

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 10th September 2020 beginning at 7.30pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

There will follow 10 minutes Parishioner's question time

1 Apologises

LEAD

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 incident – This is an important priority due to safety. KCC to look at the extension of speed limit through traffic counts. The Parish Council would like to take this forward but due to COVID-19 this is on hold until traffic returns to normal.

**Pending CV-19
Traffic count**

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.

Mr Bourne to provide SID data for Childsbridge Lane.

**Pending CV-19
Traffic count**

A road sign down next to Public Bridleway sign recently installed at One Tree Hill and requires reinstating to indicate directions to Godden Green and Seal, Riverhill and Sevenoaks and Underriver and Tonbridge, verge marker posts also down.

Gulleys cleansed in Underriver House Road – 2 have been missed

RG

c) Highway Schemes

KCC to update on Bank Lane resurfacing.

RG

d) Cope Bank/Ashplatt Footpath

The maintenance on Cope Bank footpath still needs attention. Councillor Gough to update on the progress.

RG

e) Bentleys Meadow

The Parish Council have applied for a cultivation licence which has been approved and expires on 1 August 2021 to maintain planters and home zone ground in between KCC work. Mr Tavare to update if necessary

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 KCC is trying to ensure heavy lorries keep to the main trunk roads as far as possible into their journeys, but for Seal the problem is that this an A class road and the problem also relates to the lack of slip roads onto the M25. A meeting has been organised on diversion on routes with KCC and other clerks, Mr Brown our Councillor will also be attending and will report on the matter.

MB

5 Other Matters Requiring Discussion and Action**a) Highway Improvement Plan**

Mr Brown and Mr Haslam have improved upon the HIP and are ready to organise a meeting with Mr Bineham on points raised. Mr Brown to update further.

MB/CH/MP

b) Traffic around the Fawke Common entrance to Knole Park

The Parish Council have organised a meeting with Knole and SDC on the ongoing matters with parking conditions around the surrounding area. It appears that the signage along St Julians road is preventing parking and helping.

FW

c) Bridle Lane/Park Lane

A residents raised on double yellow lines on access routes to Bridle Lane path off Park Lane, double yellow lines on Park Lane opposite entrance to Bridle Lane for large vehicles like fire engines to be able to complete and make the turn needed to access Bridle Lane path. It was suggested that no parking signs might help but it is part of the wider problem that needs addressing.

d) Park Lane

Park Lane, Column 30 was crashed into some time ago and UKPN had to come out to make the column safe, so it could be replaced, UKPN are in contact with Streetlights to repair the column.

e) Seal Recreation Ground

An upgrade required for basketball/netball facility on the recreation ground.

CT

f) Seal Village

Pedestrian visibility at junction of A25 and School Lane. Crossing the road from the library side towards the village hall can be daunting as the vegetation blocks the view of cars turning into School Lane.

CT

g) Seal Allotments

The Parish Council has been asked whether we could repair the northern boundary of the Seal Village Allotments. This is the boundary which runs adjacent with Wibble Way footpath which runs to the recreation ground from Childsbridge Lane and carries on along the back of Zambra Way this is to secure their site from the footpath. The Parish Council are considering work to be done. SVA have had a quote for £1120 for 1.2m of chestnut paling the Parish Council are awaiting another quote as well.

h) Website Accessibility

Mr Brown has prepared a draft of the website accessibility statement and we are looking for a third party to test the site before we publish. Mr Brown to update on the website Accessibility Course and next actions to take.

MB

i) ILCA Course – Clerks Training

The clerk proposes for additional 2 hours a week overtime to study for the 5 modules of training, which can take up to a year to study.

Clerk

j) Local Housing Needs

It was reported at the last meeting that the SDC Housing Enabling Officer had provided a progress report on the 3 social housing sites in the Parish.

Mr Martin wrote a letter to SDC confirming the Parish Council's support for their development as rural exception sites for social housing.

Mr Martin to update regarding comments on pre-application plans for Mills Crescent once Councillors have given their comments. **TM**

k) Lockdown Larder

Lockdown Larder project are currently supporting 78 Seal households. So far they have completed over 20 food shops for them at a total cost of just under £500, and they would be very grateful for any contribution that the parish council could make towards this. **All**

l) FREE ONLINE KALC & CPRE Kent Planning White Paper Information Event 11th September at 10.00am

Details circulated to Councillors via email anyone interested and able to attend. **All**

m) Zion Street

A couple of residents have raised concerns about the appearance of Zion Street. Specifically, the concerns regarding the weeds and lack of street foliage/flowers, this is to be discussed. **All**

6 Items for information only and updates if necessary**a) Seal Village Hall**

The Parish Council is supporting the Hall Committee to find a solution to reopen the Village Hall with new fresh ideas for the hall. Mr Brown would review the questionnaire results previously obtained as there could be individuals and ideas that could be followed up to make progress Mr Davies does a considerable amount of work on minutes and agendas and feel there needs to be fresh ideas and new additional members for this community asset. It is proposed that a meeting will be held for all to attend on Thurs 1st Oct at 7pm at the Village Hall.

b) Seal Recreation Ground

Seal Recreation Ground is one of the hotspots for Nitrous Oxide and Police will be keeping a close eye on the area. If you see any, please report to the Community Safety Unit and provide evidence.

c) Community Asset

Mr Spencer is dealing with the village hall application.

d) Verge Cutting and Wildflower

This project is currently on hold due to COVID-19. The Licence has been received and expires May 2021. The site in Underriver will have strict rules which apply to the work party on the road of which all volunteers will be informed. We could find more verges and liaise with KCC on cutting regime. Mr Tavare to update further.

e) 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.

f) Seal Spring Clean

Due to COVID-19 this is cancelled but rescheduled for 11-27th September. More details to follow.

g) Greensand Project – Bitchet Common

A walk organised at Bitchet Common will be arranged in the spring subject the COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

h) Parish Bus Shelter Grant Application for the financial year 2020/21

Kent County Council (KCC) runs a Parish Bus Stop Shelter Grant (PBSSG) scheme. Councillors had been asked to bring any proposals for funding to the meeting and there were none to report at the last meeting. It was noted that the bus stop on the A25 was full of leaves and whether the Parish Council volunteers could clear them up.

7 Planning

The Council to agree the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings on 9th and 27 July and 24th August 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**

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 4th September 2020

The meeting will be closed for the Clerks Salary Review

Planning meeting will follow