Detailed Agenda for the Meeting of Penshurst Parish Council to be held on 3 February 2025 at 7.00 pm in Penshurst Village Hall

- 1. PRESENT: 2. APOLOGIES: In Attendance:
- 3. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 2 December 2024, to be approved.
- 4. Declarations of interests in agenda items.
- 5. OPEN SESSION:
- 6. KCCIIr Mrs Margot McArthur:
- 7. SDCIIr Richard Streatfeild
- 8. Neighbourhood Watch/Report Cllr Furnell:
- 9. Matters Arising:
- a. **Affordable Housing:** WKHA property sale at Smarts Hill, update by Chairman.
- b. Parish Records: Chairman advised files available collected by Chiddingstone Clerk.
- c. The Ice House Appeal Decision:
- d. **Gatwick:** Update on current runway issue.
- e. Allotments: Fordcombe Deer
 - 10. PLANNING: Planning Applications:

24/03428/LBCALT: Springs Cottage, Bullingstone Lane, Penshurst: Raising of roof area and eaves over the external door openings and slightly extended either side. Raising of the ceiling to the living area including a central fully vaulted area. Raising of ground floor by approximately 50mm allow for raising the existing floor level by approximately 50mm. Removal of 20th century? / modern? brick drylining skin to internal face of original solid external wall and replacement with timber stud insulated drylining with plasterboard and skim coat as internal finish including formation of recess to wood burner on north wall.

SE/24/03327/HOUSE & LBCALT: Yeomans, Walters Green Road, Penshurst: Demolition of existing garage, summerhouse and single storey extension. Erection of linked single storey extension. Internal alterations. Alteration to fenestration. Associated landscaping.

SE/24/03041/FUL: Lake House, Poundsbridge Lane, Poundsbridge, Penshurst: New dwelling with outbuildings, including self-contained guest accommodation, and swimming pool. Associated hard and soft landscaping works.

SE/24/03016/HOUSE: 1 Rectory Cottages, High Street, Penshurst: Replacement central heating with a new external oil boiler and oil tank. Install a new hot water cylinder and add 4 radiators to the existing 3, alterations to pipework

SE/24/02520/FUL: Fordcombe Village Recreation Ground Fordcombe Road Fordcombe: Existing single storey storage building 36 sqm and one 15 sqm shipping container to be removed, and to be replaced by storage building of 56 sqm, for storing equipment for charitable functions.

SE/24/02585/FUL: Barn North of Little Chafford, Spring Hill, Fordcombe: Conversion of existing agricultural buildings to residential use. Penshurst Parish Council note the reasons for the refusal of the previous application (23/02304) and consider that these have been fully addressed in the current application. We therefore support the proposed development.

SE/24/03005/LDCPR: Bacchus Barn, Grove Road, Penshurst: Creation of agricultural access Under Class A & Class B of part 6 of schedule 2 to the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. Proposed track would be 4 metres wide in order to allow vehicular access for woodland management. Works to include excavation for formation of track 4 metres wide, sub base stone to prepared areas, type 1 road stone topping. **REFUSED**

25/00145/FUL: Birches, Fordcombe Road, Penshurst: Refurbishment and alteration works throughout the existing property, including the conversion of the existing basement to provide additional

habitable accommodation. Construction of an orangery extension to the west-facing elevation. Removal of the existing shed outbuilding and outdoor swimming pool. Construction of a replacement outdoor swimming pool with new detached outbuilding. Removal of the existing greenhouse structure. Construction of a detached garage and storage building with new driveway and parking area, served by new vehicular access. New gates to serve the existing driveway. Associated hard and soft landscaping works in the vicinity of the proposed extension and swimming pool. Sunken area for Air Source Heat Pump units and below ground LPG tanks. Please Note: This application is no longer valid: Further information has been requested, sections of proposed sunken area for Air Source Heat Pump, below ground LPG tanks and noise assessment report.

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.

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

25/00181/WTPO: Daneby Hall, The Lane, Fordcombe: Proposal (T1 & T2) Oaks - reduce lower lateral spread over garage by 30% (G1) group of Oaks - reduce by 30%

11. HIGHWAYS

838448: Rogues Hill: Boundary enquiry, completed 25.10.24

833678: Overgrown hedges: Adjacent to New Road and towards Saints Hill: Attended, work planned under normal programme.

854466: Spring Hill: Public House and Village Hall: Issue reported again, report on information relating to work carried out and further work to be done requested. Flooding reported to KCC Highways, confirmation received regarding problem with pipework serving the area, Southern Water responsible for work required to rectify.

817283/814110: Leigh to Stocks Green: Work undertaken.

826354/755185: Finches, Fordcombe Road: Flooding due to blocked Drain/Gulley. Gulley scheduled for cleaning.

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. Work completed 24.9.24.

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. Reported again under 844790 for update on current situation.

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

(Provided by Cllr Furnell) submitted to SDC together with request for reinstatement. **241097018:** PROW: Boggy area on Bridle Path - Walters Green Lane. **Acknowledged.**

842230: Poundsbridge Manor: White lines require reinstatement; Poundsbridge Manor – Speldhurst drains now blocked due to hedge cutting, clearance required. **Works being programmed – 20.11.24**

839558: Cleave House: Multiple potholes. Works being programmed - 1.11.24

Chafford Lane Wall: Issue still ongoing due to check on liability for maintenance. Further information awaited from SDC.

Highway Improvements Plan: Updated to confirm yellow line request for The Lane/Fordcombe Lane installation.

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 £18.00 Mrs E M Divall Parish Clerk Tax £141.80

- (a) **Quarterly Accounts:** Draft accounts circulated to members for consideration at the meeting.
- (b) **Councillor Email Access:** VisionICT further update awaited regarding Gov.Uk requirement, minimal take up by Parish Councils for change.
- (c) **Bank Account:** Interest bearing account to be considered.
- (d) **Play Area:** Safety check inspection of the aerial ropeway scheduled for the week plus check of grassed areas.
- (e) **Town & Country Planning Association**: Request for annual subscription of £114.00; consideration on continuing with membership.
- (f) **Complete Weed Control**: Quotation for work for Weed Treatment for Fordcombe to consider (in place of Lengthsman) of £585 for 2025. (Option for Penshurst offered at £765.00 for 2025)
- (g) **Deer Fencing:** Smarts Hill
- (h) **Beams**: Letter of thanks to the PC for the contribution towards the charity at Christmas.
- (i) **Bulk Freighter Service**: Information provided by SDC for 2025 service available, confirmation of booking required.

13. Any Other Business: