

Detailed Agenda for the Penshurst Parish Council Meeting to be held on 1 July 2024 at 7.00 pm in Penshurst Village Hall.

1. PRESENT: **2. APOLOGIES:** **In Attendance:**

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

4. Declarations of interests in agenda items:

OPEN SESSION:

5. KCCllr Mrs Margot McArthur:

6. PC Harry Kemp: PC Kemp now had a counterpart - PC Fergus MAUNSELL who will be assisting him with coverage of his beat areas and Parishes. PC Maunsell started with PC Kemp on the 5 June and was with him for a couple of weeks before going over to the opposite pattern to allow for more coverage. He had worked with him a short while and looks forward to him making a positive impression within communities and providing a visible presence to ensure safety in communities.

7. Neighbourhood Watch:

8. Matters Arising:

(i) Affordable Housing: Current information forwarded to both parish magazines for inclusion. The Chairman advised that Rural Housing were discussing Heads of Terms with Penshurst Place.

(ii) Tree Surgery – Penshurst Churchyard: Confirmation of no objections to the work submitted via Planning Department provided 3 June, ED forwarded to Estate and Contractor. Work scheduled for completion between 1- 3 July. **Fordcombe Churchyard:** Survey undertaken of work required to trees, members to decide on next step.

(iii) Speeding: Clerk had forwarded another updated HIP form to KCC Highways on 14 May, speeding issue in Fordcombe listed as top priority, request for SID device submitted.

(iv) Speedwatch Equipment: ED checking with KCC Highways regarding provision of a unit(s), what types were available and the cost of supply, installation and any running costs of the units considered acceptable.

(v) Verge Cutting: Email forwarded regarding standard of verge mowing between the bridges in Penshurst.

9. PLANNING: Planning Applications:

24/01323/HOUSE: Finch Green House Finch Green Chiddingstone Hoath Kent TN8 7DJ

Demolition of existing garage and sheds, ground and first floor extensions to the existing dwelling, roof alterations, alterations to fenestration, replacement garage, new pool house, porch, landscaping and all associated works.

24/01210/HOUSE: Watermill Oast, Salmans Lane, Penshurst: 3 new velux's. 2 new windows with alterations to fenestration.

24/01156/FUL: The Barns at Chafford Park Farm, Chafford Lane, Fordcombe: Conversion of barn to single dwelling with ancillary garage and gym building and external seating area. Demolition of additional barn and stable. Extension to existing track and car parking with associated landscaping works.

24/01268/LBCALT: Old Swaylands, Poundsbridge Lane, Poundsbridge, Penshurst: Removal of staircase. New staircase: Removal of concrete pillars and timber beams. Amend the positioning of internal walls and doors. Removal of first floor ceiling to the link building.

24/00797/FUL Land South Of Hallborough, Poundsbridge, Penshurst: Erection of a forestry and wood workers workshop with solar arrays. Hardstanding and landscaping.

23/03652: Land West Of Drummond Hall, Penshurst Road, Penshurst: Variation of Condition 1 (land restoration timescale) of 23/01274/CONVAR related to 21/00195/FUL (Erection of a temporary access

road off the B2176 into the curtilage of Drummond Hall, including a temporary compound area.) for the date for the restoration of the land to be amended to 30 June 2024.

24/01210/HOUSE: Watermill Oast, Salmans Lane, Peshurst: 3 new velux's. 2 new windows with alterations to fenestration.

Appeals:

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

Tree Surgery:

24/01518/WTPO: Redleaf, Peshurst Road, Peshurst: KT165 Lime - reduce height and spread to original points @ 12 meters and raise to 5 meters.

24/00697/WTPO: Beech Glade, Doubleton Lane, Peshurst: Removal of 2 dead dangerous trees and general dead wood removal.

24/01164/WTPO: Beech Glade Doubleton Lane Peshurst: Works to various trees.

24/01187/WTPO: Alderwood House, Peshurst Road, Peshurst: T1: Spruce & T2: Birch - Fell

10. HIGHWAYS

814110: Road: Leigh to Stocks Green: Repeat report of 802174 and 813059 requesting date scheduled for work to be completed. **Work advised as scheduled, subsequently no carried out.**

799971: Kennards, Leigh: Numerous potholes and delaminating of road surface. 2 reports of damage to cars received, issue reported. Work scheduled 10.4.24. **Work stated as completed.**

754951: Silcocks-Cleve House: Drains blocked and overflowing – previously reported. Issue investigated as of 3 November, passed to Tunbridge Wells. No further information available.

755185: Finches, Fordcombe Road: Flooding due to blocked Drain/Gulley. Gulley scheduled to be cleaned 3.11.2023. **Still showing to be cleared.**

756211: The Lane, Fordcombe: Sinking length of road adjacent to ditch reported plus water leak – marked as not Highways and past to others; further report submitted under reference 759381 providing more detailed information after site visit. Listed as not highways and passed to others for action. Investigated 7.11.23 *Notification received of road closure to complete work.* **No further updated.**

753905 Coopers Lane: Work on 754869 completed 3.11.2023: **758601:** Flooding from adjacent fields affecting properties along the lane. Further investigations on 15 November, works being programmed – Completion target 31.8.24.

746512/762493 : Chafford Lane: (Work on 746512 done 19.9.23) Overgrown hedges restricting width for pedestrians using route: Action on the other initiated 4.12.23, passed to enforcement for a S154 process.

798778: Blocked Drains: Blocked with leaves along the corner from the Peshurst Road round the corner resulting in water running down into the High Street. Scheduled for clean 5.12.2023. Advised as under investigation on 5.4.24.

770746: Rogues Hill: Drainage and Flooding, Blocked Drain/Gully: Under investigation as of 5.1.2024, drain clearance of run of drains downhill awaited. (Previously reported under 734351 – 17.7.23)

789182/789751 & 805070/807029: New Road: Potholes – one centrally in road, others along the line of the hedgerow. Work carried out 6 & 7 March to first two reports, others scheduled May/June2024.

811889: Signage damage reported again for action. 795035: Damaged Sign: Junction near Saints Hill between New Road and Colliersland Bridge – road sign knocked down but monumental stone in situ. Investigated 2.3.24. Works being scheduled as of 6.6.24

Closure of The Lane: 794731 (Work completed 20.3.24) **& 779993** – further update sought of proposed and/or ongoing work. Under investigation 9.2.24.

795035 – Damaged Sign: ED to chase Kent Highways regard outstanding repairs. Reported 6.6.24 works being scheduled. Reported 21.3.24 works being programmed.

2/2 [ID:7961488]: / 801663 – Roadway Opposite Leicester Square: Water Access Cover/Pothole reported. **Reported to S E Water** and Highways for repair. Reported again 15.5.24: New Ref: 3002 5084 253794. **Reported again 24.6.24 under further new Ref: 255362**

CHAFFORD LANE, FORDCOMBE (Surface Dressing): 23/07/2024 – 31/07/2024

Road closed between Fordcombe Road and Bradley Road. A diversion will be in place via B2188 Spring Hill, Sandfield Road and Walters Green Road 07:00 – 19:00 Weekdays.

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.

Openreach - Temporary Road Closure - Coopers Lane, Penshurst - 25th June 2024 for 1

day between 09.30hrs and 15.30hrs: The road will be closed for the entire length, alternative route via Poundsbridge 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 works are undertaken by Openreach.

For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=138207228>

11. 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.

Complete Weed Control	Fordcombe Parish Weed Control	£228.00
Penshurst Village Hall	Hall Hire	£12.00
Cantia Aboricultural Services	Fordcombe Churchyard Tree Survey	£590.00
Lucy Fuller Rowell (June)	Penshurst Village Lengthsman (11.5 hours)	£115.00

(a) Internal Audit: The Clerk visited offices of Applied Accountancy and confirmed the Council's wish to maintain their services for the internal audit service as previously undertaken by the PCs accountant for whom they acted as Alternate. ED provided details of the level of work involved together with an indication of the charges the PC had previously paid. **Accounts for April-May:** Draft accounts to be circulated prior to the meeting.

(b) Play Area: Installation of last two items anticipated early July. RoSPA inspection being carried out during July, ED checked current signage for wording, RoSPA advised existing one acceptable but new signage to be advised after installation of latest items and inspection.

(c) Lloyds Bank: Information received regarding changing interest rates and balance tiers on account, Cllr Howard provided with basic information regarding the PC account. Issues being experienced with regard to the provision of hard copy statements.

(d) Kent, Sussex and Surrey Ambulance Service: Letter of thanks received for the contribution forwarded by the Penshurst Parish Council and the assistance it provided with regard to nearly 3,400 incidents they attended in 2023.

12. Neighbourhood Watch:

13. Any Other Business: