

A meeting of the Seal Parish Council was held on THURSDAY 13th April 2023 in Seal Pavilion on Seal Recreation Ground at 7.30pm

Present:

Mr Michaelides

Mr Martin

Mr Haslam (Chairman)

Mrs Talbot

Mr Penn

Mr Boorman

Mr Bulleid

Mrs Stiasny

Mr Bourne

Also present the clerk, Councillor Thornton and Councillor Hogarth

Parishioners Question Time

A Parishioner raised issues with parking and parking enforcement in Zion Street which will be looked into by Councillor Hogarth and Councillor Thornton.

Councillor Thornton reported about the Leisure Centre, and the insolvency practitioner has handed the leases over and keys, there has been a working party over there today to see what maintenance is required. Everyone Active have been appointed and is running the White Oak Leisure Centre which numbers have increased immensely over the last year.

Councillor Thornton had received correspondence from a resident, mainly potholes in Park Lane and St Julians Road and the vegetation in Godden Green has encroached the road over the last 18 months and with this cut back could improve the flow of traffic approaching the school. The Chairman raised that potholes should be reported on KCC website. It was noted potholes have been marked but the quality of work isn't good enough, the work is completed and then 3 months later requires completing again. St Lawrence Cricket Club verge is in need to some maintenance and there has been an accident there.

1 Apologies: Councillor Gough

2 The minutes of the last meetings were agreed and signed.

3 Declarations of Interest – None

4 Clerk's report - None

5 KCC Matters – Councillor Gough's was not present at the meeting and therefore the item's were not discussed.

- Godden Green Pond
- Wildflower verges – The PC are still awaiting a quotation for KCC to cut verges

6 Other Matters Requiring Discussion and Action

6.1 Civility and Respect

The Chairman proposed to the council for the item on Civility and Respect to be delegated to the Staff Committee and only when the Staff Committee agree to bring this back to the full council should this item be included on the Agenda in the future. This was seconded by Mrs Stiasny and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk was asked to enquire and report to the Staff Committee whether the Council can amend the Civility and Respect Pledge certificate, can be changed to reflect the appropriateness to the Council. This was proposed by Mr Michaelides and seconded by Mrs Talbot and agreed unanimously.

6.2 Seal Recreation Ground

Mr Michaelides proposed a minor change to the Premises Licence and this was to remove the Late Night Refreshments between 11pm and 5am and this was seconded by Mr Martin agreed unanimously.

6.3 Sevenoaks Football Club

Mr Bourne reported that as the football club have an annual agreement with the Council for the use of the football pitches, in order to qualify for the grants, they are applying, they would require a minimum 6 year agreement, and therefore the original agreement will require to be changed. Mr Bourne will be meeting with Mr Spencer and will update the Council further.

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6.4 Family Fun Days

The Parish Council discussed Play Place and since there is no change from last year, the Parish Council would ask that they complete their own risk assessment for their event.

6.5 Seal Church St Peter and St Paul

Mr Michaelides proposed that we donate £2,500 towards repairing St Peter and St Paul's Church clock which was installed in 1854 and this was seconded by Mr Bourne and agreed unanimously.

6.6 Seal Village Fund

The Parish Council discussed the planters outside the village hall, and we will advise the SVF to speak to KCC Highways as it could obstruct the pavement.

The one outside the Barbers is owned by SPC and we would be happy for SVF to care for the planter.

The dentist would need to be consulted over the diverter tap for the Covid Memorial Tree as this is their water supply.

6.7 Planters in Seal Village

A resident has asked whether planters could be attached on the railings outside the old Kentish Yeoman. Unfortunately, a barrier basket was placed there previously and was removed by KCC Highways to ensure the safety of pedestrians at the crossing and vehicles turning onto the High Street.

6.8 Air Ambulance Charity Kent, Surrey, Sussex

Mrs Talbot proposed the request for a grant of £300 to help their charity and this was seconded by Mr Boorman and agreed unanimously.

6.9 Accounts and Cheques

Mr Michaelides proposed to approve signing of the cheques and this was seconded by Mr Martin and agreed unanimously.

Cheques signed April 2023

Cheque No	Payee	Amount	VAT Reclaim	Description
006448	Mrs C Boland	£1,100.78	£165.97	Locksmith Lock Change x2 Key Safe, Stamps and Broadband
006449	Sevenoaks Volunteer Transport Group	£250.00		Donation
006450	Seal Village Hall	£1,236.75		Donation
006451	R Crouch	£200.00		Tree Work
006452	Stonepitts Farm	£180.00	£30.00	Xmas Tree
006453	Streetlight	£558.30	£93.05	Streetlights
006454	K C Davies	£30.00		Seal Pavilion Window Cleaning
006455	Sevenoaks District Council	£411.10	£63.05	Dog litter/waste and refuse collection
006456	Mrs C Boland	£250.00		Petty Cash
006457	Inland Revenue			Deductions
006458	Clerk			Salary
006459	Caretaker			Salary
006460	Kent County Council			Pension
006461	Mr D J Martin	£114.50		Bus Shelter
006462	Cancelled			
006463	Flare Electrical Contractors Limited	£155.86	£25.98	Telephone box light
006464	Information Commissioner	£40.00		Data Protection
006465	T D Geer Limited	£264.00	£44.00	Gas and plumbing

Direct Debits Received to date

Payment Date	Payee	Amount	VAT Reclaim	Description
30/3/2023	SEFE Energy	£202.40	£9.64	Seal Pavilion Gas
20/4/2023	British Gas	£114.44	£5.45	Seal Pavilion electricity
26/4/2023	Npower	£148.50	£7.07	Streetlighting

7 Items for Information only

7.1 Elections 4th May 2023

On Thursday 4 May 2023, District and Parish Council elections are taking place across the Sevenoaks District. We have 8 candidates which were put forward for the election and we have four vacancies in Seal, there will not be a requirement to hold a vote for the Parish Election this year.

7.2 Annual Assembly

Our Annual Assembly will be held on 17th May at Seal Pavilion starting at 7.30pm, if anyone would like to attend, you would be welcome to join us, there will be refreshments after the

meeting. We would like to hear from all the local groups who have benefitted from a donation from the Parish Council to report back to us on their activities.

8 Planning

Mr Michaelides proposed to receive and note the minutes of the planning committee on 27th February and 9th March, and the responses to planning consultations submitted after those meetings which have been circulated and this was seconded by Mr Bourne and agreed unanimously.

Mr Martin proposed to amend the Terms of Reference for Planning Committee and this was seconded by Mr Michaelides and agreed unanimously.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank Mr Martin for all his support and contribution which he has given to the Council over the last 7 years, as he will be resigning, and it was the last Parish Council meeting he will be attending we wanted wish him well for the future.

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.

Meeting closed 8.40pm