

**Detailed Agenda for the Meeting of Penshurst Parish Council to be held on 4 March 2024 at 7 pm in Penshurst Village Hall.**

1. **PRESENT:**
2. **APOLOGIES:** **In attendance:**
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 5 February 2024 to be approved.
4. **Declarations of interests in agenda items:**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**Emergency Plan:** Kerry Outlaw – Chiddingstone Councillor: Possible cluster emergency plan information.

**5.KCCIlr Mrs Margot McArthur:**

**6.SDCIlr R Streatfeild:**

**7. Matters Arising:**

**(i) Churchyard Trees:**

**Fordcombe Church:** Survey scheduled for 13 February 2024 - report awaited.

**Penshurst Church:** Report provided by Estate. Competitive quotes being sought.

**(ii) Local Affordable Housing:** Information relating to preferred sites forwarded to both village magazines for inclusion

**(iii) CCTV:** Update on current provision.

**(iv) Play Area Posts:** Work to be carried out when weather conditions permit.

**8. PLANNING: Planning Applications:**

**SE/24/00180/LDCPR: Land South West Of Bacchus Barn, Grove Road, Penshurst:**

Improvement of existing private way

**24/00208/LDCPR: 4 Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst:** Erection of 3m single storey extension to project solely beyond original rear wall of house, removal of two existing outbuildings and erection of two outbuildings comprising a potting shed/garden store and Home office with garden room.

**24/00173/LBCALT: Hill Corner Cottage, The Lane, Fordcombe:** Front door replacement.

**Application no longer considered valid:** *No existing and proposed plans provided. Two drawings are on file but these are identical and there is no label to say if they are existing or proposed. No block plan proposed showing which external door this application relates to.*

**23/03470/LBCALT: Springs Cottage, Bullingstone Lane, Penshurst:** Replacement of softwood windows and two softwood external doors to the principal building at Springs Cottage. The proposed work does not involve any extension, demolition or alteration of the historic or architectural features of the building.

**23/03475/HOUSE: Silver Birch, The Lane, Fordcombe:** Erection of playhouse and decking. New fence/screening.

**23/03727/HOUSE: Coppers, Fordcombe Road, Penshurst:** Construction of detached car port.

**GRANTED**

**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.

**9. HIGHWAYS**

**779936: New Road** – Drains blocked with polystyrene and grids covered with growing grass and mud: inspected 9 February 2024.

**734351: Rogues Hill:** Gully scheduled for cleaning under timed programmed time.

**754951: Silcocks-Cleve House:** Drains blocked and overflowing – previously reported. Issue investigated as of 3 November, passed to Tunbridge Wells.

**755185: Finches, Fordcombe Road:** Flooding due to blocked Drain/Gully. Issue under investigation.

**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. **Request submitted for update on timing and department dealing with the issue. Ref. 779993, further email request submitted 22.2.24**

**756214: Colliersland Bridge Approach:** Overgrown trees reported preventing visual access for drivers using the single land priority bridge. Work planned as part of Highways regular schedule to be undertaken shortly.

**753905/754869/758601: Coopers Lane:** Flooding from adjacent fields affecting properties along the lane. Issue investigated 3 October, 2, 11, 15 November. Update provided on issue raised.

**759849: Hedge Barton, Chafford Lane:** Overgrown hedge adjacent to road. KCC Officer reported landowner aware and work will be completed when ground conditions permit, customer updated 20.11.23.

**759848: Little Barton, Chafford Lane:** Overhanging holly hedge. Work completed.

**759841: Hedge Opposite Chafford Arms:** Overgrown, narrowing pedestrian access to church.

Works completed 20.11.23

**746512/762493 : Chafford Lane:** Overgrown hedges restricting width for pedestrians using route:

**Please Note:** KCC Officer advised that landowners in Chafford Lane had been contacted, one hedge area has been cut back, another will be cut back when ground conditions permit, action on the other is currently awaited. Passed to enforcement for a S154 process

**761222: Overgrown Hedge:** Saints Hill Farmhouse from the B2188 junction towards Spotted Dog as far as Little Chart. Work completed 27.11.23

**761226: Oak Field, Smarts Hill:** Overgrown hedge. Investigated, updated 27.11.23

**762786: Blocked Drains:** Blocked with leaves along the corner from the Penshurst Road round the corner resulting in water running down into the High Street. Under Investigation 5.12.2023

**770746: Rogues Hill:** Drainage and Flooding, Blocked Drain/Gully: Under investigation as of 5.1.2024, drain clearance of run of drains downhill awaited.

**Accident B2188:** PC advised that accident had occurred approximately 100 yds past the hospital, issue of lack of central white line after road surfacing being checked.

**781732: Bridge – Gate House/Bottom Rogues Hill:** Damaged by car collisions. Confirmation received an inspection would be undertaken, photos appeared only to show superficial damage.

**Southern Water - Temporary Road Closure - The Lane, Fordcombe - 26th February 2024 to 8th March 2024:** The road will be closed at the junction with B2188 Fordcombe Road. Up to date information available on works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=136447341> For information regarding this closure please contact Southern Water, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

**B2176 PENSURST ROAD AND B2176 ROUGUES HILL, PENSURST (Part Tunbridge Wells district and part Sevenoaks district)**

Speed restrictions (20mph) to be in force between a point 100m east of the junction with Poundsbridge Lane to 100m past the boundary with Sevenoaks district (at the entrance to the almshouses).

To support a program of carriageway preservation works traffic speeds will be restricted to 40mph on the approach to, and then 20mph through, working sites. The 20mph speed restrictions will remain in force during works and for up to 7 days after the completion of preservation activities for the safety of road users.

This Order takes effect on or after 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for a period of up to 18 months or until the works have been completed. Planned dates will be published in advance of the works and indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days before they start.

**10. 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 Park Cricket Club:	New Training Facility	£5000.00
Penshurst Archive Group	Website Donation:	£300.00
Sevenoaks District Council:	Bulk Freighter Service	£225.40
Clerk – Annual Salary Plus Reimbursement for payments – Documentation with Chairman.		

**Medical Centre/Village Hall - Garden seat by Surgery door:** Update by Cllr Rees on response from Village Hall committee regarding provision of replacement seat adjacent to surgery.

**11. Any Other Business:**