

To: The Members of the Parish Council of Sundridge with Ide Hill

I hereby summon you to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the VILLAGE HALL, **SUNDRIDGE** commencing at **7.30 pm on Monday 24 February 2025** to transact the undermentioned business.

Ananda Barrow

Clerk 19 February 2025

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
3. **Report from County Councillor**
3.1 Covers Farm
4. **Report from District Councillor**
5. **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.
6. 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.
7. To approve as a correct record the **Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on 27 January 2025.
8. **To take Matters arising** from the Minutes where these are not covered under the subject headings below
9. **Finance, Personnel & Governance items**
 - 9.1 To receive the AGAR
 - 9.2 Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group Grant
 - 9.3 To agree the items received, paid and payable
10. **Ide Hill**

To receive an update on the Ide Hill Assets and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

 - 10.1 **To receive the minutes (draft) of the Ide Hill Amenities Committee Meeting on 23 January 2025**
 - 10.2 **Stubbs Wood Matters**
 - 10.2.1 Chainsaw Training
 - 10.2.2 Stubbs Wood proposed sale
 - 10.2.3 Student
 - 10.3 **Goathurst Common Playground**
 - 10.4 **Ide Hill 20mph zone**
 - 10.5 **Ide Hill Scout hut**

11. Sundridge

To receive an update on the Sundridge Assets and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

11.1 To receive the minutes (draft) of the Sundridge Amenities Committee Meeting on 20 January 2025

11.2 Sundridge & Brasted Social Club

11.3 Sundridge Recreation Ground

11.4 Sundridge Reserve Burial Ground

11.5 Flooding in Sundridge

12. General Items

To receive an update and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

12.1 Highways

12.2 Streetlighting

12.2.1 Column 52, Chapmans Road Sundridge

12.2.2 Column 54, Chapmans Road, Sundridge

12.3 Correspondence

12.3.1 Kent & Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy public consultation

12.3.2 KCC Devolution

12.3.3 Kent Police

12.3.4 SDC -Here for You Feb-March brochure

12.3.5 SDC Chairman's Afternoon Tea

12.4 Events and Celebrations

12.4.1 Annual Parish Meeting – Sundridge & Ide Hill

12 May 2025 – Sundridge Village Hall

12.4.2 VE Day Celebrations Sundridge

12.4.3 VE Day Celebrations Ide Hill

13. Dates of next meetings

Monday 17 March 2025 at 7.45pm – Sundridge Village Hall

AGENDA PAPERS

1.To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr Fribbens and Banbrook

3. Report from County Councillor

3.1 Covers Farm

From: Angela Howells <ahowells@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 February 2025 11:53

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Subject: Re: Covers Farm Appeal

Dear All

Westerham Town Council is going to apply for Rule 6 status at the Inquiry for Covers Farm. Rule 6(6) is for those wishing to take a full and active role throughout the appeal process. The number of groups granted this status is limited and representation of all our views is vital. WTC would be treated as a main party and it would involve submitting a full statement of case, submission of proofs of evidence and presenting evidence at the inquiry. Rule 6(6) isn't usually granted to individuals.

WTC could then speak on behalf of not only Westerham and Crockham Hill residents but also residents of Brasted, Sundridge, Biggin Hill, Warlingham Sevenoaks and Tandridge.

Could you please confirm as soon as possible that you would be happy with this situation. Alternatively, you can take part as an interested party where you are welcome to attend the inquiry and speak at the discretion of the Inspector. As an interested party any written comments you wish the Inspector to take into account should be submitted by 10th March 2025.

Many thanks

Angela Howells, PSLCC

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7. To approve as a correct record the **Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on 27 January 2025.

**Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2024
at Sundridge Village Hall at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllrs Allgood, Banbrook, Collins, De Bono Evans (Chair), Fribbens, Manley Maybury and Wilson

Apologies: Cllrs Miller and Powell. Cllr Nick Chard (County), Cllr Nigel Williams (District),
Amanda Barlow (Clerk)

Attendance: 2 members of the public, Cllr Sandra Robinson (District) and Cllr Michell Alger (District)

Cllr Evans (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Miller and Powell, Cllr Nick Chard (County) and Cllr Nigel Williams (District) and Amanda Barlow (Clerk). Members wished to send sincere best wishes to the Clerk for a speedy recovery

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 Councillor**

Cllr Evans gave an update from Cllr Nick Chard (County)

Covers Farm going to appeal, Cllr Williams (District) and Cllr Chard (County) are waiting for all the details of any new amendments to original scheme, June would be likely timing.

Cllrs Evans and Allgood attended a meeting organised by Mrs Laura Trott MP and representatives from the utility companies (SGN, UK Power Networks and Openreach) as well as representatives from KCC and Brasted Parish Council. The meeting was to discuss the issue with continuous roadworks impact the villages. A commitment was given from all concerned to improve communication to residents of planned works and outcomes, including timeliness data, with a public contact list for utilities; to seek to reduce emergency works, and better coordination between utility companies. KCC will also continue their review of the Kent Lane Rental Scheme for effectiveness, and consider incentivising overnight works. Mrs Trott will be writing to the Transport Select Committee in relation to their inquiry into managing street works. additionally, she will be closely following the actions of the meeting to ensure all are put into place.

Cllr Evans has requested another meeting with Mrs Trott, KCC, Environment Agency and Southern Rivers Trust on behalf of the parish to discuss and find a resolution the flooding Problems in Sundridge. KCC will be following up on when this meeting can happen.

4. **Report from District Councillor**

Cllr Alger gave some detail about the application for Kent and Medway to become a Devolved authority. District councillors would do an extra year and or until Mayor is elected as part of the New Devolution.

Cllr Robinson suggested that throughout this process we may want to look at assets in our area as at total and bid for any assets that we as a parish would see as beneficial to the residents and wish to look after, with a suitable "dowry" to avoid unexpected future expense. Also this presents an opportunity for efficiencies and rationalise.

It was suggested that we have a meeting with Brasted, Chevening and perhaps Bessels Green and Riverhead to all work together. A meeting needs to be set to all PC's to meet.

The new green waste bags are not going down very well with the refuse collectors and some parishioners. Not easy to lift when full, unwieldy and present health and safety issues.

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The new revised plan for Sevenoaks town regeneration scheme will still be going ahead regardless of devolution however cost savings have had to be made and the new Library will not happen and the old library will remain.

Cllr Sandra Robinson discussed a email she had with an Ide Hill parishioner about a 20 mph zone, Sandra is keen to get this for Ide Hill village and will report back to Cllr Manley on the full costs involved. There is a possibility that CIL funding could be available if enough residents supported the requirement. A plan can then be discusses by the Ide Hillo Amenities Committee.

5. **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.
6. *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.
7. *To approve as a correct record the **Minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on 18 November 2024.*
Members resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2024.
8. **To take Matters arising** *from the Minutes where these are not covered under the subject headings below*
9. **Finance, Personnel & Governance items**
 - 9.1 **To agree the Budget for 2025-26**
Members resolved to agree the budget for 2025-26 as presented at £123,425.
 - 9.2 **To set the precept for 2025-26**
Members resolved to set the precept at £85,000 for the year 2025-26.
Tax base is 945.99
Precept £85,000
 $\text{£85,000}/945.99 = \text{£89.85}$
 - 9.3 **Committee Membership**
Members resolved to agree the Committee Membership as at Appendix A.
 - 9.4 **To agree the items received, paid and payable**
Members resolved to agree items received and paid at Appendix B.
10. **Ide Hill**
To receive an update on the Ide Hill Assets and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.
 - 10.1 **To receive the minutes (draft) of the Ide Hill Amenities Committee Meeting on 23 January 2025** - *As the Clerk was currently on sick leave the minutes are outstanding.*
 - 10.2 **Ide Hill Update**

11. Sundridge

To receive an update on the Sundridge Assets and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

11.1 To receive the minutes (draft) of the Sundridge Amenities Committee Meeting on 20 January 2025. As the Clerk was currently on sick leave the minutes are outstanding.

11.2 Sundridge Update

Cllrs Allgood, De Bono and Wilson need to arrange a meeting with the All Stars to discuss the broken window. John Banbrook to make secure and weather tight in the short-term.

Sundridge Recreation Ground urgently needs of a new sign. The old one looks very scruffy. Members agreed to replace this as soon as possible.

Sundridge Village Hall, Members requested a quote be obtained for a cupboard to be made for all Boogie Bounce equipment and village hall tables and chairs.

Members requested that John Banbrook look at changing the door for emergency exit in the main hall to open in the opposite direction as it is currently a hazard.

Cllr Maybury suggested that the lease/tenancy agreements for the Recreation Ground in Sundridge could be reviewed and will make a proposal to a future meeting.

There are possible new users for the Rec during the summer, a Cricket Club, if adults use Cricket pitch, the crickets square may need attention. Cllr Maybury will inspect and review for the next meeting.

Members confirmed that Bowsers Meadow will be kept as a meadow with paths cut throughout. Anyone with a dog that has made concerns about eye complaints for the dogs can and should walk them on the Recreation ground, It was suggested that signage should reflect this.

Cllr Evans discussed the flooding issues and the fact that the sluice gate is broken causing most of the flooding problem. The original Environment Agency plan has still not been completed from 4 years ago. It was agreed that this should be discussed in more detail at the next full council meeting.

A meeting needs to be set up with the EA, the Rivers Trust and KCC to get some action. The Parish Council may need to act to save Coronation Garden in the absence of movement from the above parties. Cllr Robinson agreed to speak with Jack Hogan from South East Rivers Trust.

11.3 Sundridge & Brasted Social Club

Members resolved that a signing of the lease for the Sundridge Social Club can take place outside of an official meeting and signed by Cllr Evans (Chair) and Amanda Barlow (Clerk). Cllr De Bono to attend Brasted meeting and action all signatures.

11.4 Sundridge Reserve Burial Ground

Members agreed we need to go ahead and organise a valuation of this land as soon as possible. The plot is to be tidied before valuations arranged. Cllr Evans has agreed to undertake the tidy up.

It was requested that clarification of the official confirmation from the PCC that this ground is no longer needed for burials be obtained as a confirmation email may not be adequate.

12. General Items

To receive an update and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

12.1 Highways

12.2 Streetlighting

Cllr Banbrook has now tried to get the lights fixed at Chapmans Church Road for 2 YEARS.

There has been push back from insurance companies but nevertheless this is a serious Health and Safety issue and should not take 2 years to resolve. Cllr. Banbrook will send all the information to

Cllr Robinson agreed to chase insurance claim on a Church Road column damaged by a waste collection truck on Friday 24 November 2023 at around 7am, 14 months ago.

12.3 Correspondence

12.3.1 Devolution of KCC

Noted.

12.3.2 Pensioner Just Missing Out Scheme

Noted.

12.3.3 Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Consultation

Noted.

13. Dates of next meetings

Monday 24 February 2025 at 7.45pm – Sundridge Village Hall

Monday 17 March 2025 at 7.45pm – Sundridge Village Hall

8. **To take Matters arising** from the Minutes where these are not covered under the subject headings below

None.

9. Finance, Personnel & Governance items

9.1 To receive the AGAR

Section 3 – External Auditor's Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of

Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02) as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/>.

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2024; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor's limited assurance opinion 2023/24

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

The parish's bank account is currently being used for the financial activity for the village hall. As there is a charitable trust in place to manage the village hall, we recommend that a bank account is set up for this activity, as recommended by section 5.115 of the Practitioner's Guide (March 2024) which states: "Authorities should ensure that each trust or charity has its own bank account. Only amounts paid and received through that account should appear in the accounts of the charity."

3 External auditor certificate 2023/24

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

*We do not certify completion because:

Not applicable.

External Auditor Name

Forvis Mazars LLP, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1DF

External Auditor Signature

Forvis Mazars LLP

Date

3 December 2024

9.2 Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group Grant



Clerk, Sundridge with Ide Hill Parish Council, by email

14 February 2025

Dear Mrs Barlow

Each January for many years, our Chairman, Chris Holgate has penned his annual appeal on behalf of Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group [SVTG]. Sadly, this year is different. To our great regret, Chris passed away on 31st December.

I know Chris would have wanted our work to go on. I have therefore taken up his pen, to seek your support for SVTG because our volunteer drivers continue to provide transport for elderly and infirm residents needing medical assistance.

As you know, our drivers collect their passengers, who are mostly over 75 years old, from their homes and take them to their appointments at hospitals and surgeries. They will then wait for up to two hours before returning them. The transport is arranged by our paid part time Co-ordinator. Our drivers use their private cars and receive a modest mileage allowance for their petrol and other costs. Passengers may be recommended by their medical professional or may approach SVTG directly. They contribute to the cost of their transport at rates which are lower than the alternatives.

You might be interested in some of the recent comments we received from passengers:

"With sincere thanks for your continuing support." [Mrs JW, Seal]

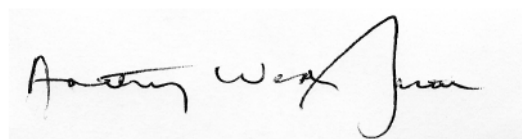
"Thanks very much for your kindness to me." [Mrs AF, Sevenoaks]

However, the contributions our elderly passengers pay towards their transport do not recover all our costs. I am, therefore, writing to ask you to support us financially to meet the shortfall.

Would you please ask the Parish Council to consider making a grant to SVTG? If you prefer, this can be paid direct into our account at NatWest Sevenoaks, account 71586431, sort code 60-19-02.

Yours sincerely

for **SEVENOAKS VOLUNTEER TRANSPORT GROUP**



Anthony Weston Smith
Treasurer

www.sevenoaksvolunteertransport.com

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9.3 To agree the items received, paid and payable

Items received 27 January to 20 February 2025

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20 February 2025 (2024-2025)

RECEIPTS LIST

Code	Date	Description	Supplier			Total
Income Nayax	14/02/2025	Toilet Door Income	Nayax Europe UAB	X	62.23	62.23
Playground Fundraising	18/02/2025	Goathurst Common Fundraising	Goathurst Common Playground Group	X	1,690.00	1,690.00
Income Pilates	19/02/2025	Village Hall Hire	Teresa Baker	X	108.00	108.00
Income Casual	19/02/2025	Village Hall Hire	Petra Barabas	X	45.00	45.00
Total					1,905.23	1,905.23

Items paid 27 January to 20 February 2025

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20 February 2025 (2024-2025)

PAYMENTS LIST

Code	Date	Description	Supplier				Total
Parish mobile telephone	18/02/2025	Mobile	Mrs A C Barlow	S	19.79	3.96	23.75
Parish WiFi (Clerk)	18/02/2025	WiFi	Mrs A C Barlow	X	10.00		10.00
Parish Zoom account	18/02/2025	Zoom	Mrs A C Barlow	S	11.99	2.40	14.39
ROSPA Inspection (Playgrounds)	18/02/2025	Playground Inspection 24-25	Play Inspection Company	S	267.00	53.40	320.40
Grass cutting	18/02/2025	Quarterly Grounds Maintenance	Commercial Services	S	1,893.13	378.63	2,271.76
Maintenance	18/02/2025	Lighting at Village Hall	Banbrook Handyman and Garden Services	X	665.00		665.00
Pavilion Maintenance	18/02/2025	Emergency repairs at Sundridge Pavillion	Banbrook Handyman and Garden Services	X	172.00		172.00
Volunteer Expenses	18/02/2025	Supplies for Stubbs Wood	Dominic Rossi	S	419.28	83.86	503.14
Volunteer Expenses	18/02/2025	Fuel and Oil for Stubbs Wood	Dominic Rossi	S	12.84	2.57	15.41
Cleaning	20/02/2025	Cleaning	Val & Sander Reytenbach	X	180.00		180.00
Conveniences cleaning	20/02/2025	Cleaning	Val & Sander Reytenbach	X	500.00		500.00

10. Ide Hill

To receive an update on the Ide Hill Assets and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

10.1 To receive the minutes (draft) of the Ide Hill Amenities Committee Meeting on 23 January 2025

***Ide Hill Amenities Committee
Minutes of a meeting held at Ide Hill Village Hall
on Thursday 23 January 2025 at 6.00pm***

Present: Cllrs Evans, Fribbens (Chair), Manley and Maybury
In attendance: 6 members of the public, Mrs A Barlow (Clerk)
Apologies: Cllrs Allgood, Miller and De Bono

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Allgood, Miller and De Bono.

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

- Richard Don asked about:
 - Volunteer expenses to be considered
 - Information from Government – if Country Stewardship is expiring at 2024 you can apply to extend it but must have a Management Plan in place,
 - The solution could be to extend Country Stewardship Agreement.
 - Richard Don confirmed from speaking to Caroline Lingham that Tim Saunders is no longer involved.
 - Tree Safety survey – volunteers would like to help with the advisory work.
 - Tim Saunders advised that the Parish Council should have a deer management plan and it was suggested that a PHD Student may be able to do a survey. Cllr Manley advised that it was an impact survey and the deer have no impact on the plan.
- Dominic Rossi asked about:
 - The accounts and the Clerk confirmed that the £4,724.44 was the RPA grant for 2024-25.
- Volunteers advised that they would walk the footpaths across Stubbs Wood annually and deal with any issues they can deal with it. They asked if the Council could provide a public rights of way footpath map.
- Caroline Lingham advised that she has asked around about a management consultant and it was difficult to get anyone to do that type of work. It was suggested that the Forestry Commission would do a walk through the woods.
- Jeff Mashburn asked about access to his property as at Appendix 12.

Members resolved to take the Agenda items in the following order.

12. Request for Access from a resident

Members resolved to agree the request for access from the resident to access via the recreation ground. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the resident confirming the details.

4. 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.

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5. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2024 and matters arising not covered under Agenda Items.

Members resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting on 7 October 2024.

6. **Stubbs Wood**

6.1 Aztech Contract

Members noted that the Aztech contract has ended although the Parish Council has continued to give Aztech access to the woods to remove the remaining timber.

The contract has now been completed and the padlock needs replacing on the gate.

Dominic Rossi asked if the Parish Council could consider respraying as it would be with a year growth.
It was agreed that they would get a price from Aztech.

6.2 Management Plan

This item was covered in the public forum. Cllr Fribbens advised that he will review the current position as the existing management plan could continue.

6.3 Overhanging and dangerous trees on York's Hill and

6.4 Footpath off Hanging Bank

Cllr Evans advised that he would attend the site with Cllr Manley to make a decision on how to deal with the trees.

6.5 Stubbs Wood Volunteers

Members resolved to agree the expenses as requested by the Stubbs Wood volunteers at Appendix A.

6.6 Stubbs Wood Account at 31 December 2024

Members noted the budget at 31 December 2024 at Appendix B.

6.7 Stubbs Wood Budget 2025-26

Members agreed the Stubbs Wood budget for 2025-26 at Appendix C.

7. Ide Hill Public Conveniences

7.1 Sundries in facilities

The Clerk reported that there had been no issues with the new sundries.

Members agreed that they would get a quote to get the toilets painted and also for the baby changing units.

7.2 Opening times

It was agreed that the public conveniences should be closed during the night and Members asked the Clerk to check if that was possible.

7.3 Ide Hill Public Conveniences 2025-26

Members agreed the Public Conveniences budget for 2025-26 at Appendix D.

8. Ide Hill Recreation and Green

8.1 Ide Hill Recreation Ground

Members agreed that the fence should be done at a cost of £500. Members asked if it could be as quickly as possible.

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8.2 Ide Hill Recreation & Green Budget 2025-26

Members agreed the Ide Hill Recreation & Green Budget at Appendix E.

Cllr Fribbens advise that the refuse lorry has reversed around the Green again.

9. Goathurst Common

9.1 Goathurst Common Playground Project

The work will start on Monday and Cllr Fribbens will advise residents that the lorries will be delivering the equipment during next week.

27th January - site set up, removals and base prep

3rd February. - installation of equipment

10th February - lay turf, lay surfacing, 2nd fix equipment

17th February - post installation inspection, snag list, handover

March - planting and landscaping

Cllr Fribbens advised that Sevenoaks District Council are processing the final payment.

9.3 Budget for Goathurst Common 2025-26

Cllr Fribbens advised that there will be additional funds left following the installation of the playground and the Clerk confirmed the monies will be ring fenced to use only for Goathurst Common.

10. Streetlighting in Ide Hill

Cllr Manley advised that Streetlight 61 is broken and Streetlight 65 is flickering.

11. Highways

Cllr Fribbens felt that we need make sure about the number of accidents,

13. Date of next meetings

To be confirmed.

Appendix A

Volunteer Costs

2 new silky saws - currently £67.89 each. £135.78.

4 new silky saw blades - currently £50.80 each. £203.20.

4 loppers - currently £28.89 each or £34.99 when the current deal expires - £115.56 or £139.96.

Chainsaw chains - 2 chains per year @ £18.72 for 2 chainsaws would cost approximately £75.00 in total. If another chainsaw is brought into action, then the annual cost would rise to approximately £115.00. If Tony is trained, then 3 chains required now @ £20 each approx. £60.00

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Appendix B

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Stubbs Wood

	Receipts	Ring Fenced	Payments	Payments against ring fenced income
2019/20				
Other Income	200		11,438	11,420
2020/21				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	910	910
Other Income				
2021/22				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	4,864	4,864
Other Income	1,575			
2022/23				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	2,436	1,439
Other Income	1,326			
2023/2024				
RPA Grant	3,720	3,720	10,252	10,069
Other Income	600			
	18,581.40	14,880.00	29,900	28,702
EA Grant		15,000.00		
Total Ring Fenced Income		29,880.00		
Ring fenced income		29,880.00		
less payments		-28,702.00		
Ring fenced income c/f to 2024/25		1,178.00		

Stubbs Wood Budget @ 31 December 2024

	Receipts	Ring Fenced	Payments	Payments against ring fenced
Carried f/wd from 2023/24		1,178.00		
2024/245				
RPA Grant	4,724		4,447	4,447
Other Income	200			
	4,924	1,178.00	4,447	4,447
Ring fenced income		4,724.00		
c/f ring fenced income		1,178.00		
less ring fenced payments		-4,447.00		
Current ring fenced balance		1,455.00		

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Appendix C

Last Year 2024-2025					Current Year 2025-2026				
Ide Hill - Stubbs Wood		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments	
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total
33	General Costs			2,000.00					
120	Income Cycling Clubs	200.00	200.00			200.00			
128	Income General								
119	Income RPA	3,700.00	4,724.44			4,700.00			
34	Professional Services			2,000.00	4,200.00				1,000.00
144	Training			500.00					1,000.00
35	Tree Survey			500.00					500.00
145	Volunteer Expenses			500.00	246.75				800.00
SUB TOTAL		3,900.00	4,924.44	5,500.00	4,446.75	4,900.00			4,700.00

Appendix D

Last Year 2024-2025					Current Year 2025-2026				
Ide Hill Car Park and Public		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments	
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total
64	Conveniences cleaning			6,000.00	5,030.00				6,000.00
66	Conveniences door pay system								
68	Conveniences energy costs			650.00	906.80				680.00
65	Conveniences Maintenance			250.00	379.28				460.00
67	Conveniences supplies			500.00	272.13				550.00
69	Conveniences water			1,000.00					1,000.00
63	Ide Hill car park (for public conveniences)			200.00					250.00
Ide Hill Recreation Ground and Green		Receipts		Payments		Receipts		Payments	
Code	Title	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Forecast	Total
122	Income Grant								
123	Income Nayax	3,000.00	1,754.77			2,500.00			
87	Ground maintenance			250.00					250.00
71	Miscellaneous Contingency			100.00					150.00
146	Hedge Cutting			250.00					250.00
70	Sevendisks District Council Rates			350.00					370.00
153	Ide Hill Green				1,575.00				250.00
88	Sub total	3,000.00	1,754.77	9,850.00	6,588.21	2,500.00			250.00
SUB TOTAL				750.00	1,575.00				1,000.00

10.2 Stubbs Wood Matters

10.2.1 Chainsaw Training

From: "Richard Don" <
Sent: Thursday, 13 February, 2025 19:28
To: martyn.fribbens@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk
Cc: sharron.manley@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk, "John Evans" <
Subject: Re: Stubbs Wood and the next Ide Hill Amenity Committee Meeting

Dear Martyn,

I'm pleased to say that Tony King has found a suitable chainsaw at a reasonable price and is therefore happy to train up to be able to use it in the woods, so long as the PC will contribute half the cost of the training. Could we reinstate our request for a contribution of 50% of the cost, as set out in my email of 17th January below?

I will let you know the exact cost of the courses when we have it, but it is likely to be around £1,000.00, so that the PC's contribution would obviously be around £500.00. There is a suitable course at the end of March.

Is there any news as to whether the thinning can continue beyond the end of this month?

Kind regards,

Richard

Sent from my iPhone

Richard Don,

10.2.2 Stubbs Wood proposed sale

From: Donald Wennink <
Sent: 29 January 2025 17:18
To: clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Stubbs wood adjacent to west side of Yorks hill.

Dear Amanda,

I am Donald Wennink son of Joanna Campbell living at No.1 & 2 Yorks Hill Farm cottages. We would like to approach the council to see if they would consider selling a small portion of Stubbs wood to us. Please could you forward our email and attachments to the relevant people?

Dear Ide Hill Parish council committee,

Please would you consider a proposal for us to purchase a small area of Stubbs wood? We would like to be able to protect and manage the woodland above our field in a manner to continue to allow the secluded nature as it is now. I have attached a picture highlighting the area that I am talking about of Stubbs Wood in yellow and in blue is the area we own. I understand there would be conditions included if the sale was considered, but rather than go into lots of details now I thought it better to keep it brief and see if it was something you all may consider. The area amounts to slightly over 2 acres and of course the area could be adjusted.

Thank you for your consideration

Kind regards

Donald Wennink



10.2.3 Student

From: "martyn.fribbens@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk" <martyn.fribbens@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 9:00am
To: "sharron.manley@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk" <sharron.manley@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>, "russell.maybury@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk" <russell.maybury@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>
Cc: "clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk" <clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>
Subject: Student request

For information at the next PC meeting

I have been approached by a student who is considering using Stubbs Wood as part of her dissertation for her Geography with Environmental Science BSc at Kings College London. She is still to finalise what she will actually do but I have said we would encourage her in her studies where possible. I await final confirmation and a timetable of what she may want to do but I see this as something that may benefit us and hope we and the volunteers can support her.

When I know more, I will update the PC.

regards

Martyn fribbens

10.3 Goathurst Common Playground

From: martyn.fribbens@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk <martyn.fribbens@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 February 2025 12:53
Dear Amanda

I have reworked your recent spreadsheet for income and expenses for the Goathurst Common rec playground with updates in yellow.

It is clear that the funds raised will be more than adequate to pay for all of the items requested. However, as we have to pay VAT then reclaim it there will be a point where the PC cash flow will be negative with around £92k paid out and the funds raised around £80k (including grants still to come). Before any further commitments are made, can I ask that the Finance Officer and Committee confirm that they can accept this negative cash flow and that the VAT reclaim can be made as quickly as possible?

If this is acceptable, the Playground Team seek approval for the Clerk to order the following items:

Goalposts £1475 (no VAT)
Bench in playground £1500 (estimate - SM to confirm)
Landscaping £7772 (incl VAT)
Fencing replacement £1583 (no VAT)

Regards
Cllr. Martyn Fribbens

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17 February 2025 (2024-2025)

RECEIPTS LIST

Code	Date	Description	Supplier			
Playground Grant	23/08/2024	Grant for Goathurst Common Playground	National Lottery Community Fund	X	19,999.00	19,999.00
Playground Fundraising	25/10/2024	Goathurst Common Fundraising	Goathurst Common Playground Group	X	18,275.00	18,275.00
Playground Grant	23/01/2025	Grant from Round Table	Sevenoaks Round Table	X	8,734.75	8,734.75
Playground Grant	24/01/2025	Grant for Goathurst Common Playground (50%)	Sevenoaks District Council	X	12,500.00	12,500.00
Playground Fundraising	18/02/2025	Goathurst Common Fundraising	Goathurst Common Playground Group	X	1,690.00	1,690.00
Total					61,198.75	61,198.75
To come						
Playground Grant		Grant for Goathurst Common Playground (50%)	Sevenoaks District Council	X	12,499.00	12,499.00
Playground Grant		Grant for Goathurst Common Playground (23-24, 24-25)	Sundridge with Ide Hill PC	X	5,250.00	5,250.00
Total					78,947.75	78,947.75

There are still pledges of around £2000 to coe in that are being chased by the playground committee.

PAYMENTS LIST

	Date	Description	Supplier			Total
Playground Equipment	15/11/2024	Play equipment for Goathurst Common 50%	Sutcliffe Play	S	32,487.59	6,497.52
Playground Equipment	24/01/2025	Additional play equipment for Goathurst Common	Sutcliffe Play	S	1,122.00	224.40
Playground Equipment	24/01/2025	Additional Installation costs	Sutcliffe Play	S	728.40	145.68
Total					34,337.99	6,867.60
Orders						
Playground Equipment		Play equipment for Goathurst Common 50%	Sutcliffe Play	S	32,487.59	6,497.52
Playground equipment		Seat in play area	Broxap		1,273.97	254.79
Playground Equipment		Goalposts	thesoccerstore.co.uk		1,475.00	1,475.00
Landscaping		Planting P2	Tara Dalton		4,509.70	901.94
Landscaping		Planting P1	Tara Dalton		1,967.50	393.50
Fencing		Fencing replacement	Trevor Baldock		1,583.00	0.00
Total					43,296.76	8,047.75

Total funds received 61,198.75

Less Payments -41205.59

Funds remaining 19,993.16

VAT to reclaim 6,867.60

Current total funds remaining 26,860.76

Total funds to be received 78,947.75

Less Payments -92,550.10

Funds remaining -13,602.35

Total VAT to reclaim 14,915.35

Potential total funds remaining 1,313.00

10.4 Ide Hill 20mph zone

To be discussed at meeting with Highways

10.5 Ide Hill Scout hut

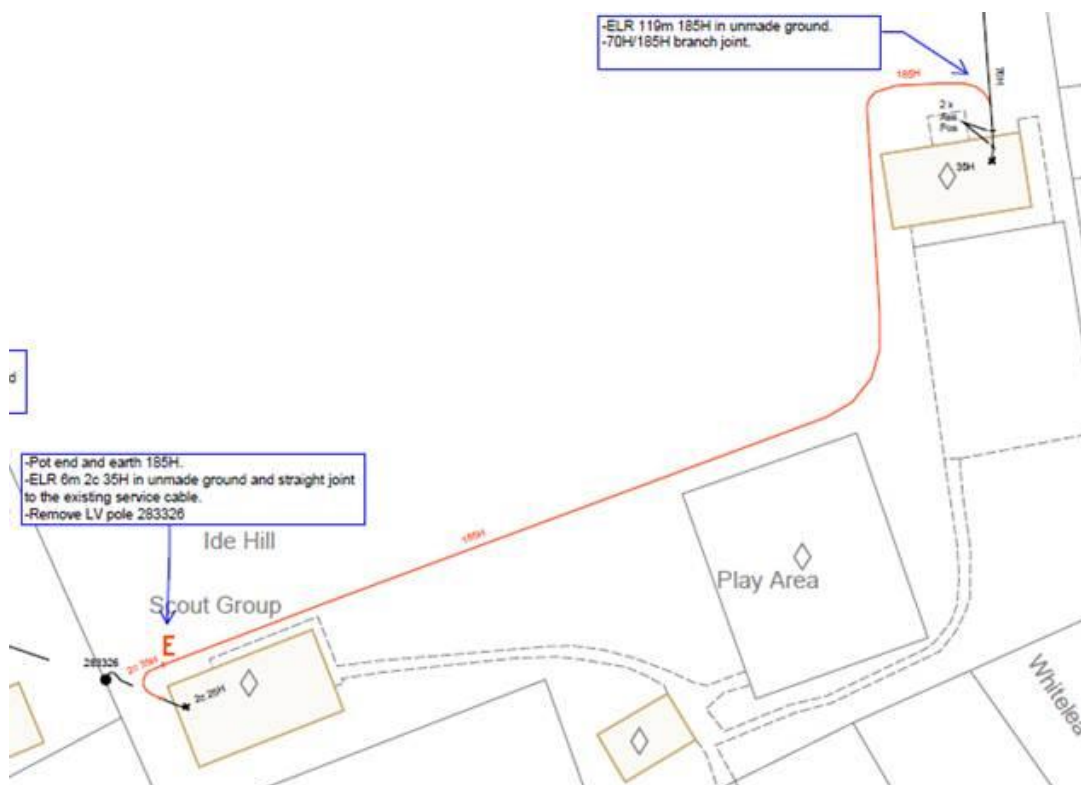
From: Sean Murphy <Sean.Murphy@blackhallpowis.com>
Sent: 10 February 2025 14:37
To: clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Ide Hill - Scout Hut

Good afternoon,

I am contacting you today to discuss a proposal my client UK Power Networks has to provide power to the Scout Hut at Ide Hill. UKPN are removing parts of the low voltage network that currently feeds the Scout Hut. This means that a new supply is needed for the Scout Hut from another cable source.

As you can see from the below image, the proposed new supply is from another point just to the east of the play area. The new cable will need to be secured on a Wayleave Agreement.

I would be grateful of your thoughts, if there is any further information you require, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Kind Regards

Sean Murphy

Associate Director - Networks

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11. Sundridge

To receive an update on the Sundridge Assets and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

11.1 To receive the minutes (draft) of the Sundridge Amenities Committee Meeting on 20 January 2025

Minutes of Sundridge Amenities Committee Meeting held on Monday 20 January 2025 at the Pavilion, Sundridge & Brasted Social Club at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Allgood, Collins De Bono (Chair), Evans, Powell and Wilson

Apologies:

Attendance: Amanda Barlow (Clerk)

1. *To receive apologies and reasons for absence.*

None

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

None.

4. *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*

Members agreed to discuss Agenda Item 9.0 in confidence.

5. *To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 16 October 2024 and matters arising not covered by agenda Items.*

Members resolved to agree the minutes of the meeting 16 October 2024.

6. *Parish Assets*

To discuss and agree the 2025-26 Budget for the following Sundridge Assets

6.1 Sundridge Village Hall

Members agreed the following proposals:

Members agreed the 25-26 budget for Sundridge Village Hall

6.2 Bowsers Meadow

Members agreed that the Bowsers Meadow project should be put on hold.

Members agreed the 25-26 budget for Sundridge Village Hall.

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6.3 Sundridge Recreation Ground

Members agreed that the decorating works on the outside of the pavilion should be instructed following receipt of the grant.

Members agreed the 25-26 budget for the recreation ground.

The sewage tank needs emptying.

6.4 Coronation Gardens

The flooding on Coronation Garden is extreme and some money is included the budget for 25-26.

6.5 Summer Event

Members agreed to look at the possibility of holding a community picnic at the recreation ground in the summer.

7. To discuss and agree the following items of expenditure covered by a grant

7.1 Outside decoration of the pavilion

7.2 Curtains for the village hall

The Clerk advised that the application for a grant had been successful and it was agreed that the work should now be instructed.

8. Update regarding the lease for the Sundridge & Brasted Social Club

Cllr De Bono advised that he was coordinating the final lease with Brasted Parish Council and the solicitors. It is planned that the lease will be signed by all three parties at the same time. It was agreed that the lease should be signed in paper form not digitally.

9. Confidential Item - Sundridge Village Hall Hirers

Members agreed the actions discussed.

10. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed

11.2 Sundridge & Brasted Social Club

The final lease has been prepared and approved by all parties. Members to agree that Cllr Evans (Chair) and Amanda Barlow (Clerk) attend the Brasted Parish Meeting on 10 March 2025 and sign the document with the Brasted Parish Councillors and then attend the Social Club to have those parties sign the lease.

11.3 Sundridge Recreation Ground

From: Karl Pearson <karl@thecricketclub.co.uk>

Sent: 12 February 2025 16:19

To: russell.maybury@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk

Cc: clerk@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk; Cllr Melvin De Bono <melvin.debono@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: Sundridge Recreation Ground

Good afternoon all

Thank you so much for your time last week. I felt the meeting was hugely productive.

I have a formal proposal to discuss with you at our next meeting but in the meantime please see a summary of our thoughts for the immediate future ;

- In order to facilitate reasonable standard cricket on Sundridge Rec, major investment of time and work is necessary. We have the ground maintenance professional in place to commence work immediately in order to ready the ground for cricket in the 2025 season. To secure this investment, we would require a 3 year agreement with yourselves (with a 1 year trial period in 2025)
- We (The Cricket club Ltd) would undertake and cover the costs of the Pitch and square regeneration and in return Sundridge PC would grant The Cricket Club Ltd a 3 year agreement to have exclusive use of the Cricket Ground outside of normal school time (to connect with RHS existing lease) These times would normally (not exclusively) be Midweek evenings and Saturday and Sunday all day.
- In Year 1, due to our significant expenditure on the Cricket square & pitches, SPC would agree to no Rental fees. Year 2 & 3 of the agreement, we would expect a minimal rental charge, in consideration of the significant investment in the sundridge rec cricket facilities.
- The Cricket Club Ltd will introduce Junior and Senior cricket back to Sundridge Rec in the 2025 season
- As you know time is of great importance here, with the cricket season less than 3 months away.

I would like to progress this conversation in the next 7 days to give us a chance to get everything in place quickly. I would welcome a follow up meeting if necessary and look forward to working with you in the coming days to restore cricket properly to Sundridge Rec

Very best regards

Karl Pearson

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From: russell.maybury@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk <russell.maybury@sundridgewithidehill-pc.gov.uk>

Sent: 19 February 2025 12:58

To: Karl Pearson <karl@thecricketclub.co.uk>

Dear Karl

I hope this email finds you well .

Further to our meeting and your recent email I have discussed the matter with various members of the PC and agreed to respond as follows .

Existing leases and timings .

As we mentioned we have three leases currently in place with Radnor House ,Ide Hill Football Club and Sundridge Allstars .

The Radnor House lease dated 8th December 2021 allows Radnor House sole use of the pitches between the hours of 0800 -1800 Monday to Friday during term time .The Ide Hill FC lease dated June 2022 grant IHFC use of the pitches on Saturdays and Sundays 0900-1600 and Tuesdays

,Wednesdays and Thursdays 1800-2100 from 1st September up to and including 31st May .

Both the above leases are for 10 years

Sundridge Allstars is a Junior side which uses the pitches under a one year lease on Saturdays and Sundays

We also grant a single day to a local primary school for their Sports day .

Hopefully there is enough flexibility in the established schedule which was specifically designed to allow for cricket to be played outside of the football season and term time .

The PC remains the sole arbiter of usage outside of these times but so far it has worked well with IHFC in particular asking for occasional summer use for training .

Ground maintenance and the Pavilion

Radnor House has overall responsibility for the maintenance of the pitches and pitch marking .The PC undertakes to mow the outside grass areas and access area and to mow the pitches on occasion but in reality we leave the pitch mowing to Radnor House .

The Pavilion maintenance is down to the PC but keeping the Pavilion clean and tidy is the responsibility of the lessees and this has been an area of non satisfaction for the PC .

From the above you can hopefully appreciate that we will need to consult with the existing lessees to make sure that your proposal dovetails satisfactorily both in terms of usage timings but also in particular ground maintenance .This is an area of active dialogue on a regular basis given the relatively heavy schedule of matches and the need to avoid overuse and damage .So far this seems to have worked reasonably well .

New lease

The terms of any new lease will have to be discussed with the full PC .We recognise the potential cost to you and/or Radnor House of restoring the wicket to a reasonable standard for adult cricket .On the other hand the PC must still bear the cost of ongoing maintenance and improvements .We must also be able to demonstrate to residents/taxpayers that we are obtaining fair value for the asset and cannot rule out a tender process to include local clubs such as Ide Hill CC .This process should not give you any cause for alarm as we would certainly envisage an outcome similar to what we have already achieved with the primus inter pares arrangement with Radnor House with the opportunity for smaller clubs to make use of the facility on an occasional basis .

I have managed to reach the Bursar/Services Director of Radnor House to alert her to your potential interest .She will in turn contact the relevant personnel at Radnor .In order to save time I think it would be very helpful to provide us with further information on the exact scope of works you propose ,the timescale and the contractor who is going to carry out the work .

We will obviously need to have agreed a lease and have full details of insurance etc before work can begin .

I imagine the next step is to have a meeting with all the relevant parties so we can have a full discussion of the issues

I will make no secret of the fact that i am very keen to see cricket return to the Sundridge recreation ground .I know that you will agree with me that it has great potential to rival many other grounds and I hope that we can all reach a suitable arrangement that works for everyone and ultimately provides a stable platform to attract further investment and grants to fully realise that potential

Kind regards

11.4 Sundridge Reserve Burial Ground

Clerk to arrange Clive Emerson to meet with Cllrs Evans and Maybury to value the land.

Clerk to ask the PCC to official confirm that they are happy for the Parish Council to dispose of the reserve burial ground.

11.5 Flooding in Sundridge

Update from Cllr Evans at the meeting.

12. General Items

To receive an update and make any decisions regarding allocation of funds and next actions, if appropriate.

12.1 Highways

Sent: 12 February 2025 14:10

To: clerk@brastedpc.kentparishes.gov.uk;

Subject: Sevenoaks Parish and Town council meetings 2025

Good Afternoon All

It's been some time since my team and I visited many of you, so I am emailing to invite you all to have a meeting with my staff and I to discuss any outstanding highway maintenance issues you may have and to allow you to meet the Highway engineer and stewards covering your Parish/Town.

Can you let me know if you would like to meet us and perhaps provide some dates for any meeting between 1st March 2025 and 1st July 2025.

We do have rather a lot of parishes to visit, so we may have to extend the dates beyond this but lets see how things go for now.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the next few months.

Kind regards

Mike

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Payton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Payton FIHE. | Sevenoaks Highway Manager | Highways Asset Management | Kent County Council | www.kent.gov.uk | Telephone 03000 418181 | for further details of roadworks across Kent visit <https://one.network/>

12.2 Streetlighting

12.2.1 Column 52, Chapmans Road Sundridge

On 13 Feb 2025, at 09:50, Ken Bonner <ken.bonner@streetlights.co.uk> wrote:

Hi John,

Jay has confirmed that this lantern is beyond economic repair, so the best option is to replace it with an SE8 LED lantern.

We can currently supply and install an SL8 for £365 + Vat.

Please let me know if you would like to proceed and I'll make the necessary arrangements.

Regards,

Ken

12.2.2 Column 54, Chapmans Road, Sundridge

On 14 Feb 2025, at 08:49, Ken Bonner <ken.bonner@streetlights.co.uk> wrote:

Hi John,

A local resident reported to the engineers that Column 54 in Chapmans Road (outside No.27) sometimes works, sometimes doesn't and is very, very dim.

This is an old obsolete Mercury lantern, so will require replacement.

Unfortunately, it's on an old concrete column, which will also have to be replaced.

Our price to supply and install a replacement column c/w SL8 LED lantern would be £1,450 + Vat.

From their tariff, UKPN would charge £1,602 + Vat. to disconnect and reconnect the Mains supply, although this is subject to a formal quotation.

Please let me know if you would like to proceed and I'll obtain the quotation from UKPN for you.

Kind regards,

Ken Bonner
Streetlights
0800 999 7676

12.3 Correspondence

12.3.1 Kent & Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy public consultation

From: makingspacefornature@kent.gov.uk <makingspacefornature@kent.gov.uk>

Sent: 21 January 2025 16:54

Subject: Kent & Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy public consultation

Importance: High

Dear Parish and Town Councils

I hope this email finds you all well and happy new year!

We have kickstarted 2025 by getting the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy out for public consultation – launched last week, it will run until 12th March. All consultation documents and the questionnaire can be found at [Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy | Let's talk Kent](#)

Over the next couple of weeks there will be a number of online briefings to introduce the full LNRS draft strategy – dates, themes and registration links are all below:

- For elected officials of all tiers of local government – 22nd Jan @ 7pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1123553842789?aff=oddtcreator> and 27th @ 7pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1123556641159?aff=oddtcreator>
- For community groups – 29th Jan @ 6pm
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1123566290019?aff=oddtcreator>
- General – 3rd February @ 10am <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1123568968029?aff=oddtcreator> and 4th February @ 6pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1123569770429?aff=oddtcreator>

Further information from the project on the Strategy can be found at [Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy Public Consultation | Making Space For Nature Kent](#)

Best wishes,
Liz

Elizabeth Milne | Natural Environment & Coast Manager | Growth Environment & Transport | Kent County Council | 1st Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, ME14 1XX | Internal: 413950 | External: 03000 413950

12.3.2 KCC Devolution

From: Mandy Rodgers <Mandy.Rodgers@sevenoaks.gov.uk> **On Behalf Of** Pav Ramewal
Sent: 05 February 2025 12:51
To: Pav Ramewal <Pav.Ramewal@sevenoaks.gov.uk>
Subject: Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation

Dear Clerks,

The Government has announced today (5 February) that Kent and Medway have not been selected to be part of its Devolution Priority Programme. This news is wholly unexpected and we are yet to see the full reasons for their decision.

What this means is that plans to set up a new strategic Mayoral authority for Kent will stop for the time-being.

We have not been told at this stage what this means for local government reorganisation and as soon as we have clarity we will ensure that we update you again.

There will now be Kent County Council elections on 1 May this year.

Apologies for the relatively short email, but I wanted to make sure we wrote as soon as possible to update you on news that I'm sure will become public shortly.

Kind regards

Pav

Dr Pav Ramewal
Chief Executive
Sevenoaks District Council | Argyle Road | Sevenoaks | Kent | TN13 1HG
T: 01732 227298
pav.ramewal@sevenoaks.gov.uk
www.sevenoaks.gov.uk

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From: Charmaine Keatley <chief.executive@kentalc.gov.uk>

Sent: 05 February 2025 15:34

Subject: Devolution update

Dear Clerks,

In addition to the email circulated earlier, please see the news release here from Kent County Council: [“A totally incomprehensible decision” - KCC Leader reacts to Government’s decision not to include Kent on its Devolution Priority Programme - News & Features - Kent County Council](#).

Please also see the email below:

SENT ON BEHALF OF ROGER GOUGH & VINCE MAPLE

Dear All,

It is with regret that we write to inform you that we have not been included on the DPP programme.

Not being part of this accelerated devolution programme is undoubtedly disappointing, given that Kent and Medway made it clear to Government that we were ready and willing to meet its ambitious timeline and work towards a mayoral election in Kent in 2026. The reason we have been given is both confusing and insufficient and we will be seeking more detail from Ministers as to the rationale as soon as possible.

We remain committed to securing a deal for Kent and Medway and will continue the valuable work with you that we have carried out across the county, to shape the best possible deal for our region.

We will continue to lobby ministers to ensure that Kent and Medway remain top of the list when the next round of devolution deals in the UK is decided.

We would like to thank you once again for your collaborative approach and ongoing work.

With best wishes,



Roger Gough
Leader, Kent County Council



Vince Maple
Leader, Medway Council

Kind regards,
Charmaine

Charmaine Keatley
Chief Executive
Kent Association of Local Councils
Tel: 01304 820173- Option 1



Sevenoaks Newsletter

Kent Police

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January 2025

In this newsletter, we've rounded up the highlights from January 2025.

Your local officers are:
PC Harry WATSON

PC Peter WILSON

Local Crime Updates – January 2025

Rural Crime Increase

- Police are investigating a number of burglaries that have been occurring in the rural and less densely populated areas of the district. The affected areas of West Kent often border the counties of East Sussex, Surrey, and London. The offending is targeted at large farm buildings, garages and outbuildings that have little protection or deterrents, namely, CCTV, floodlights, and securely locked buildings. Police encourage all residents to report crime as soon as it occurs, and to deter criminal activity through implementing barriers to make properties less appealing.
 - Documenting serial numbers, and taking photographs of bikes, power tools and agricultural equipment stored outside will make identifying stolen items easier. Please continue to report rural crime, your local neighbourhood officers work with the dedicated rural crime prevention team, to share prevention advice and practices. ([Further information here](#))
- Vehicle thefts particularly those of high value and with 'Keyless Entry' are a reoccurring problem. This occurs when criminals use a handheld signal booster, to extend the effective distance of the wireless key fob. This allows cars to be unlocked even with the key inside the house. To deter potential thieves, police recommend keeping vehicles locked, and in secured areas, placing keys in signal blocking pouches, using steering locks, and keeping vehicles in view of CCTV and floodlights were possible.

Investigations are ongoing, and both reactive & proactive work is being completed to solve crime, locate offenders, and to reduce risks of further offences.

Anyone with information relating to any these offences is advised to contact police through the most appropriate channel: [Online Crime Reporting](#), [Contact us \(not crime reporting\)](#), calling 101 or speaking to your local beat officer.



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January 2025

Community Safety Partnership

- Residents of a communal property in Dunton Green reported concerns to their housing manager, that a member of the public was susceptible to exploitation. This was fed back to their social worker and then to Police, allowing the three partners to conduct a joint visit and put safeguarding measures in place to safeguard the victim, and track down offenders.
- Working in partnership with Edenbridge neighbourhood officers, police identified a vehicle which had been used in several rural burglaries. The vehicle was recovered for forensic investigation, and the criminal investigation will continue, with the offender's case going to court, and the vehicle returning to the rightful owner.

Crime Awareness

- In Westerham, police were called to reports of youths using catapults and ball bearings, to target Pheasants. Police were given a description as well as vehicle details, this allowed patrols to locate the offenders, and seize catapults found on them. Formal community protection warnings have been issued to people responsible.

Future

- Business and licenced premises in rural areas, have reported that they feel detached from the 'Town Safe' radio scheme in Sevenoaks town centre. Work with the Safer Sevenoaks partnership is currently underway to review the 'Pub Watch' scheme in Westerham, with local business's having access to a shared communication system for the purpose of crime prevention and safeguarding. We will continue to develop working relationships and share crime prevention information with our partners going forward. All schemes have an initial set up cost for the handheld device, price will vary depending on the quantity of uptake.
 - Any parish that does not have access to a shared radio, or similar system for business's are encouraged to raise this to your local beat officer, whilst we gather interest about the scheme. This can then be passed on to our Safer Sevenoaks, co-ordinator who can generate more accurate costing estimate. [Further information](#)

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12.3.4 SDC -Here for You Feb-March brochure – put on social medial

12.3.5 SDC Chairman's Afternoon Tea



The Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council

Councillor Laurence Ball

invites you to join him for

Afternoon Tea



at:

Rowhill Grange, Dartford Road, Dartford, DA2 7QH

on Tuesday 8th April 2025

arrival from 2:30pm for tea at 3.00pm

Live Music from Liam Joseph and a charity raffle

Dress Code: Smart

Cost: £33 per person

The Chairman's chosen charity to support will be Swanley Therapy Centre (SUMS)

12.4 Events and Celebrations

12.4.1 Annual Parish Meeting – Sundridge & Ide Hill

12 May 2025 – Sundridge Village Hall

Members to discuss and agree if appropriate holding an annual parish meeting in Sundridge and one in Ide Hill (information event)

12.4.2 VE Day Celebrations Sundridge

Members to decide:

- to do nothing
- Street party
- Community Picnic on Rec

12.4.3 VE Day Celebrations Ide Hill

Co-ordinate with Ide Hill Fair?

13. Dates of next meetings

Monday 17 March 2025 at 7.45pm – Sundridge Village Hall