

## LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE SMALL HALL, HIGH STREET, LEIGH ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 8.00PM

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**PRESENT:** Cllr J. Kaye (Chairman), Cllr R. Britain, Cllr P. Croft, Cllr G. Marchant, Cllr G. Rogers, and Cllr S. Smith

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr R. Lake, Cllr S. Satterley and Cllr B. Skipper

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs L. Kleinschmidt (Clerk). County Cllr Lake and members of the public attended the meeting for the Open Session only.

#### Open Session

##### Questions from Members of the Public

- i. Two residents from Charcott attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council what could be done to stop people parking on Charcott Green. Posts have been knocked over and cars are being parked on the grass which is making it dangerous for children to play on the green. Cllr Marchant reported that he and Cllr Kaye had looked at the posts but need to look again and prepare a plan, with the help of Cllr Lake. It was agreed that if possible the posts should be installed all around the green to prevent cars parking on the grass.
- ii. A resident of Powdermill Lane attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council what could be done regarding the refurbished houses at Garden Cottages, as the properties have been extended and new windows now overlook her property. Members asked the Clerk to contact the landowner to see if, as a neighbourly gesture, they would consider planting a laurel hedge along the fence line in order to protect the privacy of their neighbours.

Members of the public left the meeting at 8.20pm

##### Report by County Cllr Lake

County Cllr Lake reported as follows:

- i. Paul Carter, the leader of KCC, is leaving in a few months' time.
  - ii. KCC has been making preparations for Brexit, and a Brexit Co-ordination Group has been established and is focused on traffic management, community resilience, environment and waste, health and social care, supply chain resilience, business continuity and resilience, media and communications, and finance and data. KCC wants to keep Kent moving, and there are plans for Manston Airport to be used to park 12,000 vehicles if they are stuck. There are signs already available to stop heavy duty vehicles from trying to use minor roads if the major routes are blocked.
  - iii. Regarding the hedge at Well Close, C.Cllr Lake said that Mike Payton has agreed to fund part of the cost, and C.Cllr Lake has offered £2,000 from his members fund. KCC is suggesting that an evergreen conifer hedge is planted and undertook to inform the Clerk as to the variety. He said that he is trying to pin KCC down regarding a start date for the work, and is also trying to find out what happened to the Beech hedging already ordered. Cllr Britain was concerned that if a conifer hedge is used, there could be the same issue in years to come as is being experienced now. There will need to be a commitment from KCC as to future maintenance of the hedge. C.Cllr Lake undertook to ask KCC to wait until the Parish Council and residents have had a chance to consider the conifer option. Cllr Kaye advised that he has spoken to the objector and he is now happy for the proposal to go ahead.
  - iv. Regarding the road surface at Laundry Cottage, C.Cllr Lake is still waiting for Kent Highways to replace the SLOW on the road and repair the road surface.
  - v. C.Cllr Lake reminded the Parish Council to complete their Highways Improvement Plan for Leigh.
- C.Cllr Lake left the meeting at 8.50pm.

##### Report by District Cllr Osborne-Jackson

None.

## Closed Session

67. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Lake, Cllr Skipper and Cllr Satterley and members accepted their reasons for absence.
68. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Non-Pecuniary Interest on matters to be discussed**  
Cllr Marchant declared a DPI in item 71(ii) as his company is preparing a budgetary figure for this work.
69. **The minutes of the Leigh Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019** were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Croft, seconded by Cllr Britain, and all were in favour.

## 70. Planning

### i. To consider applications received

The Clerk reported that the Planning Committee considered the following applications since the last meeting:

- i. SE/19/01919/HOUSE: Fairlawns, Tonbridge Road, Leigh TN11 8HP - single storey rear extension with rooflights to permitted development and alterations to fenestration. Members supported this application.
- ii. SE/19/01624/FUL: Land West of Pond Cottage, Eggpie Lane, Weald TN14 4NP - change of use of land for dog training classes and erection of timber shed. Members objected to this application.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Council met on the 28<sup>th</sup> August and considered the following applications:

- iii. SE/19/02321/CONVAR: Fairlawns, Tonbridge Road, Leigh TN11 8HP - variation of conditions 2 and 3 of SE/18/03046/HOUSE (replacement of front porch and raising of front roof pitch. Rendering of external brickwork and changing of roof tiles. Alterations to fenestration. Landscaping works.) with amendments to construction materials and drawing P300 to 302. Members supported this application.
- iv. SE/19/01076/FUL and SE/19/01077/LBCALT: Hall Place, Peshurst Road, Leigh TN11 8HH - re-building of existing boat house following roof collapse (revised plans). Members supported this application providing it satisfies planning policy.
- v. SE/19/02428/HOUSE: 20 Barnetts Road, Leigh TN11 8QH - single storey rear extension. Members supported this application, providing the proposal satisfies the 50% rule.
- vi. SE/19/02308/HOUSE and SE/19/02309/LBCALT: Old Kennards, Hildenborough Road, Leigh TN11 8RE - new garden shed. Cllr Kaye declared a DPI on this application. Members supported this application.
- vii. SE/19/01731/FUL: Leigh Service Station, Lower Green, Leigh TN11 8RU - demolition of existing buildings and construction of seven new dwellings with associated landscaping including new area of public realm. Members supported this application, at vote with eight in support and one abstention, with the comment that there is concern regarding vehicular access to the proposed properties from Lower Green Road, which is a busy road with a large number of parked cars.

The Clerk reported that the following comments have now been received by SDC:

### Kent Highways:

"The site is currently a disused service station at the junction of Lower Green Road and Kiln Lane (which is a private road providing access to a small number of residential properties). The site is due south of the Fleur de Lis public house, which has a small amount of parking on Kiln Lane. During times of functions at the pub, parking takes place along Lower Green Road. While there are no parking restrictions along Lower Green Road, it is evident that parking can become problematic. I suggest that provision is made for a visitor parking space within the site. The proposal incorporates 3 new access points onto Kiln Lane and Lower Green Road, whereby visibility will need to be ensured at 2.4m. x 43m. with no obstruction above 0.6m. within the splays. The angle of Kiln Lane to Lower Green Road has raised concerns. I suggest that the tree at the northern boundary is removed in favour of low level planting to improve visibility.

"The belmouth would benefit from widening on the southern aspect to ensure two vehicles can enter and exit the highway simultaneously due the narrow nature of Kiln Lane. This would have a small impact on the northern aspect of the site, but would increase visibility considerably. Concerns have been raised regarding the increase of vehicles along Kiln Lane currently and the increased use due to the proposal. The lane is also utilised by a number of pedestrians. While Kiln Lane is private, I suggest that the proposal incorporates a pedestrian footway in order to safeguard pedestrians. While I do not raise an objection at this stage I shall require further information / amendments in respect of:

- Visibility splays of 2.4m. x 43m. for Kiln Lane and the new proposed accesses along Lower Green Road;
- Incorporation of an on-site visitor parking bay to relive pressure of the existing on street parking;
- Amendments to the belmouth of Kiln Lane to increase the width for at least 5m. to allow vehicles to enter and exit the highway, and to increase visibility to the south.

Southern Water:

- a formal application for a connection to the public foul sewer needs to be made.
- SDC's building control officers should be asked to comment on the adequacy of soakaways to dispose of surface water from the proposed development.

Other concerns have been raised by local people:

- the impact on Lower Green Road and Kiln Lane
- surface water drainage
- possible overdevelopment of the site
- design of proposed units
- possible use of the proposed Public Realm Area as an overflow beer garden
- pedestrian safety on Kiln Lane

Members considered all the correspondence received and agreed that their response as submitted to this application is still correct, and the consultation responses by Kent Highways and Southern Water have picked up the residents' concerns.

ii. To report SDC planning application decisions

- SE/19/01438/LBCALT: 2 Forge Square, The Green, Leigh - replacement of three windows to the rear elevation, one at first floor level (bedroom) and two at ground floor level. Application refused. Reason: The proposal will result in harm to the character and integrity of the Grade II listed building. The proposed works will result in the loss of historic fabric which has not been sufficiently justified and the proposed replacement windows are of a style and material which is considered to be inappropriate and likely to appear incongruous in its setting. The proposal will therefore result in less than substantial harm to the listed building without any public benefit to outweigh the harm to the listed building. As such the proposal is contrary to policy EN4 of the Sevenoaks Allocations and Development Management Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.
- SE/19/01600/AGRNOT: Coppings Farm, Coppings Road, Leigh - replace a wooden agricultural building with a steel structured building. Application refused. Reason: The proposal, by virtue of its scale and height, is not considered to be appropriate for its intended use and it would be highly visible and harmful to openness of the Metropolitan Green Belt. The applicant has also failed to provide sufficient information to show that the proposed structure is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture. Therefore the proposal does not meet the requirements of Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended). In these circumstances it would be necessary to submit a full planning application should you wish to pursue the proposal without amendment.
- SE/19/01697/WTP0: The Old Burial Ground, High Street, Leigh - proposed works: Lime tree - coppice all main stems back to stool. TPO. Application refused. Reason: Consent is denied to coppice the Lime tree. Insufficient justification has been given to warrant the removal of this tree. The loss of it would leave a gap in the tree line which would be detrimental to the local amenity. At the time of inspection no movement to the root plate could be seen. This tree does not appear to have fully recovered from previous reduction works which were carried out several years ago.

- SE/19/01204/HOUSE and SE/19/01205/LBCALT: The Farmhouse, Home Farm, Hildenborough Road - replacement of existing Conservatory & Lobby with New Sun Room & Lobby on the same footprint. Applications approved.

iii. To report updates regarding SDC's Local Plan

The Clerk reported that the examination hearing sessions will take place over four weeks and will open on Tuesday 24 September 2019 at 10.00 am at The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks TN13 1ZZ

There are three documents relating to the hearing sessions:-

- ED8: Inspector's Matters, Issues and Questions
- ED9: Inspector's Guidance Notes on the Examination process
- ED10: Draft Hearing Sessions Timetable V.1

These documents are available at:

[https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/434/examination\\_documents](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/434/examination_documents)

Key Dates for the Hearing sessions:

Advise Programme Officer of participation: Friday 16 August 2019

Submission of Hearing Position Statements Weeks 1 and 2: Friday 6 September 2019

Submission of Hearing Position Statements week 3 and 4: Friday 18 October 2019

Opening of the hearing sessions: Tuesday 24 September 2019.

## 71. The Green:

i. To discuss the refurbishment of the litter bins on The Green

Cllr Marchant reported that he has one of the metal bins in his yard and asked whether the bins should be refurbished in pairs. Members agreed that a second bin should be removed for repair. The Clerk reported that a request has been made by a resident for the litter bins along Powdermill Lane to be emptied more frequently as they get full of pizza boxes. Members agreed, and also suggested that the pizza van should be asked to remove the empty pizza boxes as well.

ii. To discuss quote for a small area of grasscrete to allow restricted parking on The Green for visiting food outlets only

Cllr Marchant reported that he has been working on a budgetary price for an area of grasscrete, which will be in the region of £3,800 + VAT. Members were concerned that this area will become a free space for anyone to park, which is not what the Parish Council intended as it should only be available for visiting food vans, but this would be impossible to enforce. Cllr Britain proposed that the Parish Council does not proceed any further with this proposal as the cost is prohibitive and it would not solve the parking issue. This was seconded by Cllr Smith and all were in favour. The vans to be asked to park by Jessica's Hall or where the pizza van stops on Powdermill Lane during the winter months.

iii. To discuss the response to the consultation about the visiting Fun Fair

The Clerk reported that 17 expressions of support have been received, and 3 expressions of objection have been received (vehicles too heavy for The Green, too expensive to visit, plus the original complaint which was that the grass is churned up). 2 people contacted the Clerk who neither supported nor objected to the fun fair (one had a suggestion for a steam fair). Members agreed therefore to allow the fun fair to continue to visit if it wishes to.

Cllr Marchant left the meeting at 9pm.

iv. To discuss the repair or replacement of the broken bench on The Green

The Clerk reported that since the last meeting, a report was received that a nine year old boy fell through the slats of the bench and hurt himself. The slat is missing. Members asked Cllr Croft to remove the bench to prevent any further accidents.

v. To approve the PTA's request to use The Green on 29<sup>th</sup> September

Members approved this request.

vi. To discuss Leigh in Bloom's request to plant bulbs on The Green, and their request for funding

The Clerk reported Leigh in Bloom wish to plant daffodil bulbs on The Green on the verge opposite Porcupine House and also along by South View. They have requested a grant of £200 to pay for 1000 bulbs.

Members approved the planting along the verge opposite Porcupine House and also along by South View and also agreed to fund the cost of the bulbs at £200. Proposed by Cllr Smith, seconded by Cllr Croft and all were in favour.

- vii. To discuss quote for area around the veteran oak tree to be mulched and a lawn edging installed  
The Clerk reported that RWE Rural Services has provided the following quote:  
To strim grass very hard to expose soil in a semi circle area around the Veteran Oak tree on Leigh Village Green, to install EverEdge galvanised lawn edging following the contours of the newly erected fence, to lay hessian sheets across the entire area, and apply approx 100mm of wood chip to the area to create a mulch mat. Price: £965 + VAT. Cllr Britain proposed that this quote be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Kaye and all were in favour. RWE Rural Services be asked to top up the mulch next year too.
- viii. To discuss request by The Environment Agency to use The Green on 27<sup>th</sup> September  
The Clerk reported that staff from the Environment Agency have asked to use The Green as they wish to organise an office game of rounders on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 3pm until 6pm. Members approved this request.
- ix. To discuss Leigh in Bloom's request for the village sign to be refurbished  
The Clerk reported that a quote for refurbishing the sign has been received by Leigh in Bloom from Bakers of Danbury Ltd (Essex). The quote is to remove the village sign, clean it, sand it, repair it if required, decorate in colours to match existing (double sided), and to return and reinstate the sign. No allowance for works to the post. Item to be considered at the October Parish Council meeting. Members asked for two more quotes for this work.
- x. To discuss request for keep fit sessions to be run on The Green  
The Clerk reported that a Leigh resident has asked for permission for a keep fit/bootcamp instructor, who runs classes in Sevenoaks, to bring his classes to Leigh. The Clerk reported that circuit training classes are run every Saturday on The Green, permission for this was given in April 2019. The sessions are going well, and attendance is growing. Members did not approve this new request as there is already a similar keep-fit session being run on The Green on Saturdays.

## 72. Charcott:

- i. To discuss repair or replacement of oak posts around Charcott Green  
See Open Session above. To be discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.
- ii. To hear update regarding the work to the Charcott track and surface water drain  
The Clerk reported that Lambert & Foster have written to say that KCC is planning to undertake some works to the surface water drainage system in the area and, as part of this project, there may be an element of repair to the surface water drain in Charcott and to the surface of the track. It would be sensible to wait and see to what extent the proposed repairs as mentioned previously are undertaken by KCC. Members agreed.

## 73. Powder Mills

The Clerk reported that the following has been received from Bellway:

- i. Parking Spaces: V markings will be removed from the 5 parking bays adjacent to the woodland.
- ii. Defibrillator: the draft license has been prepared and reviewed by the Parish Council.
- iii. Yellow Lines on bus route: at present, I can't confirm when we will progress this matter, as discussed, we're currently sorting the necessary remedial works to the roads and drainage. However we will conclude, as it was a matter raised by the operating bus company.
- iv. Open Space: I'm glad to hear the grass is now growing. In terms of timescale, this is difficult to confirm. However, we won't hand the area over to the management company until the grass has well established. Not just grown, but more of a "carpet" of grass, that we can cut the grass paths into. Trees will be monitored and will be substituted between November and February – which is the next tree planting season.
- v. The gravel path: once the grass is established, we'll review the condition of the path, and where the top surface is loose we will compact and top up where necessary. If after completion of the open space drainage is still an issue, we will of course attend and agree a remedy with the management company."

## 74. Highways & Environment

- i. To discuss the Leigh Expansion and Hildenborough Embankment Project  
The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged for 6pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October. Cllr Kaye, Cllr Britain, Cllr Croft and the Clerk will attend.
- ii. To discuss the hedge at Well Close  
It was agreed to wait and see what the details are of the proposed new hedge as suggested by KCC. Matter to be discussed with the residents and Cllr Kaye and Cllr Britain have authority to make a decision on behalf of the Parish Council.
- iii. To discuss the application for tree work in The Old Burial Ground  
The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's application to coppice the Lime Tree has been refused.
- iv. To discuss the request for additional speed cameras on Peshurst Road  
The Clerk reported that a resident of Peshurst Road has requested additional speed control measures as drivers do not keep within the speed limit. Members agreed to ask the police to carry out some speed checks there periodically.
- v. To discuss the Leigh Highways Improvement Plan  
The Clerk reported that Highways are encouraging Town and Parish Councils to prepare a Highways Improvement Plan. "We want communities to have a greater voice in prioritising the road safety measures we need to take and to be more responsive to community needs. At the same time, we need to balance requests with the money we have available to spend, making sure our investment has the most impact in making roads safer for all users. Local communities are best-placed to tell us about the road safety issues in their areas and, through the collaboration between local members and parish and town councils, this can provide us with a clear view about the local priorities we should be addressing.  
Managing requests for improvements and changes: To help us improve the way we manage requests for these types of changes and improvements, we ask members of the public to contact their parish or town council. This will enable us to assist parishes and communities with their requests in a more proactive and programmed way. Parish and town councils know their local area well and it is this knowledge that can help us focus our efforts and finite funding on improvements or changes that have the greatest priority. It also gives parish and town councils a more effective way of spending their money to solve local issues.  
Highways Improvement Plan: We would encourage parish and town councils, working with their local KCC Members, to develop a Highways Improvement Plan for their areas. The plan gives parish and town councils the opportunity to decide which community priorities they want to take forward. Given the finite KCC highways budget, not all priorities are likely to be funded. However, the Kent Highways team can discuss the problems and provide technical advice for the best way to deliver improvements and provide estimates for the costs. Using this information, parish and town councils can determine whether they can provide funding for these priorities and, working with Kent Highways, deliver them. Members of the public wanting to make a request for lower road speeds or other road safety improvements are asked to take the following steps:
  1. Check the crash data of the site where the improvements are wanted
  2. Contact their local parish/town council with the crash data or other evidence for the request, who would then contact the KCC member for further collaborationBenefits
  - Communities not only have a voice on the road safety improvements that are delivered in their areas, but they also have control over determining these and taking them forward
  - There is greater transparency of road safety improvements in local areas through local Highways Improvement Plans
  - Highways, members and parish/town councils have a more productive relationship
  - Highways staff have more time to work proactively with local communities in delivering these improvements."Clerk to contact Geoff Bineham for clarification on funding of these initiatives.
- vi. To discuss Leigh Railway Station
  - i. The Clerk reported that an email has been received from Sharon Gray, Sussex Community Rail Partnership: "Several years ago when I starting working for the Sussex Community Rail Partnership we had good contact with one of your Parish Councillors.

“That tailed off when I think he thought that there wasn’t a great deal we could do to enhance conditions at the station. However, as a result of input from communities to the Passenger Benefit Fund there seems to be a lot more interest in personalising stations to suit the rural communities. There are many projects already in existence; artwork, planting, promoting places of interest, promoting walking and cycling routes. I write because I wondered if Leigh might like to do something to give the station some individuality?” Cllr Britain agreed to be the parish representative.

- ii. Sussex Community Rail Partnership: invitation to the annual joint meeting of the Uckfield & East Grinstead lines and the Tonbridge to Redhill & Reigate lines on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 2pm – 4pm. Venue: The Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge, TN8 6BY.
- vii. Kent Highways Forward Works Programme (2019/20 to 2020/21)

The Clerk reported that KCC has published its Forward Works Programme, which is the programme of planned highway maintenance works that they we intend to carry out on the highway network during 2019/20-2020/21. This is a live document and, as it is being published some months into 2019/20, some schemes will already have been delivered, whilst for some asset groups the programme for 2020/21 is still being developed, and they will publish an updated version of this programme later this year. This programme is subject to regular review and may change for a number of reasons including budget allocation, contract rate changes, and to reflect KCC’s changing priorities. The programme and extent of individual sites within the programme may also be revised following engineering assessment during the design phase. Kent County Council has significantly increased its planned maintenance budget for the next three years, for example doubling road maintenance, trebling footway maintenance and a significant increase in crash barrier renewal. Surface preservation involves repairing and treating roads to improve their quality and extend their useful life before they need renewing or reconstructing. KCC may apply one or more coats of a cold-laid surface treatment material (micro surfacing) or of bitumen and chippings (surface dressing), or they may recycle and re-lay the existing surface material before applying a surface treatment (retread).

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Description of Works</u>	<u>Extents</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Tonbridge Road	Surface preservation	From Penshurst Road to Compasses Road	Condition survey
Powder Mill Lane	Surface preservation	From 30 mph/national speed limit signs to 50m past The Plough Inn	Condition survey
Coppings Road	Surface preservation	From Compasses Road to Scabharbour Road	Condition survey

- viii. Compasses Road  
Cllr Croft reported that there was a nasty accident at the junction of B2027 and Compasses Road. It was agreed that there should be a right-turn warning sign in both directions. Clerk to report.
- ix. Penshurst Road / Leigh Road junction  
Cllr Kaye reported that the white lines need repainting at the junction and the Give Way sign is missing. Clerk to report.

## 75. Rights of Way

- i. To discuss the maintenance of SR416 across the airfield in Chiddingstone Causeway  
The Clerk reported that at the moment the path is not overgrown, but it was agreed that this will be watched. At the request of Cllr Kaye, the Clerk reported that she has ordered 4 no dog fouling signs to be fixed to the fence posts along this path and another path near Charcott, at a cost of £15.16. Members agreed.
- ii. To discuss the Definitive Map Modification Order for the public path SR408 at Winkhurst Farm  
The Clerk reported that KCC has modified the Definitive Map at Winkhurst Farm off Coppings Road to remove the path running through the properties, and a new path shown to run around the edge of the properties.

**76. To discuss the possible refurbishment of the Leigh Cricket Pavilion**

Cllr Rogers reported that she is in contact with Leigh Cricket Club in order to arrange a meeting to discuss this in more detail.

**77. Affordable Housing:**

The Clerk updated the Parish Council with the current situation regarding the site search, and it was agreed to hold a public consultation event in November in conjunction with ERHA.

**78. Aviation**

i. The Clerk reported that Chiddingstone Parish Council is hoping to host a meeting on Friday 20th September with Paul Maynard (the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport), Martin Rolfe (CEO of NATS), Dame Deidre Hutton (Chair of CAA), Stewart Wingate (Chief Executive of GAL), Tom Tugendhat, the AEF plus representatives from community groups.

ii. Gatwick Airport has published its Final Master Plan which confirms plans to take forward the sustainable development of the airport. "In October 2018, our Draft Master Plan consultation set out three scenarios for future growth:

1. Using new technology to build capacity and resilience on the main runway;

2. Bringing the existing standby runway into routine use for departures only alongside the main runway by the mid-2020s;

3. Recommending planning policy continues to safeguard land for an additional runway.

We received more than 5,000 responses to the 12-week public consultation and are encouraged that two-thirds (66%) of respondents supported the principle of growing Gatwick by making best use of our existing runways, in line with Government policy. As a result, we will progress with plans to introduce new technology to build capacity and resilience on our main runway. We are also announcing today that we will prepare a planning application to bring our standby runway into routine use. The innovative proposals for the standby runway will deliver additional capacity at the airport that enables us to balance operational resilience and sustainable growth. As one of the biggest private investments in the region, the scheme will deliver greater connectivity, a better passenger experience through greater competition, and an economic boost that secures jobs and opportunities for generations to come. These benefits can all be delivered while keeping the airport's noise footprint broadly similar to today's levels, and with minimal disruption to our neighbours and the environment. The consultation report, also published today, provides extensive feedback on our consultation and those views will help shape our plans as we prepare a Development Consent Order (DCO) – a rigorous planning process that will include further engagement and public consultation next year and culminates in a final decision by the Secretary of State. We will now carry out a number of detailed studies to assess the impacts and benefits of our proposals before consulting the public again next year. We are also recommending that national and local planning policy continues to safeguard the land that would be required for a new runway, should it be required in the longer-term. However, we reiterate today that we are no longer actively pursuing plans for an additional runway. We will of course keep you up to date at regular intervals as our plans progress. In the meantime further information on our plans is available at [www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans](http://www.gatwickairport.com/futureplans)."

**79. Aged Persons Dwellings**

Cllr Marchant reported that the repair to the path at No.2 The Bungalows has been finished.

**80. To discuss the Family Fun play events on The Green 2019**

The Clerk reported that the summer holidays event was held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 10am to 2pm on The Green. The Circus Workshop was very popular. It was an excellent turnout and a beautiful sunny day.

**81. 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 2: Kent Police:

- Barnetts Road, Leigh: on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June between 10:45am and 11:10am, a Toyota pickup parked in the road was broken into, but nothing appears to have been taken.
  - Well Close, Leigh: between 12:01am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July and 7:02am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, a garage at a residential property was broken into and various items were stolen.
- ii. Item 5: KALC:
- Transport Conference: West Faversham Community Centre on Saturday 26th October 2019 09.30-16.30 including lunch.
  - Finance Conference: The Hearne Centre on Thursday 12th September.  
Cost £60 + VAT per delegate.
- iii. Item 6: PCSO Joe Cain: August update: This month again has been rather busy tackling a number of issues in the area. With help from our colleagues in the CSU we have issued a number of acceptable behaviour agreements in relation to the recent anti-social behaviour issues. We have also been busy meeting with partner agencies such as housing, adult social services, mental health agencies to provide extra support for members of the public struggling in the area. Below are a few more things we have been up to:
- Leigh & Chiddingstone Causeway: we have attended a number of road traffic collisions as well as supporting our local policing team with some horses and sheep in the road.
  - Peshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone: we have followed up with a number of bad driving reports, an abandoned vehicle and completed referrals for a vulnerable elderly resident.
  - Cowden & Hever: we have assisted with road closures for trees down in the road and put in place support for a family struggling with mental health issues.
  - Edenbridge South & West: we have dealt with a number of neighbour disputes, followed up on a number of nuisance vehicle calls, issued two acceptable behaviour agreements, recovered three stolen motorbikes and assisted with a number of road traffic collisions.
  - Edenbridge North & East: we have helped with the search for two missing persons, issued one acceptable behaviour agreement, provided advice to two elderly residents about fraud and we have been in discussion with a number of agencies to provide support for a resident who is struggling at home.
- iv. Item 7: SDC: invitation to training session on Member Conduct at 6pm on Tuesday 17th September in the Chamber of Sevenoaks District Council. The session will last no longer than an hour.
- v. Item 8: Transport for the South-East: to mark the launch of the TfSE's draft Transport Strategy and the subsequent public consultation period a series of informal drop-in sessions have been organised across the TfSE region. This is the opportunity for interested parties to come along and learn more about TfSE, the strategy contents and consultation process.
- Reading Town Hall, Weds 16th Oct 2019 4.30pm – 6pm
  - Woking, WWF Living Centre, Thurs 17th Oct 4.30pm – 6pm
  - Canterbury, Christ Church University, Tues 22nd Oct 2019 4.30pm – 6pm
  - Brighton, Jury's Inn, Weds 23rd Oct 2019 4.30pm – 6pm
  - Southampton, Central Hall, Thurs 24th Oct 4.30pm – 6pm

## 82. Finance:

- i. To approve subscription renewal to Kent County Playing Fields Association: £20  
Cllr Croft proposed that this subscription be renewed. This was seconded by Cllr Smith and all were in favour.
- ii. To discuss Leigh Village Halls Management Committee's request for a grant towards a freestanding projector screen: £150  
The Clerk reported that the Chairman of the Village Halls Management Committee has said that if the Parish Council is kind enough to give a grant / provide a projector screen, the committee will provide a sound system. Members agreed. Proposed by Cllr Rogers, seconded by Cllr Britain and all were in favour.
- iii. To approve SDC district and parish election costs £311.68 + VAT  
Cllr Kaye proposed that this expense be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Britain and all were in favour.

iv. To approve list of payments

Cllr Rogers proposed that the list of payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Croft and all were in favour. Cllr Kaye and Cllr Britain undertook to authorise the online payments.

**83. Items for reporting or inclusion in future agenda**

The Clerk circulated copies of a Leigh parish map to all members.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Signed .....

Date .....

**LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL  
LIST OF PAYMENTS  
September 2019**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payment Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail of payment</b>	<b>Amount Inc. VAT</b>	<b>VAT</b>
05.08.19	151	Clerk	Salary - August	£797.12	
05.08.19	152	HMRC	PAYE - August	£318.11	
05.08.19	153	KCC	Pension contribution - August	£321.44	
05.08.19	154	SLCC	Fee – S/E Regional Seminar (share with Chidd)	£48.00	£8.00
09.09.19	155	Clerk	Salary - September	£797.12	
09.09.19	156	HMRC	PAYE - September	£318.11	
09.09.19	157	Clerk	Mileage, pet.cash & work home allow Aug/Sept	£226.01	
09.09.19	158	KCC	Pension contribution	£321.44	
09.09.19	159	Knockout Print	Summer play event advertising boards	£60.00	£10.00
09.09.19	160	R. Marchant & Sons	Repair path at No.2 The Bungalows	£229.20	£38.20
09.09.19	161	RWE Rural Services	Removal of hanging branch from oak tree	£120.00	£20.00
09.09.19	162	SDC	Election costs	£358.39	£46.71
09.09.19	163	Kent County PlayFie.	Subscription renewal	£20.00	
09.09.19	164	Commercial Services	Second quarterly invoice maintenance Green	£948.91	£158.15
09.09.19	165	Peter Croft	Mowing – August & September payments	£500.00	
<b>Total</b>				<b><u>£5,383.85</u></b>	<b><u>£281.06</u></b>

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