

Notes on Parish Partnership Panel meeting Feb 4th 2021

Nicholas Heslop in the chair

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Re Climate Change Forum. Will be discussed at the meeting on Feb 9th. Forum is expected to be held every 6 months. Robin Betts will be chairing it.

Sarah Barker. Asked if there could be a representative from T & M KALC on the Forum. Nicholas Heslop said they could discuss this offline.

### SEWAGE PROBLEMS

Southern Water is expected to attend the next PPP meeting in June

Mike Taylor. Southern Water has a new area manager

### FLY TIPPING

Robin Betts. Waste Services Team has 10% of its staff self isolating.

### POLICING

Inspector Elizabeth Jones. Illegal puppy breeding and theft is organised by gangs. Operation Staghound. We have a lot of public support.

Also theft from outdoor buildings and the police are carrying out a lot of drugs warrants.

Domestic abuse calls have doubled during lockdown and there is increased violence.

Anti social behaviour in Snodland.

Roger Roud, East Malling. Reports of youths with catapults firing at wildlife and car windows.

Brian Luker. Off road bikers. Hazard to walkers and horse riders.

Sandy Oram. Shipbourne. Excessive speeding on A227.

Harry Rayner. Complained about bikers gathering on Wednesday evenings, a long standing problem. Oakdene Cafe site is being redeveloped as a small industrial estate. Nepicar layby has been closed. Elizabeth said nothing is happening at the moment so will wait and see.

Jenny Thorogood. Seven Mile Lane speeding.

Roger Dalton. Peters Village. New Court Road footpath and cycle way also being used by horse riders.

### CORONAVIRUS

Nicholas Heslop. A regional Hub Vaccination Centre will be at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge starting Monday or Tuesday next week. Large numbers of vaccinations already. 261 active cases in the borough. Trend is down. Over 150 applications from businesses for council support.

### LOCAL PLAN

David Lettington. Failure to cooperate objection. Have taken legal advice. There were said to be errors within the inspector's letter. There is a 32 page response on the TMBC website.

[https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0003/1098525/ED69\\_TMBC\\_Response\\_to\\_Inspectors\\_290121.pdf](https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1098525/ED69_TMBC_Response_to_Inspectors_290121.pdf) Have asked the secretary of state to intervene. No local authority has been successful with judicial reviews so TMBC is following the route they are following.

David Thornewell. Frustrated that the November hearings have been abandoned so cannot put forward the parish's objections. Ironic that government is abandoning the Duty to Cooperate which was the inspector's objection. Tracey Crouch and Bob Tugendhat are said to be intervening to support TMBC.

David Lettington. We are very close to the end of the current local plan. The government has not given clear guidelines on calculating the housing land supply.

Tim Shaw complained about 44% of housing being put in the North of the borough. Others also seemed pleased the Local Plan has been rejected. David Lettington replied, "Be careful what you wish for", saying that a revised local plan would require finding sites for 3,000 more houses.

### KCC

Sarah Hohler. There is just the one South African case in Maidstone ME15.

DfT is opening up a new Covid test site on the M11. Only two positive tests so far. 520 HGVs have been clamped. KCC budget meeting is next week. 70% now comes from the council tax. Budget consultation. There were 3000 responses. 65% objected to reduction of social care. 85% want more online and sharing of facilities. <https://kccmediahub.net/unprecedented-risk-and-uncertainty-as-kcc-outlines-draft-budget745>

Vision Zero consultation on how to reduce road casualties.

<https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/visionzero/consultationHome> Closes March 15th 2021.

Lorry enforcement. Various people complained about lorries parking in laybys in West Kent. Nicholas Heslop: we are collectively lobbying for HGV fly parking enforcement in West Kent as well as East Kent.

Mike Taylor, who said he was an ex truck driver, spoke in defence of HGV drivers. Sarah Hohler said HGVs have to have a Kent Access Pass which tells them what route they have to follow.

Next PPP meeting is on June 10th 2021.

Tom Shelley. Feb 5<sup>th</sup> 2021