May, including Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder positions for cabinet. There were no specific questions from the public for Cllr Alger

84 Questions from the Public

A member of the public expressed disappointment that Cllr Chard was not present as his question related to KCC Highways. He requested that KCC consider putting width restrictions near Rivermere to discourage the HGVs which ignore the width restriction signs and continue to try and come through Chipstead. He confirmed that an HGV had gone through Chipstead around 5 a.m. that day. The Chairman confirmed that in his SDC capacity he sits on the JTB (Joint Transportation Board) and he would raise and progress it through that meeting

85 Open Spaces

The Council discuss recent correspondence from a Parishioner concerned about the state of Sailing Club Road. The Clerk confirmed there are issues with all the “popular” rubbish bins (Bessels Green, Chipstead Common Chipstead Green and Sailing Club Road) as she regularly picks up rubbish to put back into the very full bins. The rubbish is pulled out by birds &/or foxes overnight as it is a regular occurrence on Friday and Monday morning. The bins are emptied Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Council debated whether there was anything more which could be done and regrettably there is little as the incidents are not in CCTV range and there is no desire for lighting down there to act as a deterrent

a) Open Space Inspection

Cllr Jarrett commented that 2 posts on Chipstead Common had been knocked, presumably by cars parked there and were no longer upright

Cllr Jarrett also asked about the sign at the Recreation ground warning that there were rats in some nearby houses. The Clerk confirmed that an email had been received signed off by the residents of the houses in question to warn of the potential infection risk for children playing in the stream. The Council agreed that unfortunately, wherever you live rats are very close by

Cllr Alger asked whether the Parish Council could cut the hedge on Chipstead Green as this was obscuring the view of the lake from the green. It was confirmed the hedge concerned is not on Parish Council land but the Clerk will enquire of the Angling Club whether they will allow the hedge to be trimmed

b) Playground Inspection

There are no reported issues with the Playground. The Annual Safety inspection takes place in July

86 Postal Services

Cllr de Turberville & Cllr Eastwood raised concerns the Post Office is failing in it's Universal Service Obligation and Parishioners have reported almost missing important appointments notified by post because of the sporadic nature of the deliveries. The Council agreed this was a nationwide issue but the Chairman will raise the matter with Laura Trott so that she can escalate the problem with her Parliamentary colleagues.

87 Concern raised about a tree in Sailing Club Road and reeds in the river

A resident had expressed concerns about a large alder tree in Sailing Club Road and the amount of reeds in the Parish Council side of the river. The Clerk confirmed she had had an inspection carried out on the tree as the Parishioner was concerned the tree was leaning further and further towards their property. The Inspection did not find there were any issues with the tree

The Clerk stated that Holmesdale Anglers had been very helpful over the past few weeks and months over a number of issues. Under a previous Chair and during lockdown the relationship was more strained but the Clerk advised they have helped with both offering to inspect the Council's stretch of the river and report back, and also promising to deal with the knotweed, which is present on Council land overlooking the lake at Chesterfield Drive once again.

Once the report from the Anglers has been received (with recommendations) the Clerk will share with the Council and subject to actions agreed with the Parishioner concerned

88 Proposed 40th Birthday party on Chipstead Green

The Applicant withdrew the request after the agenda was published but before the meeting because of her concerns about upsetting the neighbours. The item was not debated.

89 Bus shelter on Chipstead Lane

The Council debated whether to move the bus shelter on Chipstead Lane to Chipstead Corner but decided to leave the existing shelter in place and look to source a new shelter. The Clerk was instructed to enquire whether grants were available from KCC and to look for alternative suppliers to get price comparisons for the next meeting

90 Posts on Chipstead Green.

The posts on Chipstead Green are very old and irregular and the Council instructed the Clerk to price replacing the posts given that the presence of the planters means there are less needed to protect the Green from any incursion

91 Correspondence Received and General Issues

The Council discussed the Annual Parish picnic. The proposal is to hold around end June (mid summer) from 2024 onwards. The Council debated having tables to hire and a marquee. It was felt that should it be raining people simply would not come but that having table is a good idea.

92 General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items

There were no identified future agenda items

93 Finance

The payments for June were resolved and the Payments and Receipts for May reviewed

94 Planning Applications

Applications for consideration by the Council

3 Nursery Place Chipstead Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2RH – No objection

Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent The Chairman will compose a response

Russetts Chipstead Lane Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2AJ – No objection

Applications granted or refused – for review

The meeting closed at 20.25

Payments and Receipts for May

	Opening Balance	£87,420.98
05/05/2023	SCORBIN- MEM BENCH FROM CORBIN SUSAN	£450.00
10/05/2023	STREET PARTY FROM HAYTON RJ+JS 1704	£450.00
10/05/2023	CHIPSTEADFC-PITCH FROM CHIP FC	£564.27
17/05/2023	WELHAMJON BANFIELD FROM WELH FUNERAL	£220.00
04/05/2023	GOCARDLESS REF KENTCABLES-77MEMBH, MANDATE NO 0008	£30.00
09/05/2023	EDF ENERGY REF 673109647889, MANDATE NO 0009	£11.00
11/05/2023	CHARGES FROM 2023-03-22 TO 2023-04-21	£7.50
16/05/2023	AG PARR REFERENCE TRANSFER	£130.00
16/05/2023	JATI LTD REFERENCE R205166	£530.00
16/05/2023	J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER	£112.08
16/05/2023	RIALTAS REFERENCE SM28092	£180.33
16/05/2023	DEFIB4LIFE REFERENCE CHEVENING PC	£94.80
16/05/2023	JULIA CHAMBERLAIN REFERENCE CHEVENING	£160.00
16/05/2023	DRM TREES REFERENCE CPCO42	£360.00
16/05/2023	SEVENOAKS DISTRICT COUNCIL REFERENCE 2080921	£150.00
16/05/2023	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2785	£312.00
16/05/2023	J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER	£374.40
16/05/2023	J HAYTON REFERENCE SALARY	£1,142.13
16/05/2023	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2782	£355.20
16/05/2023	HMRC REFERENCE 577PV00161414	£530.00
16/05/2023	MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 2781	£1,683.60
18/05/2023	OCTOPUS ENERGY REF A-E621DDFB-001, MANDATE NO 0012	£201.16
26/05/2023	SOUTHERN ELECTRIC REF 910036741, MANDATE NO 0005	£356.30
30/05/2023	VEOLIA ES UK LTD REF 04937801, MANDATE NO 0010	£32.62
	Closing Balance	£82,352.13

Payments for June

Santander Payments

1113	MDH Horticultural Services	Open Spaces	£1,769.18	£353.84	£2,123.02
1114	HMRC	Tax & NI	£530.00		£530.00
1115	J Hayton	Salary	£1,142.13		£1,142.13
1116	MDH Horticultural Services	Gang mowing	£373.26	£74.65	£447.91
1117	J Hayton	Expenses - Defib cabinet Poo bags	£708.81	£139.57	£848.38
1118	Oasis Landscapes	Chippings on Sailing Club Road	£50.00		£50.00
1119	Zurich Insurance	Insurance premium	£2,090.45		£2,090.45

Planning Applications

Planning Applications for Consideration at the Meeting

23/01306/HOUSE	3 Nursery Place Chipstead Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2RH	2 storey front extension. Dormer on front elevation. 2 storey rear extension. Internal alterations. Alterations to roof. Alterations to fenestration. Chimney. Rooflights.	No objection	Jason
KCC/SE/0495/2018	Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent	Stabilisation and restoration of Covers Farm Quarry using imported engineering materials to restore the site to grassland, including landscape planting and an ecological receptor area together with a temporary road and ancillary buildings	Chairman is composing a response	Allan
23/01187/HOUSE	Russetts Chipstead Lane Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2AJ	Demolition of conservatory. Two storey side, rear and front extensions and alterations. Alterations to roof including conversion of loft into habitable space with rooflights. Alterations to fenestration. Juliet balconies. Associated landscaping	No objection	

Planning Decisions					
23/00809/HOUSE	Park Cottage 16 Westerham Road Bessels Green Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2PU	First floor rear extension to connect existing first floor sections. Ground floor rear single storey extension. New porch. Partial conversion of existing garage outbuilding to habitable annexe. Rooflights. Roof alterations	No objection	Jason	Granted
23/00964/HOUSE / 23/00965/LBCALT	Crown House 7 High Street Chipstead Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2RN	Demolition of existing rear single-storey extension. Construction of new single-storey rear extension with pitched roof. Associated internal alterations and demolition works. Alterations to existing detached garage. Alterations to fenestration. Rooflights. Windows. Steps.	We recognise the heritage significance and sensitivity of this application which appears to have been carefully designed to preserve the character of the building but feel the decision must rightly rest with the experts. However we are concerned that the proposal to convert the detached garage into an open car-port might be out of keeping with the surrounding properties. The neighbour in the adjoining house (The Old Bakery) has objected to the size of the proposed extension believing the side elevation could invade her privacy. She also says that the light from the bedroom could beam across her property - but since no alterations are planned to this area this may not be relevant	Allan	Refused
23/00279/HOUSE	8 Westerham Road Bessels Green Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2PU	To demolish the conservatory and erect single storey side and rear extensions with crown roofs and roof lights.	No objection	John B	Granted