

Briefing Notes for February 2018 – These are information only items which require no decision by the Council at this time and are used to update all councillors prior to the next Full Council meeting

1. **Replacement of seesaw on Well Field** – The Chairman asked the Clerk to seek reassurance from Playforce that the non-bump version of the seesaw chosen by Council met the European Safety Standard for Playground Equipment and Playforce and held a EN1176 Certificate, Unfortunately it does not. An alternative product has been suggested by Playforce but at a greatly increased cost. The Chairman is viewing products installed by Playforce at St Mary's school in Folkestone to establish durability/longevity of the products. This may return to Council for a new decision.
2. **Richard Heaps, KCC's Schemes Project Manager** reported back after meeting with Cllrs Mrs Christine Barnett, Richard Chubb, Colin Manvell and the Clerk that there was no "crash Data" to support the extension of the 30mph speed limit either end of Etchinghill nor the Ottinge side of Lyminge. He considered a 40mph limit to provide a "buffer zone" but due to a minimum length of a section required this was not considered to be a viable option. The Clerk has asked what actions/measures the Parish Council are able to implement and is awaiting a response. This item will be placed on Council's March agenda.
3. **Rhodes Minnis BT Kiosk** – Stanford Conservatories have been instructed to refit the kiosk and this has been completed.
4. **Yew Tree Cross – Bus Shelter**. BT have sent maps showing their installation at both sites, these are being studied by the Chairman.
5. **Teen Shelter repair/refurbishment** - the materials have been paid for and work should begin by middle of February 2018, weather permitting.
6. **LPC Open Spaces Regulations** – the signs have been printed and installed on Jubilee Filed and Tayne Field.
7. **Parking in Westfield Lane** – the Clerk reported the increasing problems to KCC traffic scheme and has circulated the response. The Clerk has asked for clarification from KCC as to what measures, if any, the Parish Council can introduce at its own cost.
8. **Resurfacing Station Road** – Clive Lofting of KCC Highways confirmed the road would be patched not totally resurfaced as not deemed bad enough by Road Manager.
9. **30mph speed limit signs at Etchinghill** – Clive Lofting inspected these on 5 February 2018 and they were all visible – will reinspect in a couple of months and then again September to ensure vegetation is cleared so not to obscure the signs.
10. **Footpath alongside Broad Street from Greenbanks to Broadstreet House** – Clive Lofting confirmed this pathway would be cleared to extend the width to about 3ft and all spoil would be removed. This will be done in April (in better weather). Temporary traffic lights will be installed for a day to enable the creation of a safe public walkway whilst work is undertaken.
11. **Kissing Gates on HE 48 and HE43** – Miss Susan Carey & Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee have agreed to consider funding for these gates in the new financial year.