

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE SMALL HALL, HIGH STREET, LEIGH ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017 AT 8.00PM

PRESENT: Cllr. C. Stratton-Brown (Chairman), Cllr P. Croft, Cllr A. Johnston, Cllr J. Kaye and Cllr S. Smith
APOLOGIES: Cllr R. Britain, Cllr R. Lake, Cllr L. Provan, County Cllr Pearman, District Cllr Lake
ABSENT: Cllr G. Marchant
IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L. Kleinschmidt (Clerk)

Open Session

Report by County Cllr Pearman

In the absence of C.Cllr Pearman, the Clerk reported that he had hoped to attend and he apologised for his absence at the meeting, he said that he has nothing special from KCC to report, but was going to use the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and co-operation over the last nearly four years.

Closed Session

- 164. Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Britain, Cllr Lake and Cllr Provan, and members accepted their reasons for absence. Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr Pearman and District Cllr Lake.
- 165. Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Non-Pecuniary Interest on matters to be discussed**
Cllr Smith declared a DPI in item 170 (iv) and she is the applicant for tree works.
- 166. The minutes of the Leigh Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2017** were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Croft and all were in favour.
- 167. Planning**
- i. To consider applications received
 - i. SE/16/03985/HOUSE: Fairlawn, Hollow Trees Drive, Leigh TN11 8QA - erection of a single storey rear extension and a two storey side extension. Demolition of conservatory. Alterations to fenestrations and internal alterations. Application no longer valid.
 - ii. SE/17/00224/HOUSE: 2 Moorden Farm Cottages, Station Hill, Chiddingstone Causeway TN11 8JB - demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension. Members supported this application.
 - iii. SE/17/00537/AGDET: Leigh Park Farm, Coppings Road, Leigh TN11 8PB - creation of a road between Leigh Park and Prices Farms for agricultural purposes only. Members supported this application as it would remove farm machinery from the road.
 - iv. SE/17/00547/LBCALT: The Firs, High Street, Leigh TN11 8RW - installation of secondary windows. Members supported this application.
 - ii. To report SDC planning application decisions
 - SE/16/03412/HOUSE: 13 Powder Mill Lane, Leigh - erection of a two storey rear extension with paved area and new fence. Application approved.
 - SE/16/03346/MMA: Windfalls, Peshurst Road, Leigh - Minor Material Amendment to application SE/16/01615/HOUSE (Demolition of single storey flat roofed extension and erection of a part of two storey and part single extension) to show removal of chimney breast & stack, installation of woodburning stove double insulated flue pipe and alterations to fenestration. Application approved.
 - iii. To report that the following applications have gone to appeal
 - SE/16/02845/FUL: 9 Garden Cottages, Leigh TN11 8QB – proposed dwelling attached to 9 Garden Cottages. Appeal ref: APP/G2245/W/17/3166762.

- SE/16/02846/FUL: 14 Garden Cottages, Leigh TN11 8QB – proposed dwelling attached to 14 Garden Cottages. Appeal ref: APP/G2245/W/17/3166778.
- SE/16/02659/HOUSE: Forge House, Charcott TN11 8LG – erection of single storey outbuilding. Appeal ref: APP/G2245/D17/3167983.
- SE/16/02739/HOUSE: Rookery View, Peshurst Road, Leigh TN11 8HL – demolish existing single storey side and rear extension and conservatory, and the erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension. APP/G2245/D/17/3168660.

168. The Green:

- To hear update regarding the programmed improvement works to The Green
Cllr Stratton-Brown reported that he and the Clerk met Richard Earl, the Project Manager, and Ian Bishop, representing the Cricket Club, on The Green on 9th February, and Richard is pleased with how the project is proceeding. The Clerk reported that she has changed the contact details for Sport England from Rob Swallow to her and Cllr Stratton-Brown. Cllr Croft said that the drain was blocked earlier in the year and asked whether it was unblocked. Clerk to make enquiries.
- To consider request for cars to park on the War Memorial Green during the church fete 24th June
Members approved this request providing that the weather is dry. Clerk to request that, if it is wet, the cars are parked elsewhere.

169. Charcott:

- To discuss recent works to Charcott Green and to consider whether further works required
Item to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- To hear update regarding the Parish Council's request to adopt the heritage phone box
The Clerk reported that BT has acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's application to adopt this phone box, and a signed copy of the agreement is being returned from BT. The telephone equipment will then be removed and the Parish Council will be responsible for maintaining the box. The Clerk reported that a K6 paint kit from X2 Connect Limited is £119 + VAT and delivery. The kit contains 2.5Ltr Current Red (539) top coat, 2.5Ltr Pink (454) Undercoat, 0.5Ltr White Gloss, 0.5Ltr Black Gloss, 0.75Ltr White Spirit (substitute), 1 x Dust Sheet, 1 x Wire Brush, 3 x Paint Brushes. Members agreed to purchase the kit and Clerk to discuss the maintenance with Cllr Lake.
- To consider the purchase of a defibrillator to be placed in the adopted phone box
The Clerk reported that a defibrillator package would cost £1,366.25 + VAT. Item to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- To hear update regarding the purchase of a dog bin to be positioned on Charcott Green
The Clerk reported that the new dog bin has been received and members asked Cllr Croft to erect it on Charcott Green.
- To consider the purchase of a bus shelter to be positioned on Camp Hill
Members were unsure where the proposed new bus shelter would be located. Item to be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting.

170. Highways & Environment

- To discuss parking issues and requests for double yellow lines in Leigh
The Clerk reported that KCC will not approve the request for parking restrictions in Leigh. They say: "Through analysis of crash data we have established that the existing evidence does not justify any further engineering measures currently at this location. We will, of course, continue to monitor the safety record at this location. However, whilst we have no plans for improvements at this location, should the Parish wish to use their budget, we would be happy to advise on the Traffic Regulation Order process, which you would need to follow to have these lines extended. You may also wish to contact your County Member to see if they may be willing to promote changes here on your behalf. I would also add that Sevenoaks District Council have the authority to install parking restrictions, and I would advise you to contact them to see if they may be willing to extend the lines here on your behalf." The Clerk advised that she has contacted SDC who say that, whilst they are able to install parking restrictions, they have to be approved by KCC who will fund the proposals. They said: "The implementation of yellow line waiting restrictions remains the responsibility of KCC.

"We do help out with this from time to time under the "District Deal" arrangement, whereby if resources allow, we carry out the parking work on behalf of KCC at their expense. However, the decision on what action (if any) is taken rests with KCC." The Clerk added that she has asked C.Cllr Pearman whether he can fund the work through his member's fund, but the fund has already been allocated in this financial year, and C.Cllr Pearman said that he believes that the fund will be vastly reduced next financial year. The Clerk said that the proposal has a lot of public support, with several people emailing and ringing her to say that they would support this idea. Members agreed that the Clerk should investigate costs for the Parish Council to fund the extension of parking restrictions at three locations: opposite the hairdressers, on the bend by South View, and at the end of Powder Mill Lane.

ii. To consider resident's request for extension of speed limit from Stocks Green to Leigh

The Clerk reported that David Hutchins asked that the new 40mph speed limit be extended from Stocks Green Road into Leigh. The Clerk reported that she contacted the Clerk at Hildenborough Parish Council who said: "It has taken a long time. Residents got together and undertook a survey and monitored speed along the road. They brought this to us and then we involved our County Councillor who was very supportive and paid for it. That sounds quite easy but it took numerous meetings, paying for an official survey to monitor speed along the road as well as looking at the historical accidents of vehicles ending up in residents' gardens, in the pond and through hedges, as well as casualties' injuries. The residents also kept up pressure on the KCC member. We also managed to get the speed limit reduced along the B245 through Hildenborough – we had been lobbying since 1931! Again it was because of support and finance from our KCC member." Members did not believe that, unfortunately, KCC will permit this extension in speed restriction. The Clerk has asked PCSO Laura Morris to attend with her speed gun regularly.

iii. To consider the purchase of a heritage phone box to be positioned at the end of Church Hill

The Clerk reported that to purchase a K6 heritage box would cost £2,750 + VAT and delivery. The box would have been extensively refurbished to a high standard. Members agreed that the proposal was too expensive at this time and were concerned that the phone box would be a target for vandalism. It was agreed not to pursue this proposal at the current time.

iv. To discuss works to trees

SE/17/00528/WTCA: Old Chimneys, The Green, Leigh TN11 8QL - Weeping Willow in the rear garden: reduce the centre leading stem back to source and reduce back the left and right hand side limbs in height and width to shapen the crown. Clean the lower crown removing some of the smaller branches. Mulberry tree on the right hand side of the house. Reduce crown by approximately 50% whilst maintaining a natural shape. Cllr Smith declared a DPI in this item and took no part in the discussion. The Clerk reported that SDC has already made a decision on this application and had no objection to the works.

v. To consider resident's request to remove laurel bush from the Old Burial Ground

The Clerk reported that Mr Phil Stratton, of 46 Well Close, has asked that a large laurel bush is removed from the old burial ground. The Clerk advised that she looked at the bush from both the inside of the old burial ground and from Mr Stratton's garden. The majority of the bush is within the old burial ground, there is not much on Mr Stratton's side, but it is a very large bush and he is having an extension built at the moment which brings the house out towards the boundary with the burial ground. Cllr Croft undertook to take a look and provide a price to reduce the bush. Members suggested that Mr Stratton might be prepared to contribute towards the cost. Clerk to find out if approval is required from SDC as the area is within the Conservation Area.

vi. To hear report of Leigh Litter Pick held on 4th March

Cllr Kaye reported that there was an excellent turn out on Saturday, with 26 people coming to help. Every bit of road was cleared of rubbish except the small stretch from Applebys to St. Luke's Church. Cllr Kaye suggested that the next litter pick is held just before the first rural swathe cut.

vii. To consider request for an additional litter bin at the end of Kiln Lane, Well Close

The Clerk reported that this is an area where a lot of rubbish is dropped. Clerk to ask SDC to provide a new litter bin.

viii. To approve dates of the Bulk Refuse Freighter service 2017

The Clerk reported that the bulk refuse freighter will stop at Crandalls on 25th March, 15th July and 14th October from 12.45 to 1.30pm. Members agreed.

- ix. To discuss urban grass cutting, hedges and weed control, also the rural swathe cutting contract
The Clerk reported that KCC has been attempting to devolve all soft landscaping functions onto the parishes. Whilst the verge cutting works very successfully, the proposal to take on the urban grass, hedge cutting and weed control is not so appealing, as there is very little funding available and the responsibility and liability is greater. Chiddingstone, Penshurst and Hever Parish Councils have all declined to take on this additional responsibility. Members agreed to decline this proposal. The Clerk reported that she has obtained information from KCC for Sevenoaks Weald parish, who is interested in joining the cluster for rural swathe cutting.

171. Rights of Way

- i. To hear ROW committee report
Cllr Kaye reported that he is still waiting for the online training to be set up so that volunteers can be trained and registered as Countryside Access Wardens. The delay is very frustrating as people are losing their enthusiasm to help. Cllr Kaye has reported to KCC PROW that there is a tree down on a footpath on the straight mile SR427.
- ii. To hear update regarding the request for a permissive path at Paul's Hill Cottage
Item to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- iii. To hear update regarding the maintenance of the permissive path at Knotley Hall
The Clerk reported that a resident of Knotley Hall Cottages has advised that the new permissive path is overgrown. The farmer who leases the field from The Redleaf Trust was not aware that he was supposed to be maintaining the road side of the hedge and the top of the hedge, and KCC is supposed to be maintaining the footpath side of the hedge. The Clerk has asked the farmer to cut the hedge. KCC will do the inside hedge at some point, but perhaps the ROW working party could do it, the resident has said that he will get help from his neighbours. The pavement from Knotley Hall Cottages also needs tidying up. Cllr Kaye undertook to contact the resident.

172. Affordable Housing: To hear report of the Leigh Housing Needs Survey and consider next steps

The Clerk reported that the draft summary has been received from ACRK. The summary is subject to change once comments have been received from SDC. A finalised report will then be sent to the Parish Council.

Section 1

- * Response rate – 28%
- * 83% respondents were owner occupiers
- * 66% respondents lived in village for over 10 years
- * When asked if respondents would support a small development of affordable housing for local people in Leigh 73% who answered the question said they would (69% of all respondents)

Section 2 – Housing Need

- * Total need for affordable housing = 19 households consisting of 7 single people, 5 couples and 7 families
- * 18 households currently live in Leigh parish and 1 lives outside but wants to return
- * Need for 15 rented properties identified – 1, 2 and 3 beds
- * Need for 4 shared ownership properties identified – 1 and 2 beds

The Clerk reported that the process is as follows:

- The Parish Council needs to consider sites in the parish that might be suitable, and draw up a long list.
- Action with Communities in Rural Kent would be asked to write to all landlords to see if the land might be available for a small development of affordable housing
- A short list is drawn up of available sites, which are then assessed against SDC's criteria for affordable housing.
- The chosen site(s) are then subject to public consultation.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held to consider sites for the long list. Cllr Croft undertook to speak to Mr Hope-Morley to see if any land could be available. Clerk to send list of SDC affordable housing site criteria to all members.

173. Aviation: To hear report of the High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group

Cllr Stratton-Brown reported that he has been elected as Chair of HWCAAG and has attended several meetings in that role. One was a meeting on Fair & Equitable Dispersal which considers the routes aircraft take to join the ILS but, disappointingly, NATS is saying that the proposals for Fair & Equitable Dispersal are too difficult to implement. Andy Sinclair, who is GAL's Head of Airspace Strategy & Engagement, chairs the meeting. Cllr Stratton-Brown reported that he has also attended a meeting of the Growth Management Board, where the proposed increase in flights was discussed, and luckily there is not a large increase proposed. The next Noise Management Board meeting will be held in early April. At that meeting, the 2018 charging proposal will be discussed, in particular the charges imposed for night flights, which GAL reduced in order to increase the number of flights at night. It is hoped that large penalties will be imposed on unmodified A320 series of aircraft which will discourage their use. An update has been requested on CDA (Continual Descent Approach) but Air Traffic Control has already said that implementation of CDA is too difficult as extensive training will be required. Also different size planes travelling at different speeds need to be spaced further apart, and this has an impact on capacity. There have been complaints that the new GAL complaints system is not working adequately. Finally, Cllr Stratton-Brown reported that the HWCAAG and Leigh Parish Council's responses to the Night Flight consultation have been submitted.

174. Leigh Village Halls report

None.

175. Aged Persons Dwellings

- i. The Clerk reported that British Gas engineers have visited the properties in order to carry out their annual inspection. The central heating boilers were both safe to use, the ventilation was satisfactory and the visual condition of the flues were both satisfactory. The gas installation tightness test and the visual inspection of pipework passed and the next safety inspection will be due within 12 months.
- ii. The Clerk reminded members to look at the path and step at No.2 The Bungalows.

176. To report on correspondence received

The Clerk reported that lists of correspondence received have been circulated, and drew members' attention to the following:

- i. Item 3: ACRK: The Rural Kent Coffee and Information Project - making a difference to rural communities throughout Kent and Medway. In April 2017 ACRK will launch a new service bringing a library of information and a mobile café to rural communities in Kent and Medway. The café will provide a source of information and a friendly, informal meeting place.
- ii. Item 6: Copy letter from Nicola Clinch, Enforcement Officer at SDC, to the owners of Orchard House, Eggpie Lane, regarding the clearance of the site. If the rubble and other items are not removed by 15th March, SDC will issue a notice on the site.
- iii. Item 7: UK Power Networks: help vulnerable people in the community access free extra support during a power cut. Details of their Priority Services Register which vulnerable people can sign up to that enables them to receive help quickly in the event of a power cut. Asking for help identifying vulnerable residents.
- iv. Item 9: Letter from Sutton and East Surrey Water, who will be rebranded as SES Water.
- v. Item 10: Tackling Flooding 2017: The winter floods of 2015/16 have been described as the most extreme and severe events of the last century. Following the September 2016 National Flood Resilience Review, the government has sought to reduce the risk and impact of flooding across the country with a 6 year funding commitment of £2.3 billion to better protect an additional 300,000 homes by 2021. The government has also announced a £170 million investment in flood defence and resilience: £20 million for new flood defence schemes, £50 million for rail resilience projects and £100 million to improve the resilience of roads to flooding. With so much focus on dealing with instances of flooding across the country, Inside Government invites representatives from Leigh Parish Council to attend, 'Reducing the Risk and Impact of Flooding', an interactive strategy discussion on 27th April 2017 in Central London. Cost £295 for voluntary sector place, £385 for public sector place.

- vi. Item 11: KALC:
- The Dynamic Councillor event: 18 May 2017 Harrietsham Village Hall or 23 May 2017 West Faversham Community Centre
 - Rural Conference: 9th March at the Orchard Event Centre, East Malling.
 - Planning Conference: 23rd March at West Faversham Community Centre.
- vii. Item 12: ACRK: Rural Kent's Community Halls Advisory Group will host the 2017 Village Hall Convention on Saturday 8th April, 9.00am–1.00pm at Lenham Community Centre. Cost £30 per member.
- viii. Item 13: KALC: DCLG has published the Housing White Paper – “Fixing our broken housing market” (see www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-ambitious-plan-to-build-the-homes-britain-needs), which includes a consultation on new planning proposals which will involve amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework. It also proposes changes to sustainable development and the environment. The deadline for responses to the consultation is 2 May 2017. The KALC Planning Advisory Committee will be considering the proposals set out in the White Paper and will make recommendations to the 8 April KALC Executive Committee on the key points that should be included in the KALC response.
- ix. Item 14: SDC: Defibrillator & First Aid Training session to be held on Saturday 25th March from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Sevenoaks District Council Offices. This is a free event but if you are unable to attend, a cancellation fee may apply. Call 01732 227000 or email healthy.living@sevenoaks.gov.uk. The session will be provided by the Sevenoaks Community First Responders. Please note that this is not an accredited First Aid Training Course, but attendees will be provided with a Certificate of Attendance shortly after the session.
- x. Item 15: Email from PCSO Laura Morris regarding the Reliance lorry parked in the High Street: “The main issue that kept cropping up is the offence of lighting. Apparently these vehicles are supposed to have lights on when parked up overnight. A lot of these reliance vehicles are parked near to home addresses as they are on call and have to be there quickly at times (Kent Police use Reliance Recovery for all incidents) but they should have the correct lighting.” Laura said that the following are offences: parking within 10m of a junction, parking on the kerb, if a wheelchair or a double buggy cannot get past, then there is an obstruction. The offence of lighting will have to be raised through Reliance and SDC as the Police cannot enforce this. Laura asked for photos from residents if regulations are breached.
- xi. Item 16: KCC Highways: Temporary Road Closure – Bowzell Road, Sevenoaks Weald – from 24 March 2017 for up to 1 day. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Hale Oak Road and Bowzell Green.
The alternative route is via Hale Oak Road, B2027 Tonbridge Road, Bore Place Road, Bailey's Hill Road, Bowzell Green and vice versa. The closure is to enable carriageway resurfacing to be carried out by KCC Highways.
- xii. Item 18: The KALC Sevenoaks meeting that was scheduled for Friday 3rd March has been cancelled through the inability to secure a speaker again. Next meeting 9th June.
- xiii. Item 19: Email from Brian Ball regarding the Parish Council's request for an extension of the double yellow lines in the High Street, also in Powder Mill Lane and opposite the junction to Powder Mill Lane. He asks: “What thought or development of a traffic/parking management strategy for the village going forward if any, does the Parish Council have, if none should there not be such strategy being developed? Clearly we already have a problem within the village, a situation which in my view can only get worse. More families have more than one vehicle without parking facilities off road to garage their extra vehicles. Company vehicles, part of peoples jobs are brought home left on the highway rather than the company vehicle park. Vehicles are getting larger and faster, and visitor numbers seem to be increasing. The recent Housing Needs Survey may suggest more residential development within the village/parish which will bring, if occurring, more traffic. Vehicle numbers and parking demands within the village can only increase over time. The village has little off road parking available, should more be provided and if so where? Would the Parish Council be prepared to discuss this matter, seek the views of the village of what can be done if anything, put forward suggestions for discussion and comment by the village community? I suspect many would suggest Hall Place Estate give up some land, whilst improbable, planning permission would be unlikely to be forthcoming.

“For me whilst in the past I have fought against parking facilities of a more permanent nature being provided on The Green I am now coming round to an opinion, with a quickly changing village demographic this has unfortunately, to be considered, particularly that edge of the green opposite the school. The road is very narrow here the edge of the green frequently damaged by heavy vehicles, would assist school parent parking during times of collection and drop off of their children, plus this part of the green in good weather conditions is regularly parked upon. I love our village green but would we miss this bit? I trust my thoughts will be accepted in the spirit they are offered by Parish Councillors in this very difficult subject which we have a duty to address. Nothing may be done but at least the matter will have been discussed and a decision, whatever that is, made.” Members undertook to consider where a new car park could be located. It is not possible to reduce the size of The Green as it has Village Green protection.

- xiv. Item 20: SDC News Release: Dump your old recycling habits and put the right waste, in the right place! Sevenoaks District Council is asking residents to think about which waste sack they use after it was found a large amount of waste placed in black sacks was paper, card, plastics and metal which could have been recycled if it was placed in a clear sack. Cllr Smith advised that she took some recycling to Dunbrik but was concerned to see that recycling and refuse is stored together. Cllr Johnston said that the refuse lorries no longer have separate compartments for recycling and refuse. Clerk to contact Charles Nouhan at SDC for an update on policy.
- xv. Item 22: SDC News Release: (i) National secondary school offer day: “Again this year, more children than ever have applied for a place in a Kent secondary school, with 19,442 applications received, an increase of 645 since 2016. In spite of the significant increase, 13,446 families will receive their first preference and 1,857 their second preference school. As is the case each year, a large number of applications have been made for Kent schools from outside of Kent and although this is a credit to our schools and their growing popularity, it makes meeting parental preferences ever more challenging. Out of the 19,442 applications received, 2,745 of these were from parents who do not live in Kent, and about a third of this number secured an offer of a Kent school. Over 250 more children than last year will get their first preference secondary school and over 96% will receive an offer from one of the four schools they named.” (ii) Partnership delivers jobs and training opportunities at fair: Local jobseekers will be able to meet up with local businesses and training providers to access available jobs and courses at the West Kent Jobs and Training Fair on Thursday 30 March at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge from 10am to 2pm.

177. To consider resident’s request for the provision of a small skate and scooter trick area

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Joe Kirby asking for the Parish Council to consider the provision of a small skate and scooter trick area. Copies of the letter had been circulated to all members. Clerk to investigate costs, insurance, liability and what size plot would be required. To be considered further next month.

178. To consider and update Risk Assessment

To be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

179. To hear report of the KALC/KFAS conference on devolution and effective partnership working

The Clerk reported that she attended this free event in Maidstone last week. Paul Carter, leader of KCC, spoke about devolution of services from County to District and Borough Councils, and to Town and Parish Councils. The different models of local government tiers are being considered in order to save money and he said that there were no immediate plans for a unitary council in Kent, but it will depend on whether the Secretary of State calls for councils to put a proposal together. It would mean that all councillors and officers would need to re-apply for their posts and of course there would be job losses. Wiltshire and Cornwall are the only two unitary councils in the country but Buckinghamshire, Dorset and Oxfordshire have already put proposals to the Secretary of State for consideration. At the moment KCC is working closely with the district, borough and parish councils. There are only 3 or 4 adopted neighbourhood plans in Kent. There was then a talk by John Walker, chairman of KFAS (Kent Federation of Amenity Services) who spoke about the proposal to merge four district councils in East Kent to one large coastal authority.

This is Canterbury, Thanet, Shepway and Dover district councils. This has yet to go to consultation but there will be a decision on 22nd March as to whether or not to proceed to consultation and a decision will be made in July. Peter Fleming, leader of SDC, spoke and said that they are moving forward with health devolution. Also SDC and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council will receive no direct Government support from April 2017. There were other speeches. One, Chris Wells, leader of Thanet District Council, said that there is emerging legislation that says that if a housing development application is refused, goes to appeal and approval is given on appeal, not only will the district council have to take on the cost of appeal, it will also lose its New Homes Bonus.

180. Finance: To approve payment of cheques

Cllr Kaye proposed that the list of cheques be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Smith and all were in favour. The Clerk reported that she has put a stop on cheque no. 1790 payable to Leigh Ladies Choir and has re-issued the cheque for signature.

181. Items for reporting or inclusion in future agenda

- i. Cllr Croft reported that Orchard House has submitted an application through RWE for some tree works. It will be necessary to have traffic control in place whilst the work is undertaken.
- ii. Cllr Croft asked for an update regarding the turning area in Meadow Bank which is currently blocked by residents' parking. Clerk to contact SDC and WKHA.
- iii. Cllr Stratton-Brown reported that S.137 expenditure limit for 2017/18 has risen to £7.57 per electorate.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed

Date

**LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL
LIST OF CHEQUES
March 2017**

Date	Cheque	Payee	Detail of payment	Amount Inc. VAT	VAT
06.03.17	1791	Clerk	Salary - March	£685.86	
06.03.17	1792	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£254.90	
06.03.17	1793	Kent County Council	Pension contribution	£273.69	
06.03.17	1794	Clerk	Mileage, petty cash, work fm home	£152.04	
06.03.17	1795	Chiddingstone PC	Half share of annual costs of telephone, broadband and printer	£517.03	
06.03.17	1796	Broxap Ltd	New dog bin for Charcott	£187.20	£31.20
06.03.17	1797	Teambase	Stationery	£50.83	£8.47
06.03.17	1798	Leigh Ladies Choir	Grant (re-issue cheque 1790)	£400.00	
06.03.17	1799	Mr P. Croft	Mowing	£206.00	
				<u>£2,727.55</u>	<u>£39.67</u>
