

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 13th January 2022 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 meeting
- 3 Declarations of Interest
- 4 Clerk's report
- 5 KCC Matters – Councillor Gough's report

Updates on -

- Cyclist are coming down Carters Hill at great speed. The Schemes Project Manager to investigate examples of signage produced by the parish council. The clerk to contact Weald PC.
- Reduction on A25 speed limit.
- Update on resurfacing due to the bad condition of small roads in Seal, in particular Church Road, Pudding Lane and Zion Street.
- Childsbridge Lane Railway Bridge - white lines no room for pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs and cyclists. Hatching by the bridge was removed some time ago Councillor Gough will update us on Traffic Orders.
- Childsbridge Lane - speed signs, glasdon gates, KCC produced estimate for Parish Council to pursue
- Underriver House Road, work was completed by UK Power Network's last year, cabling underground, KCC to update.
- Fawke Wood Road, St Julians pot holes which have recently been filled – KCC to update.
- Reducing speed limits along country lanes.
- Bitchet Green Area, there is an area of hard standing off Rooks Hill at the Bitchet Green end which is currently barriered off, but could this be used for extra parking?

5.1 Wildflower project

Catts Cottage, Black Charles Barn and Seal Allotments - the clerk has been in contact with KCC on licences for these locations and have not yet received the information requested.

6 Other Matters Requiring Discussion and Action

6.1 Highway Improvement Plan

Mr Haslam to report on the meeting held on 1 December 2021 with Kemsing PC, Seal PC and KCC. Details circulated on estimated costs to all Councillors.

The Parish Council to propose KCC go ahead with an informal consultation with local residents on double yellow lines, Church Road, Zion Street.

The Parish Council to prepare for new projects for the next financial year's HIP.

LEAD: CH

6.2 Fawke Wood Road, St Julians Road

The Parish Council mentioned at the last meeting about the leaves and earth covering the double yellow lines which have recently been installed, could we consider street cleaning for this area.

6.3 Electric charging points and Climate change

An update from Mr Penn regarding surveys.

LEAD: MP

6.4 Shared Enforcement Van

Proposal to investigate an enforcement van.

ACTION: RB

6.5 HMS Seal Memorial Garden

An update on work completed.

LEAD: CT

6.6 Seal Village Memorial Tree

An update from Mr Tavare

6.7 Welcome Back Fund Grant update

Mr Bourne to update the location of the bench in St Lawrence Ground for installation and a further update on installation of benches. Delivered at Romshed Farm, two for Underriver to be installed by Rob Crouch, one for St Lawrence and one for Seal. Need volunteers/ask Rob Crouch to install the last two.

LEAD: RB/CT

6.8 Bench project

At the last meeting we were awaiting a quote to assemble and install 11 benches around Seal Village, including the wooden bench. A quotation has been received cost estimated at roughly £160.00 per seat to assemble, erect, plus materials concrete, fixing bolts and cost of disposal.

LEAD: CT

6.9 Seal Recreation Ground

Following on from the last meeting the clerk instructed work to be completed on the slide costing £3,497.50 and additional expenditure was incurred due to damage and areas reported on ROSPA inspections which required urgent completion over the Christmas period. Total costs were £7,904.50 which is within our budget for the year.

6.10 Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council is actively seeking new Councillors. 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.

6.11 Sevenoaks Quarry Site

A draft response following the meeting and public exhibition on 20th October to be prepared by Mr Martin with Councillors contribution for approval at the meeting.

LEAD: TM

6.12 Seal Pavilion and Projector screen

Update from Mr Penn

6.13 KALC Community Award Scheme

The Parish Council to consider nominees for this year's award.

6.14 St Lawrence Recreation Ground

To discuss whether we should provide dog bins in this area.

7 Accounts and Cheques

8 Annual Precept

The parish precept papers have already been circulated to the Councillors.

Mr Michaelides proposes that the Parish precept for 2022/23 is set at £78,950.

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

The Parish Council will participate in planting a tree, locations suggested Seal Recreation Ground, Underriver Recreation Ground and St Lawrence Recreation Ground. A plaque was also suggested to mark the occasion. the Parish Council will need to consider the type of tree to be planted, size and at this stage where these trees will be located to mark the occasion to be discussed at the next meeting.

LEAD: All

10 West Kent Mediation

Received a letter from West Kent Mediation who are celebrating 25 years of providing confidential, impartial mediation service to every resident in West Kent. They are volunteer-led organisation with their team of fully trained local mediators conducting all the mediation work they undertake, thereby saving precious time and funds for a variety of public services. Eg. police/housing officers/social services. They rely on funding to support their service and would be grateful if the Parish Council would consider a donation towards their charity to help provide a much-needed service to the local community of West Kent.

11 Items for Information only

11.1 Citizens Advice North and West Kent

Citizens Advice have thanked us for our kind donation and continued support for this cause.

12 Planning

The Council to agree the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 22nd November and 13th December and ratify the responses to planning application consultations submitted after these meetings.

Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2013-30 Full Review 2021 – Consultation 16 December to 9 February 2022. Comments to be submitted.

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 7th January 2021