

Agenda for the Meeting of Penshurst Parish Council to be held on 4 November 2024 at 7.00 pm in Penshurst Village Hall.

1. PRESENT:

2. APOLOGIES: Cllr R Rees

In Attendance:

3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 7 October 2024 to be approved.

4. Declarations of interests in agenda items.

OPEN SESSION:

5. KCCllr Mrs Margot McArthur:

6. SDCllr Richard Streatfeild:

7. PC Maunsell:

8. Neighbourhood Watch/Report:

9. Matters Arising:

(i) Spire Hospital Bus Service: No further information received at time of preparation of agenda.

10. PLANNING: Planning Applications:

24/02756/AGRNOT: Westover Farm, The Lane, Fordcombe: New general purpose agricultural building

SE/24/02542/ADJ: Spire Health Care, Ashurst Park Care Centre, Fordcombe: Erection of two-storey & partial front extension. **GRANTED**

SE/24/02421/LDCPR: Lisney, Spring Hill, Fordcombe: Alterations to convert existing "Outbuilding/Garage" into Ancillary space/Gym/Home Office. Internal alterations, replacement/infilling of doors/windows. **NO LONGER LISTED**

SE/24/01896/HOUSE: 4 Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst: Single storey flat roofed rear extension. Removal of two outbuildings to be replaced with new single storey flat roofed outbuilding, to provide home office and garden room. **GRANTED**

SE/24/02065/FUL: Beech Glade, Doubleton Lane, Penshurst: Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and extension and replacement with new dwelling over ground floor and part first floor.

Response: The proposed dwelling is no larger than that allowed on Appeal under application 09/02937 and is of a similar style. Penshurst Parish Council consider the proposed design and materials to be an improvement on the existing building and therefore have no objections.

Please Note: Summary of the main changes: Amended roof/block plan to clarify hardstanding. Email to clarify tree removal. **GRANTED**

SE/24/02216/DETAIL: Land South Of Hallborough, Poundsbridge, Penshurst: Details pursuant to Condition 4 (Noise Impact Assessment) of 23/01473/FUL. **GRANTED**

Appeals:

24/00025/CHGADD STREET NAMING & NUMBERING - SECTION 64 TOWN IMPROVEMENTS ACT 1847 **Site:** Penshurst Off Road Cycling Club, Grove Road, Penshurst. **New Address:** Treetops, Grove Road, Penshurst, TN11 8DU. **UPRN: 050002019006 EXPIRED**

Tree Surgery:

24/02738/WTCA: Rogues Hill House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst: Various works to trees.

24/02722/WTCA: Garden Cottage Fordcombe Road Penshurst: Various works to trees

24/02803/WTCA: Rogues House, Rogues Hill, Penshurst: Beech Tree - Cut back 20% of tree canopy.

24/02207/WTPO: Hurst House, Fordcombe Road, Fordcombe:

Oak Tree (Front) - Fell due to lots of dead limbs. These have been snapping out on the drive and over the highways. Oak Tree (Rear) - Reduce by 20% to reduce weight and risk of summer shedding and to allow air flow through the canopy.

24/02146/WTCA: Mitre Farm, Fordcombe Road, Fordcombe: Fell Silver Birch: No objections lodged.

24/02692/WTPO: Wayside, Spring Hill, Fordcombe: Conifer - fell to ground level. Horse chestnut - reduce by up to 2.5m.

11. HIGHWAYS

VERGE MOWING: Notification that second cut of verges to be undertaken on Monday 28 October by joint Parish Councils' contractor.

838708: Spring Hill Defect/Depression: Being investigated 28.20.24

Highway Verges Maintenance: ED had attended the recent clerks' meeting, KCC Officer was asked to attend to advise on the changes to future maintenance of the highway maintenance. Details provided by KCC Officer circulated to members.

838448: Rogues Hill: Boundary enquiry, checking 25.10.24

South East Water - Temporary Road Closure - B2188 Spring Hill, Fordcombe - 4th November 2024 for 3 days. The road will be closed outside Lynch Gate. The alternative route is via B2188 Spring Hill, B2188 Fordcombe Road, A264 Ashurst Road, A264 Langton Road, A264 Bishops Down, A264 Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, A26 London Road, B2176 Bidborough Ridge, B2176 Penshurst Road, B2176 Rogues Hill, B2188 High Street, B2188 New Road, B2188 Saints Hill and vice versa. Pedestrian access will be maintained during the works. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while a new water connection is undertaken by South East Water.

833678: Overgrown hedges: Adjacent to New Road and towards Saints Hill: **Under investigation.**

833693: 'SLOW' Signage: White sign on road near waterworks on road from Penshurst to Fordcombe requires refreshing. **Works being programmed 30.9.24**

833164: Layby bottom of Spring Hill: Base area washed away into adjacent field by storm water. **Work carried out 26.9.24**

832746: Poundsbridge Lane/Poundsbridge Hill Junction: Road covered in road chippings, approximately 1 tonne laying at the junction of Poundsbridge Lane and Poundsbridge Hill, sweeping/clearance required. **Work completed 24.9.24**

832742: Spring Hill: Public House and Village Hall: Flooding reported to KCC Highways, confirmation received regarding problem with pipework serving the area, Southern Water responsible for work required to rectify. **Under investigation 24.9.24**

829775: Debris and Signage: Request for removal of road materials and signage left after recent work in Chafford Lane. Report acknowledged 9 September 2024.

817283/814110: Leigh to Stocks Green: Work curtailed due to withdrawal of funds, application resubmitted for funding to be reinstated but doubtful that work would be undertaken during current year.

826354/755185: Finches, Fordcombe Road: Flooding due to blocked Drain/Gulley. Noted 20.8.24 – gulley to be cleaned.

The Lane, Fordcombe: Request submitted for update on current position with regard to work identified as necessary. PC advised responsibility of others.

826364: Blocked Drains Rogues Hill: originally promised for clearance in July 2023, reported on 20.8.24 that cleaning was scheduled.

832644/801957: Spring Hill: Continuous flow of water downhill, possible blocked drain/culverts. Under investigation 18.4.24. Previous reports: 794607/779993/749311 October 2023 Blocked Drains. Update from Highways indicated that they were trying to arrange a camera check on the length of drains. **Update requested: Advised job attended, further work required.**

832672: Flooding of property and problems with drainage at another submitted 24.9.24: Reported to Kent Highways, SE Water and Southern. Checks carried out by water companies and highways; currently Southern Water approached to deal with issue.

PROW: 822853: SR465 – Walters Green Road/Weavers Cottage: Poor surfacing with possible septic tank issue; **240712840: - Coach Road, SR 546:** Overhanging trees. *Footpath repairs delayed.*

823784: Extension of yellow lines to The Lane in Fordcombe: To improve safety for the septic tanker whilst working. PC advised to include on HIP

835121: White/Yellow Lines: Request for road markings to be reinstated adjacent to hedging from new rectory area down towards entrance to Leicester Square.

241097018: PROW: Boggy area on Bridle Path - Walters Green Lane.

12. Finance/Accounts: The following accounts will be presented for payment together with any others received after preparation of the agenda but prior to the meeting:

Penshurst Village Hall	Hall Hire	£12.00
Tree Fellas Kent Ltd	Fordcombe Churchyard Tree Surgery	£2650.00
HMRC	Clerk Income Tax	£141.80

Income Received: Notice of Payment from SDC: CIL Levy Income: £2,871.82 (Section 59A) and £1914.55 (Discretionary Sum) – Total £4786.37

(a) Play Area: Main items identified on RoSPA Inspection addressed, estimate awaited from NJL for fencing, smaller items being dealt with as weather permits. Litter bin contents had been thrown across the play area, also dog faeces in the area. SDC Officer confirmed bin on list for emptying, lid altered to prevent foxes from gaining access to contents.

(b) Councillor Email Access: VisionICT update awaited forwarded, circulated to members.

(c) Banking: Information forwarded to contact at NatWest provided by Cllr Howard requesting information on types of accounts available for invested funds.

(d) Request for Donation under S.137 Marie Moorey – Registered Charity 1054129: We Are Beams: Organisation supporting families with advice relating to Education, Social Care and decisions about what is best for their child;

Short Breaks Service offering daytime respite during school holidays plus Overnight respite where required. Direct Payments to give children support to participate in activities to live their lives to the fullest improving their self-esteem, independence and social experiences.

Overall, invaluable support provided for families with disabled children in Kent to help families to cope and improve their quality of life giving them the best possible start in life.

(e) Village Hall Records: Action with Communities in Rural England: Notification that due to closure of Action with Communities in Rural Kent organisation any village hall files stored on their premises must be collected. ED requested confirmation of records/files being held in order that any available can be collected.

(f) Local Government Boundary Commission: Notification of consultation on ward boundaries for SDC

(g) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places/Stations: Circulated to members, no changes proposed for Sevenoaks District. Receipt of information and no alteration confirmed to Officer.

13. Any Other Business:

- a. **Refuse Service:** Complaints received regarding problems with the new refuse system, in particular the larger green recycling bags. These were difficult to handle due to their size and height plus the fact they held more items than the previous smaller sacks that were used and were consequently heavier. Some older and less able residents were particularly experiencing problems.
- b. **Water Leak:** A further mains water leak in the pipework near Leicester Square had been brought to the attention of the water company by a resident.
- c. **Hedging:** Ownership of hedge adjacent to road on corner from Rogues Hill towards the Leicester Arms being checked to request it be cut back.
- d. **Solar Panel Provision – Schools:** Clerk submitted request to Southern Water under Community Centre Grant Initiative for information available for grants for schools relating to installation of solar panels.

**FINAL DATE FOR BULK
REFUSE COLLECTION FOR
THE YEAR:**

9 NOVEMBER 2024

**PENSHURST: LAYBY
OPPOSITE PENSHURST
PLACE:**

9.15 AM – 9.45 AM

**FORDCOMBE: LAYBY AT
VILLAGE HALL:**

10 AM – 10.30 AM