

Briefing Notes for November 2017 – These are information only items which require no decision by the Council at this time and are used to update all councillors.

1. **Fordred Lane** – the patching of the tarmac has been completed. Cllr Richard Chubb is looking into some plastic matting to go on top of the grass verge area to protect the grass when allotment holders park their cars.
2. **Bulbs for verge from Broadstreet House to Greenbanks and opposite Well Cottages** – a reminder these will be planted on 18 November with volunteers arriving at 10am at Greenbanks. Guides and Scouts are also helping with planting.
3. **Replacement of seesaw on Well Field** – after extensive research the Clerk has been unable to source a supplier who has installed a seesaw similar to that chosen by Council in September 2017. If the majority of Councillors agree then the Clerk will place the order with the supplier for the product agreed by Council. An email has been sent to all Councillors for their view.
4. **Matthew Balfour, KCC Cabinet Minister for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste** – the resolution agreed at the Council meeting on 30 October 2017 to seek to extend the 30mph speed limit either side of Etchinghill and the Ottinge side of Lyminge has been sent to the minister for his input/support.
5. **Kissing Gates** – the gate which is due to be returned to KCC in exchange for the one they installed at North Lyminge Lane remains on the Village Green alongside gates and parts of 4 other gates. Discussions are being held with KCC, Kent Ramblers Association (who voluntarily install gates and replace stiles with gates) in relation to these gates/part gates being put to use by them.
6. **KCC – Survey response on Kent County Highways and Transportation** – survey circulated with October's briefing note. Last chance for Councillors to respond to the questions which begin on page 6. Please return the completed form to the Clerk by 30 November 2017, who will collate and send majority view. If you do not wish to record your views please let the Clerk know.
7. **KALC AGM 18 November 2017** - LPC's representatives Cllrs Mrs Gillian Heywood and Richard Chubb will be attending. The representatives will have a vote at the meeting.
8. **Change of signatories for Nat West and Nationwide** – ongoing, identification of some of the new signatories needs to be presented.
9. **Bench and litter bin next to the bus shelter on Canterbury Road opposite Silverlands Road** - after a request by the Clerk to KCC, they cleared the vegetation which was completely obscuring the bench and the bin although the land is not their responsibility - their attempts to locate the landowner have not been successful so far.
10. **Kent Fire Brigade - defibrillators** – An approach was made by the Clerk to Kent Fire Brigade asking if LPC could be the recipient of any defibrillators which are being replaced but are still serviceable. A response was received that "as yet no decision has been made on allocation of those that are still serviceable".
11. **Rhodes Minnis BT Kiosk** – A request for ideas for the future use of this kiosk was placed in the November newsletter and on the website. To date 2 responses have been received – 1) defibrillator and 2) map showing all property within Rhodes Minnis as most houses have names not numbers. An further update to follow in December 2017.
12. **Yew Tree Cross – Bus Shelter**. Cllr Ms. Susan Carey and Cllr Richard Chubb met with a resident to determine the feasibility of installing a bus shelter at Yew Tree Cross. Cllr Ms. Susan Carey indicated she would part fund from her ward budget. Cllr Richard Chubb to meet with contractor re the base of the shelter and report further.
13. **Bus shelter at Silverlands/Canterbury Road** – due to budgetary concerns, it seems prudent that this project is held over until the new financial year.
14. **Noticeboards/signs for the Open Spaces Regulations** – the Clerk still investigating costs and suppliers and will report back in December or January.

15. **Remembrance Sunday** – the wreath on behalf of Lyminge Parish Council was laid by Cllr Colin Manvell who reported the service was extremely well attended but pointed out the pathway to the Memorial had become a trip hazard. Cllr Derek Smith to talk with the PCC.
16. **White Village Gates at Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis** - the Clerk has spoken with Pauline Rockett of KCC and provided maps and photos of the proposed locations. Pauline has instructed Clive Lofting from her team to inspect the areas and provide her with recommendations and to check land ownership where applicable and ensure the gates would have sufficient space between the carriageway and verge (450mm).
17. **SID equipment** – a request has been sent by the Clerk to Elham Parish Council requesting information on their recent purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SID). Awaiting a response.