

**WEST KINGSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Planning Committee and General Purpose Committee  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
The Pavilion London Road, West Kingsdown**

Planning Committee

**Members of the Parish Council:**

Cllr Watchorn ( Chairman ) Cllr I Bosley, Cllr Mrs P Bosley Cllr S Gray, Cllr Mrs M Richards, Cllr P Chalk, Cllr R Seal , Cllr R McCarthy, Cllr Mrs V Bennett.

**1.Apologies for Absence:** Cllr King and Cllr Christie

**2 Declarations of Interest:** None declared

Cllr Bennet Arrived 7.10pm Cllr Seal arrived 7.20pm

**3. Plans**

**SE/23/02559/FUL Lime Trees House, London Road**

Proposal Demolition of existing property and garage. Demolition and reconstruction of the store building to form a new dwelling and construction of 3 more detached properties. Associated parking, landscaping with three new access. New low level wall, fence and gates. Objection and comment

**8 In Favour**

**1 Abstention**

**SE/23/02963/OUT Land East Of Chirnside House London Road**

Proposal Outline application for three Self and Custom House building plots with some matters reserved except access .Objection

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**SE/23/02987/HOUSE: 12 Vernon Close**

Erection of a double storey rear extension to include a pitched roof. Objection

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

**APPEALS**

**SE/23/00085/RFPLN Grove Farm The Grove**

Outline application for the demolition/clearance of existing buildings and structures and the erection of up to three single-storey dwellings with all matters reserved except access.

**NOTED**

General Purpose Committee.**Members of the Parish Council:**

Cllr Mrs M Richards ( Chairman ) Cllr I Bosley Cllr Mrs J Watchorn, Cllr S Gray, Cllr Mrs P Bosley, Cllr P Chalk, Cllr Mrs V Bennett, Cllr R Seal, Cllr R McCarthy .

**1.Apologies for Absence:** Cllr King and Cllr Christie

**2 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Seal for items relating to Kingsingfield Road

**3.Correspondence****A. Chimmens Farm Solar Park**

“I am writing on behalf of RES to provide an **update on our proposals for Chimmens Solar Farm on the land located between Horton Kirby and Fawkham.**

As you may be aware, during July we consulted on our preliminary design for solar development, including an exhibition on 10 July 2023, as well as printed information and details on our website: <https://chimmens-solarfarm.co.uk/>. We have reviewed all feedback received during the consultation period and progressed the design of our project. We are now aiming to submit our planning application to Sevenoaks District Council by the end of October 2023.

We will be keeping residents and stakeholders up to date as the application progresses through the planning process and regular updates will be available on our website. “ **RECEIVED**

**B. KCC Cycling and Walking Consultation**

We are consulting on proposals for 30 new and improved walking, wheeling, and cycling routes and zones as part of a countywide Kent Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP).

The feedback we have received so far has been used to help identify and prioritise 15 walking and wheeling zones and 15 cycling routes, which will form the first version of the KCWIP. Feedback on these is essential in helping us finalise the plan.

Visit [kent.gov.uk/KCWIP](http://kent.gov.uk/KCWIP) to view our interactive maps where you can drop a pin and add your comment. You can also find out more about the development of the KCWIP, complete the questionnaire or ask the team a question. The team are also holding three public events in November, details of which are on the website.

The consultation is open until 10 January 2024.I have attached the consultation poster if you would like to share on your parish boards/social media **RECEIVED**

**C. Letter from Mr Vining**

Update for members a response from the Chair was sent to Mr Vining as agreed at the last Parish Council meeting. Following discussion it was noted that Mr Vining’s letter had originally been sent to the District Councillor ( who is also the Clerk ) and that had been forwarded to Chairman due to holidays. All items had been discussed and a letter sent from the Chair to Mr Vining in response and a subsequent letter also sent.

Action 1 - The District Councillor Lynda Harrison would now also write to confirm the actions being taken on his behalf by the District Council also that of Parish Council and Village Hall Committee as land owners to those points 2 and 3 of his letter. **AGREED**

Action 2 One point raised by Mr Vining was safety of the entrance to the Car Park of the Gamecock Meadow, land owned by Parish Council. Cllr Chalk, Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Seal all agreed to meet on site and look at the hedge and entrance. It was noted there was a pedestrian path on the opposite side of the entrance and there was no history of accidents involving pedestrians and cars leaving or entering the site. Members would look at trimming the shrubs back and a small piece of tarmacking at the entrance on the recycling site side and report back to full Council. Cllrs would meet on site Tuesday at 8.45am. **AGREED**

Action 3 – Speed of the vehicles visiting the village hall site using access road – agreed to look at cost of purchasing sign warning drivers that children used the site and play in the area.. A speed limit would not be enforceable. Cllr Richards asked about the stop sign when leaving the access road, Cllr P Bosley replied this was agreed by the village hall whilst they were having other lines painted. **AGREED**

## D. Christmas trees

### Three, FREE ways to dispose of your real Christmas tree

There are lots of options available to recycle your real Christmas tree for free after this year's festivities have ended.

#### **Option 1 – Sevenoaks District Council's Garden Waste collection service (for permit holders only)**

If you hold a Garden Waste collection permit, simply place the tree in or next to your green bin and we'll pick it up on your usual collection days throughout January. We can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter.

#### **Option 2 – Take your tree to a local collection point**

Take your tree to one of the District Council's collection points, at the dates and times listed below, and they will take it off your hands. Sevenoaks District Council can take trees with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5") in diameter. Disposal of Christmas trees SD arrangements

#### **Option 3 – Take your tree to a Household Waste Recycling Site**

Take your tree to one of Kent County Council's Household Waste Recycling Sites (informally known as the tip or the dump). They will take larger trees that are too big for Sevenoaks District Council to collect. Visit [www.kent.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.kent.gov.uk/recycling) or call 03000 41 73 73 to book a slot.

When publication material is received from SDC then the Clerk would advertise in the usual places **NOTED**

## 4. Footpaths

### SD271

Kingsingfield / Rushetts Road Encroachment of footpath SR271a/b Members to discuss proposed Letter from KCC to Residents. Cllr Seal gave an update to Members as he had met with Mr Munn from KCC as a resident of the road. Mr Munn had expressed concerns for one property and Mr Seal was to speak to that resident regarding the removal of some obstructions. It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr P Bosley to hold the letter and await a further update from Mr Seal. Mr Barry made no comments at this time also awaiting the response from Mr Munn.

**ALL IN FAVOUR**

## 5. Gamecock By Laws

Byelaws were made available to all Members and agreed that a set would be laminated and placed on the notice board for all users to see. **AGREED**

## 6. Burial Ground Memorial

An application had been received for a Memorial in the Burial Ground - This application had been submitted previously but included an a headstone in the shape of an angel, and this is not allowed under current rules and regulations. . Further applications have also been declined. The current application has been submitted and has now been altered to keep in line with Rules and Regs but includes a flat scroll on top. The flat stone met the correct sizes but the fixed scroll on top **would** set a precedent. It was proposed by Cllr I Bosley and seconded by Cllr S Gray to approve

this proposed memorial as it was fixed into the flat stone and a permanent fixture and low enough with a lower risk of being damaged. **ALL IN FVAOUR**

### 8. Handy man

Job advert for an odd job/handyman was circulated. This would be a zero-hour contract or self employed basis. Members questioned the pension implications and Cllr Bennett would contact the Clerk with any additional information relating to this. This was agreed and the advert will be Placed in SEKAM in the New Year **AGREED**

Litter picking following the retirement of the litter picker who cleared the rear of the old Co op and the access road at the shops, Pam and Warren Graham the litter pickers for the Recreation Ground, Gamecock, Burial Ground and Millfield Road would do this in addition to their existing work. Cllr McCarthy questioned the use of public funds to clear a privately owned car park. It was explained that the Parish Council had taken the decision for the benefit of the community to keep the space available for car parking and reduce the risk of flytipping, as experience has shown that litter/rubbish attracts further litter/dumping.

The owner had been contacted but had refused to engage in any conversation. Also it is understood that ownership may have changed recently.

### 9. Hever Road - Paving slabs

Quote received to replace the two open squares left as earth following the removal of two trees outside the shops

Dig out two areas where the trees have come out please earth in skip sack. This would be placed at the contractor's garden and not at the shops. Lay a subbase, laying paving slabs on concrete. Cutting of slabs to go against the kerb edge. Pointing of slabs. ( Flagstones can cut slabs to right size. Total quote £1,105

A further quote to be obtained and matter brought back to council for consideration. **AGREED**

### 10. Audit

**Internal Audit** – quarterly internal audit required Cllr Gray to arrange a date with the Clerk for Audit

### 11. Play safe

Report by Safe play have identified some medium risk items on the gym and skatepark and a quote for repairs has been received - This was tabled for discussion. Cllr Seal, Cllr McCarthy and Cllr Chalk to have a site meeting Tuesday @8.45am with the Clerk in attendance to look at the required works **AGREED**

### 12. Meetings

#### November / December dates

**Finance Committee meeting : Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November** : Pavilion London Road 7pm

**Planning and Parish Council meeting : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023** :Main Hall, St Edmunds Centre, School Lane 7.30pm

#### December Meeting – Only one meeting held in December

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Old School Hall at 7.30pm