

WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Planning Committee and General purpose Committee meeting
held on Monday 12th February 2024
The Pavilion London Road at 7pm.

Members of the Parish Council:

Cllr Watchorn (Chairman) Cllr I Bosley and Cllr P Bosley Cllr D King Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr P Chalk, Cllr R Seal , Cllr McCarthy, and Cllr Bennett.

1.Apologies for Absence: Cllr Christie and Cllr Gray

2 Declarations of Interest:

3. Plans

SE/24/00114/CONVAR: Millview Mobile Home Park London Road

Variation of condition of 86/01857/HIST (continued use of land for stationing of caravans without complying with condition 1 of TH/5/60/579 restricting the number of caravans on the site) to increase the number of lawful caravans that can be stationed on the site from 24-29. Objection

SE/24/00211/OUT Land East of Chirnside House , London Road

Outline application with some reserve matters except access for 3 serviced plots. Objection

SE/23/03441/FUL: Stacklands Wood School Lane:

Proposed new vehicular access no objection

SE/24/00140/HOUSE: 187 Hever Avenue

Development: Single storey rear extension and new porch to existing dwelling and erection of new boundary wall.no objection

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AGENDA

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4. Footpaths:

Footpath between Vernon Close and Fawkham Road both sides of fences leaning in. Clerk to report to KCC

Correspondence:

Boundary review:

For your information, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) have informed us that they are required to undertake a review of the electoral arrangements for Sevenoaks District Council.

Whilst there is a fairly lengthy timetable to follow, which starts early this year and runs to final proposals in late 2025, I wanted to bring it to your attention before any work begins.

To reassure you, the LGBCE cannot create or abolish town or parish councils as part of their review, nor can they amend the external boundaries of any town or parish. However, parish wards could be created under certain circumstances.

Under the current timetable, there is likely to be a consultation on the District Council's warding patterns from October this year. In advance, the LGBCE will offer a briefing for Town & Parish Councils and will write to you at the start of each consultation stage.

If you would like any further information at this stage, a report has been prepared for the Council's Governance Committee and can be viewed at: <https://cde.sevenoaks.gov.uk/documents/s56214/LGBCE%20Electoral%20Review.pdf?J=2>

In addition, the LGBCE publish guidance for Town & Parish Councils which can be viewed at: <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/84750912/12/> **NOTED**

5. Multi Use Games Area : Gamecock Meadow

Members are asked to consider appointing Surfacing Standard Limited, sports pitch consultants, to complete a condition survey, prepare survey report with recommendations and accurate budget costs for the sum of £975.00 plus VAT.

This company comes by recommendation from the Kent FA. This will give the Council a baseline on which to go forward in respect of funding applications.

The first meeting of the working party has taken place and a survey for members of the local community is being prepared both available online and paper copies to ascertain support/future use commitments for a business plan. A visit is planned to see a recently installed MUGA in Minster and discuss funding opportunities used by that Council. It was proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr McCarthy to commission the survey before moving forward with the project. An Online survey was also going to be circulated to residents and sports groups for their views to help form a business plan. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

6. Affordable housing scheme English Rural - School Lane

Update from English Rural

"We have progressed the S106 with SDC and their legal team however KCC legals are yet to respond on a simple matter and our Solicitor is chasing for an update. We now have the final draft planning conditions from the Planning Officer. We have had to agree to further extensions of time until the 1st February as the S106 is still held up. I suspect there will be yet another EoT request(s) to allow the S106 to be finalised. My director has been liaising with Homes England regarding our grant funding in preparation for a May start on site. The contract with the building contractor is almost ready to be signed, pending issue of planning consent etc." **RECEIVED**

7. Cycle bars

A email had been sent to Cllr Brazier via Laura Trott MP the message is regarding the bike bar in front of the Estate agents in Hever Road. The concern had been raised about it being a trip hazard in the dark. Proposed by Cllr P Bosley and seconded by Cllr Chalk to remove the bars when works take place on the paving. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

8. Library Lease :

Update following meeting with KCC property department regarding the renewal of the library lease. The current rent charges is £2,142 per year. The lease is due for renewal. Cllr P Bosley explained that she had emailed the Parish Council solicitor and awaited their recommendation. **NOTED**

9. Steps Gamecock Meadow

Complaints had been received regarding the steps leading up to Gamecock Meadow from the Village Hall car park. The concerns are Puddle of wate and mud when it rains at the bottom

The holes in the steps are a trip hazard and the handrails are too slippery especially when its wet.

Members are asked to have a look before the meeting. Members had looked at the steps and thought they were fit for purpose and disabled access or those with a pushchair could use the alternative entrance between the bunding. No Further action was required other than to sweep the mud at the bottom of the steps and this would be done when the Village Hall weeding took place. **AGREED**

10. Meetings

Planning and Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 28th February 2024 7.30pm pm at St Edmunds Cantre.

Meetings closed at 9pm