



CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of Chevening Parish Council, held at 7.30pm on Monday 12th January 2018 at the Recreation Ground Pavilion, Chevening Road, Chipstead TN13 2SA

Present:	Mr A Clark	Chairman
	Mr J Branton	Vice Chairman
	Ms R Burgess	Councillor
	Mrs T Dalton	Councillor
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr H Dilley	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mrs B Ide	Councillor
Apologies	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
In Attendance:	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Mr J London	Sevenoaks District Council (from 21.00)
	Members of the Public	15

1. **Apologies and Absences** – Cllr Weavers
2. **Declarations of interest or lobbying** – None
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - The minutes of the meeting on 4-12-17 were agreed and signed by the Chairman
4. **Questions from the Public**
 - a) **Future of the 401 Bus Service** (covered under agenda Item 9)
 - b) **Planning Decisions and the role of the Parish Council** A question was raised concerning how much weight was credited to the PC comments. His concern was that a response of “no comment” implied the Council was not interested. His concern was for an application in High St Chipstead – the Council in August responded with no comment. He objected and the application was refused. A second application has been put in where we responded with no objection providing the issue of light to the neighbours garden was considered. The Parishioner expressed concern that an applicant can appeal up to the Secretary of State to have a planning decision overturned whereas an objecting neighbour cannot appeal further than the District Council. The Chairman confirmed a meeting with the Planners to discuss the PC comments on 2nd February and invited the Member of the Public to attend.
 - c) **Proposal for a Playground on Chipstead Common** The Chairman confirmed that he would take comments from Parishioners only
 - Comment was provided by 3 Parishioners 1 each from Bullfinch Lane, Chipstead Lane and Witches Lane. All stressed the area as being a “natural” playground for children which would not be enhanced by “artificial” play equipment. Concerns about parking, anti social behaviour and the cost of ongoing upkeep and repair were all raised. The fact that the Common is a

Conservation area and widely used for sporting and exercise activities which might be compromised by the siting of a playground.

- A Riverhead parishioner, although not invited to speak, expressed concern that there had been no consultation on the subject.

The Chairman confirmed this was simply a proposal at this stage. He spoke to Riverhead PC to gauge their view on the matter and the matter has not been discussed by the Parish Council in any detail.

5. Open Spaces

- a) **Open Space Inspection** See 10c.
- b) **Playground Inspection** No issues were reported

6. Spending of CIL Money Possible uses for CIL money will be included in the Chairman's Annual letter including what it can and cannot be used for and that it is not designed to be the majority of any funding but viewed as a top up. Item will be on the agenda for February to produce some ideas for inclusion.

7. Footpath on North Side of the Lake Cllr Dilley will write to Mrs Gilbert to ask for a cost for allowing the Parish access to the North Shore.

This is also a subject for the Parish Meeting as to how many people would use such a path and therefore an evaluation of cost/benefit can more accurately be calculated. The subject of the purchase of building plot was also discussed. The owner of a plot on the North Shore had contacted the Council as they have to pay maintenance for roads and verges. The Clerk has confirmed to the enquirer that the Parish Council does not levy such a charge.

8. Data Protection – There are new regulations coming into force in May 2018. Cllr Burgess is the GDPR lead for a major company and has agreed to review what the Council is required to do.

9. Possible removal of 401 bus service A number of residents attended the meeting to express their concerns about the loss of the 401. An email was received from a Parishioner from Go Coach who have confirmed it is only the Sunday Sevenoaks-Tonbridge service which receives a subsidy from KCC and therefore this is the only part of the service which is under threat. Clerk to contact Go Coach (Andy Wells) to ask to be kept advised of what is happening and any future proposed timetable changes.

10. Correspondence Received and General Issues

- a) **Request for a donation from the Samaritans** It was resolved to donate £100
- b) **Parking in Larkfield Road.** Both the Clerk and Cllr de Turbeville are still receiving examples of badly parked cars. As the Council has tried to assist residents in creating a parking scheme and there was insufficient interest from residents there is little more we can do at this time. Residents should give examples of bad parking to the Sevenoaks Chronicle and Chevening News for them to highlight the issue.
- c) **Sailing Club Car Park** The Sailing Club had a working party last weekend where they removed the hedgerow on Parish Council land (not simply any overhang). They also lit fires to dispose of the rubbish which (given the windy conditions) rapidly got out of control and there appeared to be no one in charge and only a small bucket of water to control the fire. Clerk to write to the Sailing Club to register the Council's objection to the lack of fire precautions and the damage to Parish Council property on Parish Council land.

The Sailing Club plan to trim laurel trees in the Car Park on 14th January. Cllr Dilley has agreed to ensure the operation is carried out safely

- d) **Playground tiles** Cllr Dalton reported that the playground tiles will shortly be removed as the wooden background has not weathered well and will be replaced.

11. General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items

- a) War Memorial Cllr de Turbeville is obtaining quotes for restoring the War Memorial. He will ask the companies concerned what they believe is required to be done. The Council can then select the preferred remediation work and all 4 Companies will then be asked to tender for that work

12. Finance

- a) **Income Received and Cheques Payable** –the payments for January were resolved and Payments and Receipts for December reviewed
- b) **Budget for 2018-9** The precept for 2018/9 was resolved at £70,700 (1.7% increase)

13. Planning Applications

- a) Notices received were discussed and the responses are shown below.
- b) Applications Granted or Refused – Circulated for information and Chairman to report

- 14. Resignation of Councillor Dalton** Cllr Dalton tendered her resignation from the Council which was accepted. The Chairman thanked her for her tireless work and confirmed that she has a lasting monument to her time on the Council with the new playground, which she was instrumental in delivering for the Parish

The meeting closed at 21.30pm

Payments & Receipts for December

	Opening Balance		£42,457.43
01/12/2017	FASTER PAYMENTS RECEIPT REF.GORGEOUS ENT.LTD FROM GORGEOUS ENTERPRISES LIMITED	£200.00	
22/12/2017	INTEREST PAID AFTER TAX 0.00 DEDUCTED	£3.34	
29/12/2017	FASTER PAYMENTS RECEIPT REF.WELHAM JONES FROM WELH JON LTD	£415.00	
29/12/2017	BANK GIRO CREDIT REF SDC GENERAL ACCOUN, PRECEPT	£34,697.75	
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO STREETLIGHTS REFERENCE 9194		£117.30
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO SLCC REFERENCE 124251 REF 186410		£36.00
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER		£45.30
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO HDM HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 1189		£280.00
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO HMRC REFERENCE 577PV00161414		£138.26
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO J HAYTON REFERENCE TRANSFER		£1,047.68
05/12/2017	TRANSFER VIA FASTER PAYMENT TO MDH HORTICULTURAL SERVICES REFERENCE 1188		£1,356.96
06/12/2017	PAYMENT BY CHEQUE WITH SERIAL NO 022129		£25.00
07/12/2017	CHARGES FROM 2017-10-22 TO 2017-11-21		£7.50
15/12/2017	DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENT TO E.ON REF 013977153500A, MANDATE NO 0001		£344.41
	Closing Balance		£74,375.11

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Payments to be agreed at the meeting

257	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Open Spaces Maintenance	£1,130.80	226.16	£1,356.96
258	HMRC	Tax & NI	£79.62		£79.62
259	J Hayton	Salary	£1,047.88		£1,047.88
260	MDH Horticultural Services	Monthly Gang Mowing	£233.33	£46.67	£280.00
261	J Hayton	Expenses	£6.00		£44.47
262	Andy Clark	Flowers and Plaque for Planter	£170.86		£170.86
263	Chevening Parish Council	Tfr to Nat West	£30,000.00		£30,000.00
264	Phase Electrical	Electrical Safety Testing and replace 3 emergency lights at the Pavilion	£468.00	£93.60	£561.60
265	VC Handyman	Repair of dog bin on Chipstead Green	£40.00		£40.00
266	SDC	Emptying dog waste bins	£520.00	£104.00	£624.00
267	DRM Trees	Lifting Crowns on Chipstead Common	£325.00		£325.00
			£34,021.49	£470.43	£34,530.39

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Planning Decisions to be taken at the meeting

SE/17/03942/HOUSE	3 Sandilands Sevenoaks Kent TN13 2SP	Demolition of Garage. Erection of a single storey side/part rear extension.	30/12/2017	18/01/2018	No objection provided the applicants adhere to the requirements detailed in the Tree Report	Allan
SE/12/2790/R4	Dunbrik Household Waste Recycling Centre, Main Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 6EP	Details of a dust and odour suppression system pursuant to condition (4) of planning permission SE/12/2790 for a new waste transfer station with replacement Household Waste Recycling Centre	15/12/2017	09/01/2018	Support	Howard
SE/17/03999/HOUSE	10 Springshaw Close, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, TN13 2QE	Erection of a single storey extension to the rear with a roof light	04/01/2018	24/01/2018	Support	John B

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SE/17/03276/HOUSE	Chestnut Cottage, Nightingale Lane, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks TN14 6BW	Installation of tennis court with colour sprayed macadam court 2.7m high green mesh fencing	Support	Allan	Withdrawn
SE/17/03287/HOUSE	3 Chipstead Park Sevenoaks TN13 2SL	Demolition of existing single storey garage & linking structure. Erection of a single storey ancillary accommodation to the side with rooflight. Erection of a two storey infill construction to rear elevation with rooflights	No Comment	Howard	Granted
SE/17/02910/HOUSE	59 High St Chipstead TN13 2RW	Erection of a single storey rear extension, rear dormer and paved area.	No Comment	John B	Granted
SE/17/03472/HOUSE	Bessels House Bessels Green Road Bessels Green TN13 2PS	Erection of a free standing orangery	No objection	Allan	Granted
SE/17/03350/LDCEX	Froghole Farm, Chevening Road Chipstead Kent TN13 2SA	Continuous use of two buildings and land at Froghole Farm for the storage of building materials and plant in connection with the tenants building/landscaping business	The Council cannot evidence the owner has demonstrated use as a Builders Yard and we have evidence from Parishioners that it has been used for purposes other than this during the period	Trish	Granted
SE/17/03340/HOUSE	Two Rivers, Stairfoot Lane, Chipstead, Sevenoaks TN13 2RS	Alteration and repair of stone and brick boundary wall	No objection	John B	Refused
SE/17/03341/LBCALT	Two Rivers, Stairfoot Lane, Chipstead, Sevenoaks TN13 2RS	Alteration and repair of stone and brick boundary wall	No objection	John B	Granted

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SE/17/02527/FUL	Apps Hollow Wheatsheaf Hill Ide Hill Kent TN14 6HX	Demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling, garage shed and wood store. Construction of a replacement single storey dwelling, garage and plant room	This application is for a modest increase in size creating a sustainable home. No one can see it from the road. It is in the middle of the wood. Great care has been taken to include a Bat shoot as there is a ' long Bat survey.	Lela	Granted
SE/17/03280/HOUSE	14 Chesterfield Drive Riverhead TN13 2EG	Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new conservatory. Erection of a two storey side extension, front porch and reconfiguration of window	Support	John E	Granted
Se/17/03544/HOUSE	The Paddock, Packhorse Road, Bessels Green, Sevenoaks. TH13 2QR	Erection of a 3 storey rear extension enlargement of existing porch and partial infill to the front	No objection	Howard	Granted

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