

Briefing Notes for January 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. **Fordred Lane** – holes in the tarmac have appeared again with the weather probably restricting more repairs until Spring. Long term solution would be appear to be a complete re tarmacking of the Lane.
2. **Replacement of seesaw on Well Field** – The Clerk and the Chairman are meeting with another supplier on Thursday 18 January on site to discuss possible options.
3. **Matthew Balfour, KCC Cabinet Minister for Planning, Highways, Transport and Waste**
The response to the Council's decision to seek an extension to the 30mph speed limit in the Parish (previously circulated) - "Kent County Council is unable to fund any changes to the existing speed limits in the area from its allocation of Crash Remedial Measures or Local Transport Scheme revenue streams in the immediate future". A meeting with the Chairman, Cllr Colin Manvell and the Clerk has been arranged for Wednesday 24 January with Richard Heaps a KCC Schemes Project Manager to discuss the request in more detail and to provide LPC with some cost estimates for consideration should LPC wish to fund and progress the speed limit extension.
4. **Change of signatories for Nat West and Nationwide** – completed
5. **Rhodes Minnis BT Kiosk** – Further to a suggestion from a Rhodes Minnis resident, a map showing the location of all properties within Rhodes Minnis (as most houses have names not numbers) the Clerk has managed to get SDC to produce one at no cost to LPC.
6. **Yew Tree Cross – Bus Shelter**. Cllr Richard Chubb has recently met with Richard Heaps from KCC to discuss the siting of a bus shelter at Yew Tree Cross. £4,000 has been received from Cllr Ms. Susan Carey' as a Member's Ward Grant towards this project.
7. **White Village Gates at Etchinghill and Rhodes Minnis** - the Clerk has received confirmation from Pauline Rockett of KCC that all 6 gates requested can be installed at the locations specified. No fee for survey. Only conditions are that the gates have a space of 450mm between the carriageway and verge and that the contractor employed has the required insurance. The Clerk will now research various gates and report back to Council with designs and prices. This will probably be at the March meeting as the weather will likely prevent earlier installation and the Clerk has annual leave in February.
8. **SID equipment** – an email (previously circulated) has been received in relation to grant funding of this equipment from KCC. The criteria for the grant funding probably excludes LPC from applying as it is only open to new start up groups or where current defective equipment is not viable to be repaired. The cost of the particular equipment to the Council would be £600 plus VAT.
9. **CILCA** – (Certificate in Local Council Administration) - the Clerk has been enrolled for the training towards this qualification.