

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 12th January 2023 in Seal Pavilion on Seal Recreation Ground beginning at 7.30pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

Parishioner's question time.

- 1 To receive and accept apologies for absence:**
- 2 The minutes of the meeting to be agreed and signed.**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Clerk's report**
- 5 KCC Matters – Councillor Gough's matters**
 - Childsbridge Lane – the Parish Council is in receipt of quotation
 - SID Bracket for A25 east before Park Lane – this is still outstanding and waiting further for information.
 - Zion Street – at the last meeting we mentioned spaces weren't large enough has this been rectified?
 - Godden Green Pond – the Parish Council to arrange a quote
- 6 Other Matters Requiring Discussion and Action**
 - 6.1 Elections**

Elections will be taking place on 4th May 2023, estimated to be for uncontested = £647.20 and contested (whole Parish or all Town/Parish wards) = £3791.26
 - 6.2 Seal Over 60's**

The club has asked for a grant to go towards their social event for Christmas to be taken in February. They have 25 people who attend the club and generally cater for their club themselves with a team of 5 people using the village hall kitchen facilities and sometimes they have caterers in. The Parish Council to consider a grant towards their event.
 - 6.3 Highways**

The Parish Council have received a detailed quotation for the works on signage enhancements in Childsbridge Lane, the quotation stands at £2,164.84 after a deduction of £1,000 contribution which Councillor Gough would be funding.

6.4 HIP

Template change to be agreed with the Parish Council, and whether we would benefit to discuss items on the HIP with KCC to find out top priorities.

6.5 ROSPA Inspections

At the last meeting we discussed possible operational inspections quarterly, the price per quarter for 2 playgrounds would be £362.00, totalling s £1086.00 per annum, with the additional annual inspections charge on top, the Parish Council to agree the cost for quarterly inspections.

6.6 Civility and Respect

It would be a good idea for Councillors to attend training courses on Civility and Respect there are growing concerns about the impact bullying, harassment, and intimidation are having on local (parish and town) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff and the resulting effectiveness of local councils. By signing the pledge, you would be agreeing along with other Councils to adopt policies, attend training courses and encourage your peers to follow. Such support will send out a strong message and help evidence to the government that the standards regime must be strengthened, including sanctions for poor behaviour.

6.7 Seal Housing Need Survey

The council to discuss the report received which was circulated for our parish and update the council on it's position.

6.8 HMS Memorial

The Parish Council to approve the proof before purchasing the Lectern for printing.

6.9 Wildflower Project

The wildflowers licences have been renewed for Catts Cottage, Black Charles, and Seal Allotments and will expire next December 2023. The clerk had a meeting with KCC to discuss the verges to be cut once a year in Autumn and for seeds for Seal and Underriver verge and we are awaiting 2 quotes.

6.10 Seal Pavilion

The Parish Council to discuss the Village Hall grants and whether we should consider better insulated French windows and whether there is quiet alternative to the wall mounted radiators with fans.

6.11 Councillor Vacancy

There are currently vacancies in Seal Ward if you would like to become a Parish Councillor, please contact the clerk.

6.12 KALC Nomination Award

The Parish Council require to adopt the scheme and to ascertain an appropriate nominee for this award.

7 Accounts and Cheques

8 To agree the budget

The Council to formerly approve the budget for 2023/24 of £120,678.04.

9 To agree the precept

The Council to formerly approve the precept for 2023/24 of £80,250.00.

10 Items for Information only

11 Planning

The Council to accept the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 10th November and 28th November and 19th December and to ratify the responses to planning application consultations submitted after these meetings.

SDC Local plan 2040 the Council to agree the amended comments submitted.

Matters arising since distribution of this agenda

Consultations

South East Water consultation closes 20 Feb 2023 Thames Water is holding a public consultation on a proposed strategic plan for future water supply the draft water resource management plan 2024

Correspondence circulated to all Members Gatwick Airport FASI South Airspace Change Proposal Invitation for stakeholders to participate in an engagement session about the first of three rounds of iterative options appraisal to support Gatwick Airport's Redesign of Arrival and Departure Procedures. A councillor to volunteer to attend 3 virtual meetings.

KALC Winter Training Courses

Boundary Commission Review

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 6th January 2023

Date of Next Meeting 9th February, 7.30pm at Seal Pavilion