

**MINUTES OF THE CHIDDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 16TH JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM IN CHIDDINGSTONE VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr R. Streatfeild (Chairman), Cllr A. Baker, Cllr C. Bishop, Cllr Mrs P. Harris, Cllr Mrs M. Quirk, Cllr J. Roper, Cllr B. Taylor and Cllr H. Williams
Apologies: Cllr P. Myers, County Cllr P. Lake and District Cllr J. Osborne-Jackson
In attendance: Mrs L. Kleinschmidt (Clerk) and a member of the public. District Cllr Mrs S. Coleman and Mr Steven Whitehead from SDC attended the Open Session only.

Open Session

Report by District Cllr Mrs Coleman

District Cllr Mrs Coleman reported as follows:

1. D.Cllr Mrs Coleman had concerns about an event at Wilderness Farm on the 6th July. She asked SDC to investigate, and they found that the event was a school event and although there was noise this wasn't classed as noise nuisance. There will be another school event on 26th August.
2. The application at Newtyehurst Farm was refused, and D.Cllr Mrs Coleman congratulated the Parish Council on their response. Planning Officers are not sure yet whether the landowner will appeal. If he submitted another application, he would be advised to seek pre-planning advice.
3. D.Cllr Mrs Coleman warned the Parish Council and landowners to keep their gates shut and block accesses as travellers are moving through the district. Cllr Roper advised that there was an unauthorised encampment in Chiddingstone Causeway overnight last night, but the travellers have moved on today.
4. The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Scott, has sent out a policing survey on crime and antisocial behaviour which can be found at www.kent-pcc.gov/haveyoursay. There has been a drug related issue in the ward and the police have followed this up.
5. The new track in Chiddingstone Hoath is under investigation with Enforcement Officers.
6. The proposed amendments to the current CIL governance arrangements have been approved by SDC Cabinet. The next meeting of the CIL Spending Board will be held in early October.

Report by Steven Whitehead, SDC Enforcement Officer

Cllr Streatfeild welcomed Steve to the meeting. Steve said that Enforcement Officers deal with new development, ensuring that what is built complies with the planning approval; works to listed buildings and TPOs; removal of hedgerows; unapproved advertising and hazardous substances. Enforcement Officers should be proactive and look for breaches in planning. SDC has two Enforcement Officers currently and he hopes that they will take on more admin staff. He is currently preparing a newsletter which will be circulated to Town and Parish Councils. Officers have been dealing with 400 breaches so far this year. Cllr Streatfeild asked whether Town and Parish Councils are kept informed of breaches whilst they are being investigated. Steve said that this would be against GDPR unless the Town or Parish Council is the complainant.

Cllr Streatfeild thanked Steve for coming along the meeting. Steve Whitehead left the meeting at 7.55pm.

District Cllr Mrs Coleman left the meeting at 8.00pm.

Report by County Cllr Lake

None.

Report by District Cllr Osborne-Jackson

None.

Questions from Members of the Public

None. The Clerk thanked Mr Welsh for removing the branch overhanging the B2027.

Closed Session

- 39. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Myers and members accepted his reason for absence. Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr Lake and District Cllr Osborne-Jackson.

40. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Non-Pecuniary Interest on matters to be discussed

None.

41. The minutes of the Chiddingstone Parish Council Meeting held on 18th June 2019 were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Bishop, seconded by Cllr Mrs Harris and all were in favour.

42. Planning:

i. To consider planning applications received

- i. SE/19/01684/MMA: Woodmans Barn, land east of Lockskinners Oast, Chiddingstone TN8 7NA - Minor Material Amendment to SE/18/0119/MMA to allow the siting of two air source heat pumps. Members supported this application.
- ii. SE/19/01866/HOUSE: Somerden Hop Barn, Tonbridge Road, Bough Beech TN8 7AJ - proposed wrap around balcony to the first floor of the existing property. Members supported this application providing that the proposed balcony does not overlook neighbours and is consistent with planning policy.
- iii. SE/19/02027/HOUSE and SE/19/02028/LBCALT: Tudor Cottage, 6 The Village, Chiddingstone TN8 7AH - removal of external privy door and brick up to match existing. Renew rear soil vent pipe in painted cast iron to match existing with extended branch pipework. Internal alterations. Install extract ventilation to kitchen ducted through east elevation wall and to bathroom ducted through roof. General repairs on a like for like basis. Members supported this application.

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting, the Planning Committee considered the following applications:

- iv. SE/19/01679/FUL and SE/19/01680/LBCALT: Outbuilding at Frienden Hall, Moat Lane, Chiddingstone TN8 7DN - change of use of outbuilding to dwelling. Members had no objection providing the application satisfies planning policy.
- v. SE/19/01300/HOUSE: The Blacksmiths, Finch Green, Chiddingstone Hoath TN8 7DJ - two small additional windows on the North-West elevation and one small additional window on the South-East elevation. Members supported this application.

ii. To report SDC notifications of planning decisions

- SE/19/00701/FUL: Redleaf Estate Yard, Camp Hill, Chiddingstone Causeway - redevelopment of the site; including the conversion of two commercial buildings to dwelling houses and the erection of a semi-detached pair of dwelling houses, following the demolition of existing storage building. Application approved.
- SE/19/01353/LDCEX: Baldocks Stable, Tonbridge Road, Chiddingstone Causeway - confirmation that the use of The Stables as a single self-contained dwelling house is lawful. Application approved.
- SE/18/01564/DETAIL: Hilders Farm, Ide Hill Road, Bough Beech TN8 7PN - details pursuant to condition 4 (windows and doors) of planning permission SE/17/01128/FUL. Application refused.
- SE/19/01052/FUL: Newtyehurst Farm, Cowden Pound Road to Truggers Lane, Markbeech, TN8 7DA - proposed conversion of agricultural barns into 16 residential units, the demolition of 2 existing residential units and the construction of 2 replacement dwellings. Application refused. Decision notice states:
 - 1) The proposed development would result in the loss of existing viable employment site contrary to policy LO8 of the Sevenoaks Core Strategy, policy EMP5 of the Sevenoaks Allocation and Development Management Plan and Paragraph 80 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
 - 2) The proposed development would result in harm to the openness of the green belt, through excessive bulk and mass. As such the proposal is contrary to policy GB7 of the Sevenoaks Allocation and Development Management Plan and paragraph 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
 - 3) The proposal would result in the net loss of part of the Local Wildlife Site and no sufficient mitigation or assessment has been provided. The proposal would fail to accord with policy SP11 of the Sevenoaks District Council Core Strategy and paragraph 175 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
 - 4) Insufficient drainage details have been submitted and the proposal would therefore fail to comply with Paragraph 165 of the National Policy Planning Framework, as it would provide a sustainable drainage system.

5) The proposed development fails to secure the delivery of six affordable housing units through a Section 106 Legal Obligation. As such the proposal is contrary to policy SP3 of the Sevenoaks Core Strategy.

Cllr Streatfeild thanked the Clerk for preparing an excellent and robust objection to this application. The Clerk reported that the Planning Officer has responded to a query made by Hever Residents Association as to whether this site could achieve residential planning permission for as many of 16 units in the future and she said yes but the applicant would have to do a lot of work to satisfy the wide range of concerns raised by Planning Officers, in particular as there is a viable business on site, SDC would not agree to a change of use unless the landowner could prove that the business was unviable. If that were to be the case then there are a wide range of issues he would have to address e.g. provision of affordable housing, character of the buildings, openness, biodiversity, overall bulk mass on site, but if the landowner sought pre-planning advice SDC would work with him to address these issues.

iii. To discuss any updates regarding the Sevenoaks District Council Draft Local Plan

None.

iv. To discuss the High Weald AONB consultation on their draft Design Guide for new housing development in the High Weald

Cllr Mrs Quirk reported that she feels that there should be a comment made in the consultation regarding woodland. Currently, woodland is subject to inheritance tax unless it is either used as farmland, with animals on the land, or as a felling business. There is therefore no incentive to protect woodland. Cllr Mrs Quirk undertook to draft a comment and Cllr Streatfeild undertook to look at the consultation. Deadline for comments is 14th August.

v. To discuss the new access in Chiddingstone Hoath

Cllr Streatfeild reported that Enforcement Officers are looking at the new track in Chiddingstone Hoath, which leads to the agricultural barn that achieved planning approval near Oakenden Lane. The Agricultural Notification included details of a 4m wide track to the barn from the existing track, but not to the road. Normal use would allow this new track to be extended to the road to allow access to the new barn. Enforcement Officers may request a retrospective application to be submitted. Cllr Mrs Harris was concerned that the new track has impacted a footpath and Cllr Streatfeild said that Kent PROW would have a view on this. It was agreed to await the outcome of the enforcement review of the site.

43. Licensing:

To discuss the Neverworld Festival 1st to 4th August 2019

The Clerk reported that organisers have to notify nearby residents ten days before the event of the number they can call if they are unduly troubled by noise. Also, Sandra Carney has emailed as follows: “For the record of the Chiddingstone Parish Council meeting of 16th July, 2019, I would like to state my objections to the environmental damage caused by the Neverworld festival. I made this report in the July issue of the Parish magazine, page 22. The environmental damage goes beyond the licensed festival days: the noise generated by this new Wilderness Farm festival has a year-round - and now permanent - killing impact on the last barn-swallow colony of Truggers Lane/Hoath Corner. In April of this year, I had hoped to install BBC Springwatch-type webcams on the swallow nests, where live feeds could be accessed by Chiddingstone School and the entire community. Regretfully, a moot point now, as the colony is extinct as a direct result of previous festival noise disturbance. I monitored this colony since 1985, over thirty “barn swallow generations.” Our adjacent neighbour, Wilderness Farm, only started the Neverworld festival in 2016. I currently feel a great kinship with the British expats living in Malta and Cyprus: those trying to stop the local annual shotgun slaughter of migrating songbirds each spring, by “local residents who want entertainment.” More sophisticated to use high-decibel sound barrage instead of shotguns, but the result is the same. It is your country, your environmental heritage, your land, your birds and wildlife, and I agree that you have the complete right to do as you wish with it all. But is Wilderness Farm the best site for festivals? Perhaps Neverworld could be better located just 8 miles away at Eridge Park, a 3,000 acre privately-owned family estate, a professional festival venue.” Cllr Streatfeild reported that SDC have said that the impact on wildlife is not a licensing issue. Members agreed that the Clerk should forward an email sent to Ms Carney by Cllr Streatfeild and reiterate that Chiddingstone Parish Council is a consulted authority for the application, and the decision rests with SDC as the licencing authority.

44. Finance

- i. To review the effectiveness of the Parish Council's Internal Audit Procedures
Members considered and discussed the updated draft procedures. Members agreed that the procedures are effective. Cllr Streatfeild proposed that they be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Roper and all were in favour.
- ii. To consider request for grant from the Margaret Hyde Trust
The Clerk reported that the Margaret Hyde Trust has some significant expenditure planned on one of the Wellers Town properties, this is because the resident declined any offer of work to update the property for many years. Members considered the grant request, taking into account the Trust's last set of accounts. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not make a grant at this time because of the level of funds in the accounts. Cllr Baker reported that there is another property that will soon require refurbishment. Members agreed that they will consider a grant request towards work to that property when the time comes.
- iii. To approve signature of Direct Debit mandate to Public Works Loan Board
The Clerk reported that the direct debit did not transfer to the new bank. Cllr Streatfeild and Cllr Mrs Quirk authorised an online payment as one direct debit payment did not go through. Cllr Williams proposed that this direct debit mandate be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Quirk and all were in favour.
- iv. To approve list of payments
Cllr Williams proposed that the list of payments be approved, this was seconded by Cllr Bishop and all were in favour. Cllr Streatfeild and Cllr Roper undertook to authorise the payments online.

45. Affordable Housing provision in the parish

- i. To hear update regarding the Chiddingstone Affordable Housing Scheme
The Clerk reported as follows:
 - i. Bough Beech, site adjacent to Chequers Barn – the landowner is still waiting for a report of the Pre Planning Advice meeting held at SDC on 12th June. Clerk to chase. English Rural Housing Association has looked at the viability of a scheme of eight affordable local needs homes and three open market plots, and is waiting for a response from the landowner.
 - ii. Chiddingstone Hoath, site opposite The Rock – the application at Newtyehurst Farm has been refused and Cllr Streatfeild undertook to speak to the landowner to see if discussions regarding this site can be re-opened.
 - iii. Chiddingstone Causeway, site adjacent to Bassetts – English Rural Housing Association has sent a further email to the landowner's agent giving more information and explanation regarding their offer for this site.
- ii. The Clerk reported that an email has been received from Gavin Missons, Housing Policy Manager at SDC: "we have several new shared-ownership units complete and up for sale in Oakley Park, Edenbridge and other areas within the District - plus more will be coming our way through 2019 and beyond. Marketing is being targeted at and priority given to those with a live and/or work connection to the District in the early stages. If you and/or family and friends etc., might be interested, go to the 'Help to Buy' website and search 'Sevenoaks' for all currently available properties: www.helptobuyese.org.uk/. Details on qualifying criteria and online application forms can also be found at: www.helptobuyese.org.uk/help-to-buy/shared-ownership. Our partner housing associations have a panel of trusted local financial advisors able to help explore mortgage products and assess suitability etc., and can offer that service to help you through the process."

46. Highways

- i. To discuss the proposal to reduce the speed of vehicles on B2027 though Chiddingstone Causeway
Cllr Baker reported that he is still waiting for more signatures to the petition.
- ii. To discuss the congestion caused by The Little Brown Jug during their beer festival
Members agreed that the Clerk should email the manager of the pub and tell him that the parking situation was unacceptable during their beer festival and it is their responsibility to ensure that there is safe parking available by prior arrangement with a farmer or local landowner.
- iii. To discuss a Chiddingstone Highways Improvement Plan
The Clerk reported that an email has been received from Geoff Bineham: "Please find the attached Highway Improvement Plan template, can I ask you to complete the form and return it to me."

“The form can be updated annually. The HIP is for Parish and Town Councils to prioritise improvements that they may wish to see in their areas. We want communities to have a greater voice in prioritising road safety measures, at the same time, we need to balance requests with the money we have available to spend, making sure our investment has the most impact in making roads safer for all users. The time resource required to facilitate these individual requests can be difficult to resource. KCC does not have a ‘pot’ of funding for parishes however this approach enables them to agree their priorities and have them collectively stored in one place and this can help in the event of personnel change at KCC. We hope they will see this as a positive step forward. The plans give Parish and Town Councils the opportunity to decide which community priorities they want to take forward. Given the finite KCC highways budget, not all priorities are likely to be funded. However, the Kent Highways team can discuss the problems and provide technical advice for the best way to deliver improvements and provide estimates for the costs. Using this information, Parish and Town Councils can determine whether they can provide funding for these priorities and, working with Kent Highways, deliver them.” Members agreed that only one item should be on the Chiddingstone Highways Improvement Plan and that is the speed reduction to 30mph through Chiddingstone Causeway. Clerk to speak to County Cllr Lake and Geoff Bineham to see how this project can be achieved through the Plan.

- iv. KCC Highways: notification that Camp Hill, Chiddingstone Causeway between the junctions of B2027 Tonbridge Road and Compasses Hill will be closed for road surface improvement works on 12th August 2019 for 1 day between 7am and 7pm.

47. Rights of Way:

To hear update regarding the Parish Countryside Access Wardens

The Clerk reported that Cllr Williams, Rob McCoy and David Hunt are all signed up and ready to go. Janet and Bill Lowry have withdrawn their offer to help as cannot commit to the scheme. Cllr Williams advised that he has received the equipment from KCC and some work has commenced.

48. To hear reports by Parish Tree Warden and Parish Pond Warden

- i. Cllr Mrs Harris, as Pond Warden, reported that she has been looking at ponds in the area and hopes to attend a training event in September.
- ii. Cllr Bishop, as Tree Warden, reported that he had a very useful meeting with David Carey, who is the Tree Warden for Hadlow. They walked around the parish looking at trees and discussed whether ancient trees could be put on a register, but there would be issues with GDPR. There is a threat from Oak Processionary Moth caterpillars which is becoming a problem and is now the subject of a DEFRA memo.

49. Aviation:

i. To hear report of the High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group

Members agreed that a public meeting will be held on either 18th or 24th September with invitations to Baroness Vere (the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport), Martin Rolfe (CEO of NATS), Dame Deirdre Hutton (Chair of CAA), Stewart Wingate (Chief Executive of GAL), Tom Tugendhat, the AEF plus representatives from the community groups and Parish Councils.

ii. To discuss cost of leaflet distribution in TN8 and TN11 areas

The Clerk reported that the cost of Royal Mail delivering an A5 leaflet to 3099 homes and businesses in the TN8 7 and TN11 8 areas would cost £500 + VAT. The cost of leaflet printing will be in addition. It was agreed to get the leaflet printed professionally but to deliver via the Parish Magazine and by hand. Notice of the meeting will go on Facebook, the website and noticeboards. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Harris, seconded by Cllr Bishop and all were in favour.

- iii. The Clerk reported that GACC has circulated a newsletter that says that it is anticipated that Gatwick Airport Ltd is proposing to present its finalised Master Plan later this month. The Master Plan is understood to include the following proposals:
 1. To increase capacity on the main runway by using continually improving technology.
 2. To obtain permission to “reposition” the Emergency Runway to allow it to be used as a second runway.
 3. To require the land to the south of the existing runway to continue to be safeguarded to allow a full service runway to be built in the future.

The Draft Master Plan is notable in its support for growth and its failure to provide any mitigation for its massive negative impacts. GACC has recently met with most of the community groups around Gatwick, and all are determined to oppose all three proposals, combining together to do so.

iv. Noise Monitor

The Clerk reported that Gatwick Airport Ltd visited Chiddingstone School last Wednesday and unfortunately the noise monitor cannot be situated at the school but a nearby commercial premises is being considered. Clerk to find out more information.

v. CAA PPR consultation

The Clerk reported that she submitted a response to this consultation on behalf of both Chiddingstone Parish Council and HWCAAG to say that they supported Aviation Environment Federation's response.

50. To discuss youth work provision in the parish

The Clerk reported that West Kent Housing has contacted the Parish Council to say that they are planning six weeks of youth work in the area and would like to know if Chiddingstone would be interested in being included. Members agreed to the provision of the youth work but suggested that WKHA works with the Chiddingstone Youth Club.

51. To report on correspondence received

The Clerk reported that lists of correspondence received have been circulated and drew members' attention to the following:

- i. Item 2: SDC: John Edwards-Winsor has been elected as Chairman of SDC for the year 2019/20 and Diana Esler has been elected Vice-Chairman. Peter Fleming has been re-elected as Leader of the Council for the next four years. There are now 6 members of Cabinet with 6 Advisory Committees, rather than the previous 7. The portfolios and corresponding advisory committees are Improvement & Innovation, Cleaner & Greener, Development & Conservation, Finance & Investment, Housing & Health and People & Places.
- ii. Item 3: KALC Sevenoaks Branch – the next two meetings will be Fridays 30th August and 29th November, and minutes sent of the meeting held on 21st June.
- iii. Item 5: KALC:
 - 18th July - Councillors' Conference, Ditton Community Centre at 9.30am.
 - 29th August - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Meopham Cricket Pavilion 6pm-9.30pm
 - 7th September - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Ditton Community Centre 9am-12.30.
 - 12th September – Kent Fire & Rescue Road Safety Experience 1pm-4.30pm
 - 17th September - Clerks' Conference, West Faversham Community Centre
 - 1st October - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Hythe Sports Pavilion 6pm-9.30pm
 - 19th October - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, West Faversham Community Centre 9am-12.30
 - 12th October - Finance Conference, Herne Centre
 - 22nd October - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Minster Pavilion 1pm-4.30pm
 - 26th October – Transport Conference, more details to follow
 - 9th November - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Kings Hill Com. Centre 1pm-4.30pm
 - 12th November - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Langton Green 6pm-9.30pm
 - 23rd November- Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Lenham Com Centre 9am-12.30pm
 - 5th December - Post Election Dynamic Councillor, Cranbrook 1pm-4.30pm.
- iv. Item 7: Email from Matt Broughton in Tom Tugendhat's office regarding a request for a halt on the railway track in Bough Beech: "I know this is something which Tom would, in principle, be happy to support. However, I suspect it would need more than £30,000 to achieve."
- v. Item 8: Email from resident regarding speeding farm vehicles and the parking at the Little Brown Jug's beer festival.
- vi. Item 14: SDC News Release: Two criminals from Greater London were prosecuted at Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on Friday 5th July 2019 for fly-tipping in Westerham and Dunton Green. Both were fined and now have a criminal record as a result of their actions. SDC's Fly-Tipping Enforcement Team investigated both incidents and brought the cases to court. These prosecutions follow another successful court case on 7th June 2019 when a Tunbridge Well man admitted to dumping waste in Dunton Green

received fines totalling £1,745. Residents can report fly-tipping on public land and on the highway by calling Sevenoaks District Council on 01732 227000.

vii. **Item 16: Neighbourhood Watch Reports:**

- On Tuesday 9th July between 6:00pm and 9:00pm, both number plates were stolen from a VW Golf parked in the road at Causeway Cottages, Chiddingstone Causeway.
- On Friday 14th June between 12:01am and 6:13pm in Tonbridge Road, Chiddingstone Causeway, a wildlife camera was stolen from where it was located on the gate at the back of a residential property.
- Between 7:30pm on Monday 15th April and 7:00am on Tuesday 16th April in Richards Close, Chiddingstone Causeway, a vehicle parked in the road was broken into.
- Between 3:00pm on Saturday 8th June and 6:45am on Tuesday 11th June in Lockskinners, Chiddingstone, an agricultural storage building has been broken into and tools stolen.
- Between 10:00pm on Sunday 21st April and 6:00am on Monday 22nd April in Wellers Town Road, Chiddingstone, a workshop at a residential property was broken into and a chainsaw was stolen.
- Between 5:00pm on Wednesday 10th April and 12:01am on Thursday 11th April in Hever Road, Bough Beech, person/s have attempted to steal a motor cycle, damage has been caused to the wiring loom.
- On Sunday 17th March between 2:00pm and 2:12pm in Mill Lane, Chiddingstone, a vehicle has been driven onto a field causing damage where it has been driven before getting stuck and abandoned.

52. To consider how the following Parish Projects are progressing:

i. Maintenance of Closed Churchyard and other parish areas:

None.

ii. Rural swathe and visibility cutting contract

The Clerk reported that Cllr Bishop saw that Countryfile showed a film on rural swathe cutting. New equipment was being trialled that cut the verges and took all the cutting away. This allowed wildflowers to grow. The programme did not say that verges should not be cut. The Parish Council's contractor uses a machine that blows all cuttings off the road into the hedges. The second swathe cut will be done in August.

iii. Chiddingstone village carpark

The Clerk reported that she has received a response from the National Trust on the proposed scheme to the rear of the village hall, as follows: "Thank you for your email and Gary had told me you are really struggling to come up with a location for a car park. Having enough car parking is an issue in nearly all our sites and is never an easy problem to solve. Like the Local Government planning processes, the National Trust has many layers of approval that would be required to agree to this proposal. In my 16 years with the National Trust I have never seen a car park be approved so close to an archaeological monument like this. If we felt there was enough evidence to support the proposal, we would have to present it to the various different Regional and Central approval processes. For the National Trust to understand and give its view on the plan we would need to see what you have considered to arrive at this point, as this idea would have a significant impact on National Trust land and also covenanted land. The report would need to include:

- The school generates all the parking and so what are they offering? The parking is only really bad during weekdays.
- What can Chiddingstone Castle offer?
- Which other options have you looked at and why they have been rejected?
- A traffic survey to assess the pattern of traffic would be required.
- If there is a car park how do you make people use it and would anyone enforce yellow lines (as proposed) in the street?
- What about our tenants/businesses, how would this proposal affect them and where they park?
- Archaeology and habitat assessments on the impact of a car park.

We are just tendering for a Conservation Management Plan for all the countryside and smaller outlying bits of land and buildings the National Trust own in the patch I am responsible for. It will look at the setting and archaeology of the village and Chiding Stone and we will of course be willing to share this with you – it will take about a year to produce as it looks at the countryside sites over all four seasons. I am afraid this is not something that would get a fast response from the National Trust and it is not something myself or Gary can give you permission for."

Cllr Mrs Quirk asked whether as this is a major village project it should be discussed with residents before taking the matter further. Cllr Streatfeild reported that the residents said in a meeting that they supported the Parish Council's project to provide a car park in the village, and that a car park is needed.

Chiddingstone Castle, the school and landowners were approached to see if a car park could be achieved. Cllr Mrs Quirk said that the Trustees of Chiddingstone Castle have agreed to a sign being erected near the Castle Inn pointing to the Chiddingstone Castle car park for visitors. It was agreed that this would be discussed with the shop and the pub. It was also agreed that the Clerk will gather the information requested by the National Trust and for all members to read this to familiarise themselves with the history of this project.

iv. Bough Beech car parking area:

The Clerk reported that she is in the process of preparing an application for CIL funding from SDC. Simon Taylor has advised that the next CIL Spending Board meeting has been delayed until October.

v. 2019 dates for Bulk Refuse Freighter

14th September

7th December

vi. 2019 dates for Litter Pick

14th September. The Clerk has asked SDC for some fly tipping warning signs.

vii. Summer Family Fun play events

The Clerk reported that the free play event provided by SDC will be held on Friday 16th August from 10am to 2pm on Chiddingstone Causeway Sports Field.

53. Items for reporting or inclusion in future agenda

- i. Cllr Bishop reported that the hedge is overgrown at Vexour Bridge. Clerk to contact Tim Kemp but warned that he might not be able to cut the hedge until 1st September due to the protection of nesting birds.
- ii. Cllr Mrs Quirk requested that some plantings are laid just after the bridge on Mill Lane as the side of the road is dangerous.
- iii. Cllr Roper reported that the hedge needs cutting back at the junction with Bore Place Road and the B2027 as visibility is impaired. Clerk to investigate.
- iv. Cllr Streatfeild reported that plantings are required on the road between Truggers Lane and Markbeech.
- v. The Clerk reported that she has asked SDC whether they can provide some parish maps of Chiddingstone.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 17th September 2019 7.30pm in Chiddingstone Causeway Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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