

SEAL PARISH COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the SEAL PARISH COUNCIL which will be held on THURSDAY 14th October 2021 in Seal Pavilion on Seal Recreation Ground beginning at 7.30pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

There will follow 10 minutes parishioner's question time.

1 Apologies

2 To agree the minutes of the of the last meetings

3 Declarations of Interest

4 Election of Seal Ward Councillor

Mrs Talbot will be standing as a member for Seal Ward.

5 Clerk's report

6 KCC Matters – Councillor Gough matters

- Cyclist are coming down Carters Hill at great speed which could cause problems with oncoming traffic. The parish council is concerned about the safety issue and would welcome KCC's response.

- A25 Speed limit to reduce the speed along the stretch of the road and around secondary schools and to ensure good cycling and walking routes.

- A25 – Seal Car Park signs awaiting feedback from KCC

- Awaiting information from KCC on Childsbridge Lane, glasdon gates and boundary signs
- Resurfacing due to the bad condition of small roads in Seal, in particular Church Road, Pudding Lane and Zion Street. Several residents from Johnsons Court use rollators or wheelchairs to get to the village shops, and potholes make it dangerous.

-The Parish Council wrote on 4th August to Tarmac, SDC and KCC about the timing and funding of access to Sevenoaks Quarry, notably at Bat and Ball. Are the parties preparing a joint response?

– Planning application (21/01551/FUL) for warehouse use 'south of Stone Street' was raised with Roger by Rick Bourne. Details were provided by Mr Martin on 13th September with a request that KCC Highways and PROW officers visit the site and review all the comments made.

Thanks for the positive response by KCC to SPC's comments on their planning application for new school sports fields at the Wilderness site.

7 Other Matters Requiring Discussion and Action

7.1 Vacancies on Committees

Seal Recreation Ground Committee x 4	JS, CT (2 vacancies)
Seal Village MC	CT (1 vacancy)
Seal Transport Report	CH (1 vacancy)
Planning	TM,AM, TB, RB, CH. CT, OB and 1 vacancy
Christmas lights	1 vacancy
Village Spring Cleans	MP (1 Vacancy)

7.2 Seal Primary School

The parish council to chase our solicitor for KCC signed copy of the walking bus licence agreement.

LEAD: JS

7.3 Electric charging points and Climate change – update

LEAD: MP

7.4 Shared Enforcement Van

Proposal to investigate an enforcement van. - Update.

LEAD: RB

7.5 Household waste Consultation

KCC has launched a consultation regarding keeping the booking system to use the Household Waste Recycling Centre, which is available at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/wasteconsultation>. The parish council to discuss and consider submitting a response.

7.6 Gatwick Airport

The parish council to consider submitting a response to the consultation to bring existing northern runway into routine use alongside their main runway, deadline 1 December.

LEAD: ALL

7.7 Highway Improvement Plan

Mr Haslam to update the Council and provide a map to show the drawings for either side of Railway bridge and photos to show signs and road markings of Childsbridge Lane.

LEAD: CH

7.8 HMS Seal Memorial Garden

Work has started on the memorial garden and cutting back vegetation. A badger sett has been located which is active. We will require an ecologist to advise further on the site and we are awaiting further advise from Bartletts. Mr Tavare to update further.

LEAD: CT

7.9 Welcome Back Fund Grant update

LEAD: CT

7.10 Wildflower Project

Licence prepared for Seal Allotments to be approved by the Council.

LEAD: CT

7.11 Old Fire Station

Leonette Roussouw has said that she would be happy for a circle to be cut out of the forecourt 2 metre distance, two thirds from the pavement to replace the middle planter. The Parish Council will require to amend the lease agreement to reflect the change and to draft an agreement between all parties.

LEAD: JS

7.12 Emergency Plan

The clerk invited the Council to consider whether we should create an emergency plan for the parish it was agreed that everyone would view the Ightham Parish Council plan and come back with a view at the next parish council meeting.

LEAD: All

7.13 Ightham Mote/Knole Park

Mr Penn to discuss with the Parish Council on having a passenger train for visitors attending National Trust places in our area.

LEAD: MP

7.14 Seal Pavilion

At the last meeting it was raised that the Parish Council should discuss a budget for a projector and screen to be agreed.

Mr Penn is looking at various different types of gadgets which connect to the projector and is still researching options and is confident that we can progress this further but will wait until he has all the research to present to the Council.

LEAD: MP

7.15 Seal Recreation Ground

Details circulated of the ROSPA inspections to be discussed.

7.16 Citizens Advice Bureau in Sevenoaks and Swanley (part of Citizens Advice in North and West Kent)

At the last meeting, Mr Michaelides to propose a donation of £500, in recognition of the increased workload as a result of Covid.

7.17 West Kent Neighbourhood Watch Association

Mr Michaelides to propose a donation of £250.

7.18 Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council is actively seeking new Councillors. It is pursuing highway improvements, control of speeding, environment and carbon reduction schemes, and community projects. It wishes to recruit new Councillors and to work with those interested in these topics. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor or are interested in our work, please contact the Clerk on 01732 833360 or sealparishc@outlook.com

7.19 Remembrance Day

Wreaths to be laid on Remembrance Day 14th November at St Lawrence Church, St Peters and Pauls, Godden Green and St Margarets Church.

7.20 KALC AGM 13 November 2021

Two volunteers to attend the KALC AGM, which is being held virtually on Zoom on Saturday 13 November 2021.

LEAD: ALL

8 Accounts and Cheques

9 Items for Information only

9.1 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations 2nd June to 5th June 2022

Dates for Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, for communities to get together for celebrations, including “planting a tree for the platinum jubilee” everyone can be involved schools, individuals, communities and groups. Please see website:

<https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/>

9.2 Underriver Recreation Ground

The clerk has discussed the area with KCC PROW, who have inspected the site and removed any loose dead wood away and the plan is to put weed suppressant and type 1 to the area.

10 Planning

The Council to agree the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 27th September, and ratify the responses to planning application consultations submitted after these meetings.

Matters for Information Only

Please see website for further information on health advice, financial advice for residents and waste and recycling services and residents who are vulnerable

<https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/info/20069142/>

KMCCG COVID-19 Vaccination

<https://www.kentandmedwayccg.nhs.uk/your-health/coronavirus/covid19vaccine>

KCC advice on Coronavirus updates

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/coronavirus>

Main source of advice for Coronavirus

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

A reminder to report all Highway issues direct to KCC 03000 41 81 81

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> –

A reminder to report problems on PROW to 03000 41 7171 8am-8pm Mon-Friday.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of>

Please report street light outages in Seal (other than on the A25) to the Parish Council.

Mrs Clare Boland 8th October 2021