

Notes on online meeting of KALC December 14<sup>th</sup> 2022

Chair: Sarah Barker

21 participants

Inspector Mark Stubberfield, Community Safety Partnership. Based at King's Hill

“The ‘Drive’ campaign is certainly on this year”

Mentioned: anti-social behaviour in Snodland and New Hythe Lane, car meets and organised crime gangs. He said that anti-social behaviour in the borough is down by 17.2 per cent and burglary is down by 27 percent.

Neighbourhood policing. Uplift programme. They are in a 60 day consultation period with officers. The proposed model includes ward based police officers who will be PCs not PCSOs. Not every ward will get one. Task forces to address problem solving will get slightly bigger. Child protection officers. The new model is likely to go live in early June. There will still be PCSOs but they will not be locally assigned.

Mike Taylor asked about Borough Green. He said they would be disappointed to lose their PCSOs

Answer: Not quite sure of the new shape.

Neighbourhood task forces.

Trudy Dean. Re New Hythe Lane, what is happening there?

Answer. There are problems at weekends. Mark Stubberfield said he is trying to have traffic officers assigned as well. Vehicles are parked. Registrations have been taken. 60 or 70 letters have been sent out with ‘We are watching’ you type of warnings

The car problems could be solved by speed ramps but they are too expensive

Beat officers will undertake the same area responsibilities as PCSOs and also liaise with parish clerks.

I asked if we were going back to having PCs based in wards e.g. the PC that used to be based in Walderslade, Snodland etc. The answer was ‘No’. Officers on our beat will be based at King's Hill.

Sarah asked how and when parishes will be notified.

Answer. Will notify when changes are settled.

### Climate Change

Jennifer Bate. Shipbourne Parish Council. Gave a presentation on their strategy which will be circulated during the first week in January.

They declared their Climate Change Emergency very shortly after TMBC made their declaration.

They identified the carbon footprint of their parish council and the whole parish using the 'Impact' tool. <https://impact-tool.org.uk>

Biggest footprint is housing. Shipbourne is not on the gas grid. It has older buildings and little public transport

Output is 24.7 tonnes CO2 per household

What actions are needed and what are the blocks to doing them?

She said they need better insulation and a better electricity grid.

They are engaging with South East New Energy <https://www.uel.ac.uk/our-research/sustainability-research-institute-sri/south-east-new-energy-project> with regard to possibly generating electricity locally.

Mike Taylor. "We need every echelon of government to be involved".

I thanked Jenny Bate for progressing further in charting a way forward for parishes than any other parish in the Borough so far.

Robin Betts, sitting in his electric vehicle being charged. He also thanked Jenny. He said, "Its about everyone working together. We need to be more efficient and careful with our energy. Our home is 1kwh per hour. We need to be as efficient as we can with travel. There will always be an amount of carbon to mop up through trees and hedges".

He hoped the Climate Change Forum would generate templates for individuals, families, businesses and councils

He said TMBC had appointed and lost Henry Saunders as Climate Change Officer. He said that, "Nonetheless he did a lot of work for TMBC while he was with us." He found that 61 per cent of carbon emissions are from the Leisure Trust.

There will be 32 electric vehicle charging stations round the Borough and 100 plus chargers next year.

Leybourne Lakes cafe uses a water source heat pump.

The new Climate Change Officer is Carrie Spencer

198 PV panels are being installed at Larkfield Leisure Centre. 1000 trees have been planted. 1000 more trees will be planted next year.

More PV panels are planned for the swimming pool.

They are looking at CO2 air source pumps but they are very expensive.

Idling campaign equipment has been installed

TMBC is looking at using the River Medway as a heat source for a heat pump for Tonbridge swimming pool.

I asked that now we have a new climate change officer, when there would be a new meeting of the Climate Change Forum. (I have since been in touch with Carrie Spencer and the next Climate Change Forum meeting, which will be chaired by her, will be on Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>).

Sarah asked that I inform KALC as soon as I get an answer. (Done)

Gwyneth Barkham asked whether taking heat from the Medway would cause any ecological problems.

TMBC briefing will be on Feb 8th

Civility and respect pledge presented by Chrys Short.

Sarah said she would circulate details to clerks

Local plan. Trudy Dean. Next update on local plan to councillors will be in March. She asked if government was likely to change housing requirements again. She asked about the West Malling car parks, village greens and other sites that have been proposed for housing. She said that the Section 19 consultations have no effect on what TMBC decides.

Mike Taylor complained about the section 18 consultation as did others. Harry Rayner said some of the proposed development sites were already scheduled for mineral extraction.

Sarah will ask for an update from officers at the next PPP

I was asked to put in something more substantive about planning enforcement. Addington is going to add to this. We need to know about the changes being made to planning enforcement.

Next KALC meeting 23rd March 2023. Will be online

Rural Prosperity Fund.

Housing support fund has to go through groups. Contact is Andrew Rose.

Jacquie Westwood was concerned about lack of transport from Ryarsh and Birling etc to the hospital. 58 bus. Mention of 15th Jan deadline for funding for local transport. Norman Kemp's name came up.

Tom Shelley

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