

SEAL PARISH COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to attend a virtual meeting of the SEAL PARISH COUNCIL which will be held on THURSDAY 12th November 2020 beginning at 7.30pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

There will follow 10 minutes Parishioner's question time

LEAD

1 Apologises

2 Agree the minutes of the last meeting.

3 Declaration of Interest

4 KCC Matters – Councillor Gough matters

a) **New and high priority outstanding issues for the PC for discussion**

Childsbridge Lane Railway Bridge traffic counts – At the last meeting it was agreed that the locations of traffic counts KCC provided with an additional two locations near Zambra Way to be placed where our current poles exist and which KCC could use for their equipment.

RG

b) **Ongoing highway matters**

A25 SID column needs to be reinstated; this is currently on hold due to COVID-19 as traffic counts are required.

Gulleys in Underriver House Road – last stretch of pipework not flowing properly, Councillor Gough to report further.

Road sign reinstated on Carters Hill, One Tree Hill, although there is no road sign heading towards Sevenoaks, Fawke Wood Road, third sign missing.

Black metal bollard outside Seal Kebab Shop requires attention

Zambra Way grass verge – A resident has reported that this area has not been mowed.

Pending CV-19
Traffic count
RG

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c) **Highway Schemes**

Bank Lane requires surface repairs at the junction of Bank Lane and Mill Lane where the friable surface on a steep slope is dangerous, at Riverhill farm where accumulated debris from running water narrows the road on a blind bend, and on Mill Lane where a utility trench is eroding because of surface water. Councillor Gough to report further.

RG

d) **Copse Bank/Ashplatt Footpath**

The maintenance on Copse Bank footpath which links with Trinity School work. Councillor Gough to report.

RG

e) **Bentleys Meadow**

The Parish Council have organised to start weeding the planters with 2 other volunteers. Mr Tavare to report further.

CT

- f) **A25 temporary relaxation of HGV Vehicles**
A resident reported a lot of traffic through the night on the A25 thought to be due to the relaxation of drivers' hours under COVID-19 but is ongoing. Councillor Gough to follow up due to the increase vehicle noise on A25 which causes huge impact throughout the ward. **RG**
- 5 Other Matters Requiring Discussion and Action**
- a) **Highway Improvement Plan**
A separate SHIP speed HIP has been produced by Mr Brown and Mr Haslam. This is currently on hold following the new successor and will look to arrange a meeting with Whitney Gwillim, KCC. **MB**
- A resident has reported whether double yellow lines could be considered in Church Road/Zion Street on the corner. As vans are parking on the corner and effecting visibility. **ALL**
- The parish council to consider signs on the main High Street indicating where the nearest place to park and whether KCC would support this. **ALL**
- Councillor Gough reported at the last meeting he would use his connections with Network Rail to find out who the Parish Council can speak too about a footbridge. Councillor Gough to report further developments.. **RG**
- The Parish Council have liaised with Sevenoaks Town Council over writing a joint letter from their Chairmen to the KCC Chairman on the reduction of speed on the A25, a draft letter has been forwarded to STC for them to consider at their planning meeting held 16 November.
- b) **Traffic around the Fawke Common entrance to Knole Park** **FW**
A meeting with Knole has been organised for the end of October to discuss parking issues around Knole and in the wider Parish. Mrs Weston to report on further developments.
- c) **Seal Village Hall** **CT/MB**
The Parish Council are involved in discussions around the Seal Village Hall. If any resident would like to become a Committee member and are interested in the Village and activities please contact the Chairman of Seal Village Hall. The Committee requires new ideas to drum up support and interest from local residents. A questionnaire is being prepared to gain ideas from local residents.
- d) **Seal Recreation Ground** **MB/CT**
A need to replace the basketball/netball facility on the recreation ground led to a discussion about sports and other activity provision on the ground. This basketball facility would be aimed at younger people, other options available would be table tennis, gym equipment, cycling in the wooded section. Sport England can fund getting people active dependant on what we would like to provide. There are options such as a half a court to practice shooting for netball. The Bat and Ball multi use facility is open for all to use with some exclusive use and some charges for certain activities. A draft questionnaire is being prepared to gain knowledge from the residents of Seal on such facility for the Recreation Ground.
- Due to national lockdown unfortunately our volunteer litter pick on 7th November is cancelled until further notice. **COVID pending**
- e) **Website Accessibility** **RB**
The clerk has arranged a virtual meeting to discuss quotes received and an action plan is to be put forward to the Council.
- f) **Sealcroft Cottages** **FW**
Land at Seal Croft Cottages – A meeting has been organised between both parties regarding the boundary of the land.

- g) CIL Spending Board**
To discuss whether the parish council would like to bid for funding to help with infrastructure projects which could benefit the community. Deadline for response 30 November. **Clerk**
- h) KALC AGM**
An Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 28 November via Zoom, 2 Councillors to attend and book through their website. Deadline 20 November. **ALL**
- i) Verge Cutting and Wildflowers**
Update and suggestion about having a mobile phone for volunteer activities **CT**
- 6 Items for information only and updates if necessary**
- a) Park Lane**
Park Lane, Column 30 work to commence 12 November for groundworks to be completed.
- b) Seal Recreation Ground**
Seal Recreation Ground is one of the hotspots for Nitrous Oxide and Police will be patrolling the area and if you see any evidence please report to the Community Safety Unit.
- c) Councillor Vacancy – Seal Ward**
At present we have an opportunity to become a parish councillor and have two vacancies available. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor, please contact the Clerk.
- d) Greensand Project – Bitchet Common**
A walk organised at Bitchet Common will be arranged in the spring subject the COVID-19 restrictions at the time.
- 7 Planning**
The Council to agree the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 8th and 26 October 2020. The Council to ratify the responses to planning application consultations submitted after these meetings. There will be a short meeting of the Planning Committee after the Council Meeting for which an agenda will be circulated.
- 8 Accounts and cheques**
- 9 AOB**

Matters for Information Only

St Margarets and St Lawrence Remembrance Service will be held virtually please contact directly for information.

Godden Green Service will be cancelled due to national lockdown.

St Peters and St Paul Remembrance service will be held virtually please contact directly for information.

Please see the parish council website for latest M25 planned roadworks

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/>

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 November 2020