



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM  
At the Meadow Rooms  
AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Approval of Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting on 5th October 2021**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Matters arising from previous meeting of 5th September**

- **Youth Club** – Clerk to update on meeting with The Grand, previous volunteers and any response from Cobham School

**5. KCC Matters. Cllr Sweetland**

- **Flooding on Halfpence Lane** – Cllr Booth to update on meeting with Earl Bourner – KCC Highways responsible officer for Drains & Structures – we need to arrange a meeting with the Woodland Trust since they are responsible for rainwater draining off their land
- **Road Salt** – KCC Highways - Parish distribution of salt bags. Clerk to update

**6. GBC Matters. Cllr Rice**

- **New village car park** in West Park off Halfpence Lane – Response from GBC
- **Boundary Commission Review** - Proposals for Cobham & Sole Street, Luddesdowne & Istead Rise.
- **Verges** – Henhurst to Owletts has been done / Sole Street, Halfpence Lane, Watling Street still need to be done.
- **Church Road Parking.** – CPC requested DY.L.be extended on the North side of Church Road. No response received from GBC Nick May

**7. KALC/NALC – Cllr Dymond**

- **Rural Crime** - meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner – RD to update

**8. PLANNING GROUP - Cllr Dyer**

- Norbond Site – update from GBC
- White Post Farm – update from GBC
- Orchard Cottage and Bluebell Farm, Round Street – Update from GBC Planning
- Telecoms Mast – Batts Road – new application
- Corner Cottage, Round Street – Sole Street. – new application
- 30 The Street – update
- 14 Scratton Fields – new planning application

- The Barn, Jeskyns Road – new planning application
- Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Mason to update

## **9. TRAFFIC GROUP – Cllr Mason**

- **HIP** – Cllr Booth. Update

Cllr Booth & Cllr Sweetland met with Ian Grigor, Kent Highways Schemes Manager on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to discuss the Highways Improvement Plan.

A number of items were identified for review and once completed IG Kent Highways will be producing a revised HIP.

### ***Speeding Traffic.***

CPC have requested that the whole parish become a 30mph per hour zone with specific areas, 20mph – to include The Street, Round Street to Gold Street, & Green Lands to Station Approach.

IG agreed to review against current traffic data.

### ***Battle Street to Sole Street***

CPC have identified this area a speeding hot spot.

IG has agreed to review and investigate traffic calming measures – CPC / Mat Mason should supply SID data to IG.

### ***HGV Traffic – The Street. Currently “7.5 tonne except for access”***

IG agreed to review the current TRO and possibly introduce “7.5 tonne ONLY” with specific exceptions for local businesses.

### ***Sole Street – Round Street to Gold Street and Scrattons Field.***

CPC have identified this stretch of road as the most dangerous in the parish.

IG has agreed to ask the KCC Bus Stop team to investigate establishing a permanent bus stop at the corner of Round Street & Sole Street.

IG agreed to cost a Feasibility Study for traffic management, to include a footway. CPC indicated that they might be able to fund the cost of the study and have identified this project for help from the LTC Legacy Fund.

CPC / Mat Mason should supply SID data to IG and Bella Gabbitas the detailed report from the parishioner who was knocked over in this area.

### ***War Memorial Roundabout.***

CPC have identified this area as an accident black spot and have requested protective bollards along the boundary fence line of Pilgrims.

This is land owned by KCC and IG agreed to design and cost – CPC indicated that they might be able to fund the cost.

### ***DYL / Parking Restrictions -The Street***

The outcome of the consultation was that KCC had 3 objections, and decided that as there are plans and designs ongoing; where the lines currently covered by an experimental order may not be needed, the order will run as it currently stands. At the end of the experimental order, or when the designs are completed by Chris Koningen; then the permanent order will be reviewed.

IG agreed to extend the hatching outside the school and field - to be extended to the Ship Inn

### ***Village Gateways Features – Halfpence Lane***

New design to be approved – Cost £4,968

### ***The Street – Traffic Calming***

KCC Highways are proposing to build out both sides of The Street replacing the existing bollards to create genuine single file traffic, with priority give-way at either end.

Cobblestones – detail of previous supplier

### ***Darnley Arms.***

A new stick down kerb and sign has been installed outside the pub.

This is a temporary measure installed by Kent Highways until the main scheme calming measures are installed in February 2022.

Availability of replacement cobblestones on The Street – Clerk to report.

### **Batts Road**

The proposal for a one way system has been voted down by CPC and removed from the HIP

- **Speedwatch Group** – Tony Rice. Update
- **Speed Indicator Device** – Matt Mason. Update
- **Lower Thames Crossing** – Cllr Dyer. Update

### **10. VILLAGE CRIME GROUP – Cllr Dymond**

- **Neighbourhood Watch & PCSO Newsletter** – Cllr Dymond/Cllr Pryor. Update

### **11. PLAYING FIELDS**

- **Children’s Corner Refurbishment.** - Cllr Peterson-Pearce to Update  
Swings have been replaced and the damaged matting repaired.
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Points** – Clerk to update

### **12. PUBLIC TOILETS**

- **Contribution box** – Clerk to update
- **Electric Supply** - Cllr Booth. Update  
Metered through the pavilion and paid for by the Cricket Club.
- **Night Locking** –  
Quotes. Locum Locks £2054. / Blakes Security £3447.90
- **Water Leak in the Ladies** – Cllr Booth. Update  
Quote – D Bishop. £1985
- **LED Lighting** – Cllr Booth. Update  
Quote – G E Electrical £882

### **14. St MARYS CHURCH ROOMS**

- **Refurbishment.** - Clerk to update

### **15. SOCIAL MEDIA - Web Site & Facebook - Cllr Peterson-Pearce & Clerk to update**

- **Use of FaceBook & web site**
- **Parish Magazine**

### **16. Other Village Matters**

- **Kent Rail Summit virtual meeting** – Cllr Smith to report
- **British Legion Grant & other grants** – Clerk to update
- **Village Sign** – Cllr Booth
- **Meadow Rooms** – Cllr Gabbitas
- **Footpaths** – Cllr Dymond  
No Cycling & Pick Up After Your Dog stickers.
- **Community Bus** – Cllr Booth
- **Queen’s Platinum Jubilee** – Cllr Dymond
- **Verge Cutting** – Clerk to update
- **Remembrance Sunday** – Cllr Dymond
- **Assets of Community Value** – Cllr Booth  
Confirm those recorded.

### **17. Parishioners Comments**

**Meeting continues in Private**

**18. Correspondence & Announcements**

**19. Finance**

- Cheque reports
- Budget Meeting

**21. AOB – items from Councillors**

**22. Next Meeting – Budget Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December. 7.30pm at the Meadow Rooms**