

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 20 March 2023 at Ide Hill Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Allgood, Baker, Banbrook, Collins, De Bono, Evans (Chair), Fribbens, and Powell.

Apologies: Cllrs Maybury, Jones and Miller

Attendance: 2 members of the public (in part), Cllr Nick Chard (County), Cllr Bonin (District) (in part), Amanda Barlow (Clerk)

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Maybury, Jones and Miller

2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.

None.

3. Report from County & District Councillors

County – Cllr Nick Chard

Covers Farm - The Council is looking for more information around the hydrology of the proposal. The technical responses are taking longer than is desired however the Council want to make sure there is quality of technical expertise.

Average Speed Camera – They were well received and worked; Cllr Chard is pressing to reinstate the cameras on a regular basis.

Highways Manager – Every few months he has drive around and advised if there were any issues to let him know through the Clerk. Members asked why the drains seem to be very noisy very soon after they have been replaced. Cllr Chard has asked for the work to be done to the bollards.

Cllr Chard left the meeting.

District – Cllr Keith Bonin

Cllr Bonin previously circulated his report and copy is attached at Appendix A.

4. A Public Open Session. Members of the public will be welcome to address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have. Please note this item will be limited in time at the discretion of the Chairman.

None

Cllr Bonin left the meeting.

5. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

None.

6. To approve as a correct record the **Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held 20 February 2023

Members resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2023.

7. **To take Matters arising** that are not covered by the Agenda Items below.

6.0 Streetlighting

The Clerk had requested an up to date quote for the repairs to the streetlights at 19 and 22.

8.7.10.3 Stubbs Wood

The work has been completed and the invoice has been settled.

10.3 Grass Cutting

The Clerk has renewed the contract excluding the 2 areas of Ide Hill that are the responsibility of Highways. The Clerk confirmed with the manager that these were not cut in 2022-23 and the Council was not charged for them.

10.4.2 Ide Hill Recreation Ground

The Clerk has asked Tim Saunders to look at the trees and is awaiting his response.

8. **Finance & Personnel items for decision and noting**

8.1 Items, Received Paid and Payable

Members resolved to agree the items received, paid and payable as at Appendix B.

8.2 Grant application from Ide Hill Village Hall

Members resolved to award a grant of £1,300 to Ide Hill Village Hall Trust.

8.3 To appoint the internal auditor

Members resolved to appoint April Skies Accounting as the internal auditor for 2022-23.

8.4 To agree payment or action, as appropriate, of the outstanding water/energy bills.

8.4.1 Ide Hill Public Conveniences – Water

It was agreed that Cllr Fribbens would review the bills and the Clerk would give him access to the on line account.

8.4.2 Sundridge Village Hall – Gas and Electricity

It was agreed to settle the outstanding bills.

9. **Items for discussion and noting, decision (if appropriate) and allocation of resources (if appropriate)**

9.1 Sundridge Recreation Ground

9.1.1 Pavilion

Members noted the work had been completed.

9.1.2 Electrical work

Members resolved to undertake the electrical work at a cost of £2,550.00

9.1.3 Complaint

Members noted the concern of the resident but it was impossible to stop cars parking along the road as there are no parking restrictions. However it was agreed that Members would discuss with the football clubs ways in which to ease the congestion in the car park and limit the parking on the road.

9.2 Sundridge and Brasted Social Club

9.2.1 Terms of Lease

9.3 Communications/Events

9.3.1 Local Elections – May 4 2023 Noted.

9.3.2 Coronation of HM The King – May 6 2023 Both Ide and Sundridge have organised street parties and the appropriate road closures have been applied for and received. There is a total budget of £2,000 in the 2023-24 budget.

9.3.3 Annual Parish Meeting The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 22 May 2023 at Sundridge Village Hall. It was agreed that it would be an informal meeting and a chance for residents to meet the new Members.

9.4 Correspondence

9.4.1 To note general correspondence. Noted at Appendix C.

10. Date of next meetings

Full Council Meeting	Monday 17 April 2023 at 7.30pm at Sundridge Village Hall
Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting	Monday 24 April 2023 at 7.30pm at Sundridge Village Hall
Full Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting (new Council)	Monday 15 May 2023 at 7.30pm at Sundridge Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting	Monday 22 May 2023 at 7.00pm at Sundridge Village Hall

Appendix A

Cllr Keith Bonin

Report to Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

20 March 2023

Planning:

Phone Mast (23/00321/TELNOT)

The application for permitted development rights to construct a phone mast in Stubbs Hill car park has been withdrawn.

I will keep a watch out for any new application.

I have been informed that the Ide Hill Society, at their recent AGM, came to the majority view that all applications for phone masts should be objected to in an AONB, regardless of their design.

Chevening Mounds

The Council refused this proposal to construct mounds through the importation of 750,000m² of soil, as it considered this to be inappropriate development within the Green Belt.

Unfortunately, the Planning Inspector concluded that the proposed development did not constitute inappropriate development within the Green Belt and that it enhanced the beneficial use of the area by providing greater access to recreation and biodiversity.

The Inspector came to the view that other issues raised by Cllr Evans, Cllr Williams, me, and members of the public about impacts upon Heritage, AONB, Highway Safety, Ecology, loss of agricultural land, residential amenity and use of imported material were either outweighed by the benefits of the proposal or agreed with development plan policies.

This is a regrettable outcome.

The only bright side is planning condition number 11: "No HGV traffic associated with the construction works shall travel between Chevening Cross and the site access along the B2211 Sundridge Road." This means that HGV traffic related to this development will not be permitted to travel through Sundridge village.

Sevenoaks District Council News:

Sevenoaks Leisure Centre

Sencio which operates the Sevenoaks & Edenbridge Leisure Centres & Lullingstone Park golf course has called in an insolvency firm.

The decision happened suddenly as Sencio realised it could no longer meet its financial liabilities. Sencio had now closed the facilities with immediate effect.

We appreciate this must be an anxious time for Sencio staff, customers and suppliers.

It is disappointing that Sencio finds itself in this position, despite receiving close to £1.4 million of public money, including £411,000 from the Council to help support business recovery.

As recently as January 2023, Sencio told the Council that they had weathered the recent economic challenges and were looking to the future. Unfortunately, it would seem that recent economic challenges, including increased energy costs, have overwhelmed the trust.

The Council's priority will be to work with the insolvency practitioner so that once permitted, the leisure centres and golf course can be reopened as soon as possible.

With kind regards,

Keith

Appendix B

Items Received 21 February to 20 March 2023

20 March 2023 (2022-2023)

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council
RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
80	HMRC	22/02/2023		VAT refund	HMRC	X	7,157.44		7,157.44
81	HMRC	23/02/2023		VAT refund	HMRC	X	7,865.56		7,865.56
75	Income Wood	24/02/2023		Dance hall hire	Mr & Mrs Wood	X	24.00		24.00
82	Income General	01/03/2023		Stubbs Wood Coppice agr	Cornish Forestry Product	X	1,200.00		1,200.00
76	Income Wood	03/03/2023		Dance hall hire	Mr & Mrs Wood	X	24.00		24.00
78	Income Wood	10/03/2023		Dance hall hire	Mr & Mrs Wood	X	24.00		24.00
83	Income Casual	13/03/2023		Village Hall Hire	Sandra Broad	X	175.00		175.00
79	Income Wood	17/03/2023		Dance hall hire	Mr & Mrs Wood	X	24.00		24.00
85	Income Pilates	17/03/2023		Village Hall Hire Pilates	Teresa Baker	X	372.00		372.00
84	Income Boogie Bounce	20/03/2023		Boogie Bounce Hall Hire	Eve-Boogie Bounce	X	252.00		252.00
Total							17,118.00		17,118.00

Items Paid 21 February to 20 March 2023

20 March 2023 (2022-2023)

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
250	Parish Zoom account	13/03/2023	Zoom	Mrs A C Barlow	S	11.99	2.40	14.39
254	Running Costs	13/03/2023	Barrier Repair	Flash Mobile Welding Sei	S	975.00	195.00	1,170.00
256	Conveniences supplies	13/03/2023	Public Convenience Suppli	Goldservice	S	73.99	14.80	88.79
257	Pavilion Maintenance	13/03/2023	New Boiler for Pavilion	Gas Safe Solutions	S	2,887.00	577.40	3,464.40
259	Renovations	13/03/2023	Fire Door	Akrom Construction Limit	S	416.67	83.33	500.00
255	Hedges	13/03/2023	Ide Hill Hedge Cutting	Paul Scott Farm Contract	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
251	Parish WiFi (Clerk)	13/03/2023	WiFi	Mrs A C Barlow	X	10.00		10.00
252	Parish mobile telephone	13/03/2023	Mobile	Mrs A C Barlow	X	19.00		19.00
258	Playground maintenance	13/03/2023	Repair of Play equipment	Banbrook Handyman and	X	75.00		75.00
260	Pavilion Maintenance	13/03/2023	Balance for Pavilion Repai	Akrom Construction Limit	S	1,989.33	397.87	2,387.20
248	Cleaning	20/03/2023	Cleaning	Val & Sander Reytenbac	X	180.00		180.00
249	Conveniences cleaning	20/03/2023	Cleaning	Val & Sander Reytenbac	X	500.00		500.00

Items to be paid @ 20 March 2023

20 March 2023 (2022-2023)

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
261	Energy Costs	21/03/2023	Electricity	EDF Energy	L	121.94	6.10	128.04
265	Electricity and Gas	21/03/2023	Balance of Gas Bill for August 22 to March 23	British Gas	L	4,580.57	229.03	4,809.60
266	Electricity and Gas	21/03/2023	Balance of Electricity Bill August 22 to March 23	British Gas	L	1,003.01	50.15	1,053.16
267	Ground Maintenance	21/03/2023	Cricket Square for Radnor House (fully refunded)	Commercial Services	S	570.00	114.00	684.00
269	Conveniences water	21/03/2023	Part Payment of Castle Water Bill	Castle Water	S	1,681.39	336.28	2,017.67
268	Running Costs	21/03/2023	Brushcutter	Dominic Rossi	S	408.33	81.67	490.00
262	Travel Expenses	21/03/2023	Mileage	Mrs A C Barlow	X	36.72		36.72
263	Supplies for meetings	21/03/2023	Coffee and Biscuits	Mrs A C Barlow	X	14.65		14.65
264	Cleaning	21/03/2023	Additional Clean SVH	Val & Sander Reytenbac	X	30.00		30.00
270	Ide Hill Village Hall Trust	21/03/2023	Ide Hill Village Hall Grant	Ide Hill Village Hall Trust	X	1,300.00		1,300.00
Total						9,746.61	817.23	10,563.84

Appendix C

Correspondence 23 02 20 to 23 03 20

1. SDC : Community Ownership Fund: prospectus – Round 3
2. Sevenoaks District Council: New Council budget helps to tackle the cost of living crisis
3. SDC - Civility and Respect March Newsletter
4. Gatwick FASI ACP Stakeholder Engagement Jan Feb 23 updated Presentation and Q&A Record
5. CPRE - FW: Campaign to save Betteshanger Country Park's wildlife
6. Sevenoaks District Council: Council supports Great British Spring Clean!
7. Sevenoaks District Council: EV charging point tipped to be popular with taxi drivers

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Kent Police

Your Local Police Newsletter

February 2023

Dear Parishes,

This is a more generic newsletter for the Sevenoaks district, within are the updates that we think will be of interest to yourselves and residents.

Swanley & Local areas

Two females were arrested in Swanley and detained in custody being involved in a County Line Gang supplying class A drugs to Swanley. One of the females was a resident of Swanley.

Local PCSO responded to a high risk missing person possibly in possession of a knife and suicidal. The PCSO located the person at Swanley train station on one of the platforms where he spoke with them, calming them down until officers could arrive and use their powers under the Mental Health Act to detain the person to prevent them coming to any harm.

New Ash Green & Local areas

We have seen a slight rise in issues in the Darent Valley area with some stolen motor bikes being recovered stored at a yard and a robbery that took place on a young male where his phone was stolen, investigation is ongoing.

The vacant environmental building has been subject to break ins and damage. We have reported this to the council who have (we've been told) secured the property.

Thefts from outbuildings are still occurring but not on the same frequency, an operation has been running for patrols to attend the area as part of a tasking. CCTV that has been reviewed has unfortunately not provided facial recognition of the suspects. From the varying reports it is unclear if there is more than one team committing offences as there has been a mixture of vehicle descriptions and numbers of persons involved.

Sevenoaks & Local areas

A stolen digger that was taken from a Sevenoaks address was located by the Rural task Force in a garage in Otford, enquiries are ongoing and a public appeal put out for any information.

A spate of theft of golf clubs from motor cars in and around the town centre is currently being investigated. Public awareness around leaving valuables in cars has been raised through Police social media sites.

Local PCSO attended call for an elderly male believed to have fallen over, the PCSO managed to gain entry to the house and locate the male who had fallen into a critical state of ill health and neglect – fast actions from him with Social Services secured the male being admitted to hospital for ongoing care.

We continue to get reports of cars meeting on the spur road of the M25 Badgers Mount (racers meet) often the reports are going through to the Metropolitan Police as the location sits right on the border. We are looking to work with them to gain intelligence and prosecute offences where possible. There is a tendency that the group move to another area as soon as Police attend using the M25 as an easy access route to other counties.

February Sevenoaks Town Police Newsletter

Suspect in court following robbery and burglary in Sevenoaks

A suspect has appeared in court following a robbery and burglary in Sevenoaks.

In the early hours of Friday 27 January 2023, two phone shops in Orpington and Sevenoaks High Street were alleged to have been targeted by three people. Mobile phones, tablets and other property were reported stolen from both premises.

Just before midnight on the same day, two people entered a fast food restaurant in Otford Road. It is alleged a member of staff was assaulted, before a quantity of cash was stolen. The injured victim later went to hospital for medical attention.

Arrest

On Thursday 16 February a man was arrested.

Jack Lockwood of North Downs Crescent, New Addington was later charged with robbery, causing grievous bodily harm with intent and possessing an offensive weapon in a public place. He was also charged with conspiring to commit burglaries in Orpington and Sevenoaks.

The 32-year-old appeared before Medway Magistrates' Court on Friday 17 February. He was remanded to a hearing at Maidstone Crown Court on 17 March.

Repeat shoplifter identified following theft of over £2k of over the counter meds

With the help of facial recognition local town centre police have identified a repeat offender whom on 23/10/22 and 08/01/2023 and 29/01/2023 targeted Waitrose stores in Sevenoaks and Tonbridge and stole over £2000 of over the counter medications. Police have made contact with the out of county offender who is handing himself in for interview.

Police identify thieves that have been persistently targeting Sevenoaks town centre

On Tuesday 10th January at 16:00 hours 2 suspects hit Boots, Sevenoaks stealing £520 of skincare products. On the same day at 16:30 hours suspect 1 then struck at the Oliver Bonas shop, stealing 2 handbags worth £84.

On Tuesday 31st January at 14:30 hours suspect 1 returned to the town and stole £220 of vitamin products from Boots, Sevenoaks.

On Sunday 5th February 2023 at 14:45 hours suspect 1 offended again targeting Boots, Sevenoaks and fleeing with £345.50 of skincare products.

Local town centre officer has identified both suspects, one of which was arrested as part of Operation LEO – a policing operation to reduce crime, increasing positive outcomes and bringing offenders to justice. The other is being actively sought.

Police will be seeking a Criminal Behaviour Order at court to ban both from the town centre. A CBO replaces the Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO) and the courts treat breaches of such orders very seriously.

Great store security work uncovers thief who is now behind bars

Waitrose security discovered a theft when they noticed a gap in the shelf of the alcohol aisle. Upon CCTV review the offender is seen to steal £360 of alcohol (Monday 6th February 2023). The local town centre officer attended the store and identified the offender and linked him to offending across the district.

On Tuesday 7th February a man was arrested as part of Operation LEO – a policing operation to reduce crime, increasing positive outcomes and bringing offenders to justice.

Stephen EWINS of Swanley, Kent was later charged with 2 counts of theft. The 36 year old man was remanded before Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on Saturday 11th February where he received a 28 day prison sentence.

EWINS has also since been further charged for another Theft and a breach of Criminal behaviour Order. He will be produced from prison to appear before Sevenoaks Magistrates court on Thursday 23rd of February 2023, where he will likely be further sentenced.

Operation Leo - Reducing crime, increasing positive outcomes and bringing offenders to justice.

On the 7th and 8th February 2023 Sevenoaks police had 2 “all out” days of action with a policing operation set up to identify more offenders in relation to retail crime and increase positive police outcomes by interviewing and bringing these offenders to justice.

Prior to the “all out days” police completed research and development and managed to identify numerous offenders to target for arrest/interview. Police prioritised arrest for the most prolific offenders causing most harm to the town. 4 arrests were made and interviews were arranged with 4 other offenders committing 7 shoplift offences between them. On the days of the OP police also had a pursuit with a stolen vehicle (vehicle recovered) and were also proactive on foot in the town identifying two prolific shoplifters and deterring another with a stop search.

OP Leo was a “roaring” success. Credit to all departments (community police officers, victim based crime officers and town centre officers) from Sevenoaks Police as this was a very busy couple of days.

Edenbridge & Local areas

A group of youths that were persistently causing problems at the Leisure Centre have been identified and the first steps in the issuing of ‘acceptable behaviour agreement’ to them and the parents has taken way. This has seen a reduction in the problem. More significant matters reported such as damage in the park to lighting and graffiti is still being investigated and will be progressed with the Youth Justice Team if suspects identified. Work is being undertaken through the Community Safety Unit and Sevenoaks Council to evict unlawful residents from one of the local traveller sites. Letters have been issued to residents lawfully there to attend a residents meeting to discuss how improvement on the site will be undertaken.

A suspicious male who has been pestering vulnerable persons in the town for gardening work has been identified, their actions have not met the threshold for criminal investigation at this time but Police will be issuing a Community Protection Notice as a deterrent to their behaviour and escalating action if they persist.

Crime Prevention & General Advice

Please keep us updated on any forthcoming meeting events in your communities. Although low on numbers we will still strive to attend these events.

If you want local alerts to your area and to be able to reply with any relevant information please sign up below.

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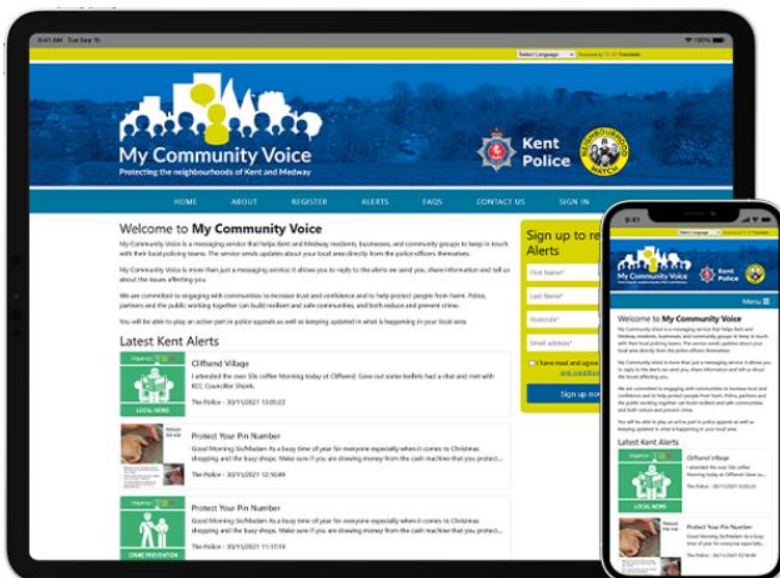
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