

Cobham Parish Council's Budget for 2024/25

Cobham Parish Council are proposing to take forward the following areas:

Sole Street Traffic Calming

Local residents have asked that action be taken to slow speeding and reduce the heavy traffic through Sole Street. Cobham Parish Council have been working closely with Kent County Council Highways to try to resolve these issues. Unfortunately KCC have confirmed that they have no budget available for works at Sole Street and Cobham Parish Council would need to provide the funding for any future works.

Kent County Council have installed ATC tubes at two places along Sole Street at Cobham Parish Council's request and expense. The ATC tubes have shown that there is considerable traffic passing through Sole Street.

Cobham Parish Council would like to see a 20mph speed limit introduced along Sole Street. Kent County Council do not support this. The parish council is also proposing to install a speed camera at Sole Street which has the support of Cllr Brian Sweetland, the County Councillor.

A Speed Watch Group is being set up with the help of the local beat office, PC Jo Hammond, and will be running sessions in the future including using a Speed Gun and the police will be pulling over any speeding motorists. More volunteers for Speed Watch would be welcome. Please let the clerk know if you are interested in volunteering for Speed Watch clerk@cobham-kent-pc.gov.uk

Village Signs for Sole Street and Cobham

Cobham Parish Council have been working on a design for the proposed new village signs for Sole Street and Cobham. The village sign will help to provide a focal point for both villages. Cobham and Sole Street are one of the few villages in the local area that do not have their own village signs. Each of the village signs are likely to cost around £5000 each.

Village Gateway Signs

The village gateway sign at Halfpence Lane are showing their age and need to be replaced. The original village gateways were white wooden picket fences that were not painted. Cobham Parish Council have been working with Kent County Council on designs for the village gateways. The parish council are still considering some designs.

All weather path and new fence by the Children's Corner

As part of the installation of the new playground during the summer of 2023, Cobham Parish Council are looking to improve access to the new playground for families and villagers.

There is no path from the Playing Field car park to the playground and the grass can be very wet and muddy, particularly after wet weather, and it is difficult for those pushing prams/buggies and wheelchairs. The chain link fence surrounding the Children's Corner will also be replaced.

New benches at the playing fields

The concrete benches around the Cobham Playing Fields are no longer fit for purpose and are due for replacement with either a wooden or plastic design of bench.

Repairs to the flint wall behind the village pump

The flint wall around the pump is Grade II listed and requires repairs using specialist craftsmen and materials. The wall was built for Lord Darnley along with the village pump and reservoir and was given to the village and is now part of the parish council's responsibilities. Cobham Parish Council have received 3 quotes for the work. The initial work is likely to cost £10,000 but there is likely to be a lot more structural work needed.

New wooden posts at the War Memorial green

The wooden posts around the edge of the green on the corner of Halfpence Lane and Lodge Lane are rotten and falling over. Cobham Parish Council have received a quote for around £2,470 and are looking for a further 2 quotes.