

**MINUTES OF THE CHIDDINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2026 AT 7.30PM IN ST. LUKE'S PARISH ROOM,
CHIDDINGSTONE CAUSEWAY**

Present: Cllr J. Roper (Chairman), Cllr S. Andrews, Cllr I. Henderson, Cllr K. Outlaw, Cllr P. Myers, Cllr T. Nunn, Cllr P. Vicary and Cllr H. Williams
Apologies: Cllr C. Shamwana, District Cllr R. Streatfeild and District Cllr M. Silander
In attendance: Mrs L. Kleinschmidt (Clerk). 4 members of the public attended the meeting for the Open Session only. County Cllr R. Mayall attended the meeting from 8pm to 8.04pm.

Open Session

Report by District Cllr Silader

In the absence of District Cllr Silander, the Clerk read his report: "Local Government Reorganisation is consuming a lot of time, effort and money at SDC. With the news that LGR plans are to be put on hold for the time being, it will mean that local elections for District and Borough Councils will be held in 2027 and these councils will continue to run until the LGR process starts again. The freehold of The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks is being transferred to Sevenoaks Town Council for £650,000, and fund raising to generate this amount is underway."

Report by District Cllr Streatfeild

In the absence of District Cllr Streatfeild, the Clerk said that due to the Local Government Reform being put on hold, D.Cllr Streatfeild also reported that District and Borough Council elections will now take place in May 2027.

Questions from members of the public

1. A resident asked about the Regulation 19 public consultation and whether there is clarification on the reduction in the number of dwellings proposed for Chiddingstone Causeway, and is there a number of dwellings that the Parish Council would accept? Cllr Roper reported that the Parish Council has employed a planning consultant who will advise on how to respond to the consultation. There is information on the Parish Council's website which will help residents prepare their responses to the consultation. Cllr Nunn asked members of the public to encourage friends and family to respond to the consultation as responses to the previous Regulation 18 public consultation will not be taken into consideration as part of this Regulation 19 consultation.
2. A resident said that speed in Chiddingstone Causeway is getting worse, and drivers have been seen overtaking other vehicles by the shop. Signs are obscured by vegetation and the road markings have faded. The flashing speed indication device has been removed. Cllr Roper reported that as part of the planning approval for the development of Causeway House, there will be a new speed indication device on the western approach to Chiddingstone Causeway. The issue of speeding vehicles will be raised again with KCC and the police.

4 members of the public left the meeting at 7.45pm.

Closed Session

37. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Shamwana, and members accepted his reason for absence. Apologies for absence were also received from District Cllr Streatfeild and District Cllr Silander.
38. **Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest / Non-Pecuniary Interest on matters to be discussed**
Cllr Vicary declared a DPI in item 40(i)(ix) as he is the applicant for this planning application.
Cllr Outlaw declared a DPI in item 41(iv) as she is fulfilling an executive role as interim CEO of Kent ACRE.
39. **The minutes of the Chiddingstone Parish Council Meeting held 8th July 2026** were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Nunn, seconded by Cllr Myers, and all were in favour.
40. **Planning:**
 - i. To consider planning applications received: None.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Committee has considered the following applications since the last meeting:

- i. SE/26/00762/HOUSE and SE/26/00763/LBCALT: Stonelake, Camp Hill, Chiddingstone Causeway TN11 8LE - installation of solar photovoltaic panels to the roof of existing single-storey outbuilding. Parish Council response: No objection.
- ii. SE/26/01464/LDCPR: Vexour Farm, Hampkins Hill Road, Chiddingstone TN8 7BB - internal alterations to the existing farm workshop/office building to extend the existing ancillary farm office accommodation into the mezzanine/left-hand side of the building. The existing reception/office accommodation on the ground floor is to be retained. The proposed works comprise the fitting out and use of the mezzanine area to provide additional farm office, meeting room and storage accommodation for the agricultural enterprise at Vexour Farm. The works include internal partitioning, upgrading of the existing mezzanine floor, formation/alteration of the staircase access, fire protection works, acoustic and thermal upgrading, internal wall and roof insulation works, electrical/heating installation, and associated Building Regulations works. New or replacement windows are to be installed as shown on the submitted plans. No new external access, hardstanding, enclosure, or separate drainage works are proposed as part of this application. Parish Council response: No objection.
- iii. SE/26/01409/CONVAR: Land West of Chequers Barn, Chequers Hill, Bough Beech TN8 7PD - variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) of 22/01146/FUL to Development of 11 dwellings, including 8 affordable homes, plus garages and associated works with amendment to include an extension to the rear of each unit and amend the roof shape to a lower pitched gabled roof. Installations of photovoltaic panels to roof. Timber pergola to rear of each dwelling. Variation to the pitch of the garage roof. Amend the materials used of the 3 market house dwellings and garage. Variation of condition 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 to amend their trigger from pre-commencement to compliance. Variation of condition 7 (Construction Management Plan), 8 (Hard and soft landscaping including boundary treatments), 10 (Surface water drainage), 12 (Material samples and specification), 13 (EV charging points), 17 (Vehicle parking spaces) 18 (Cycle parking) to change to compliance. Parish Council response: No objection.
- iv. SE/26/01473/HOUSE: Bassetts, Tonbridge Road, Chiddingstone Causeway TN11 8JX- use of ancillary barn/home workshop outbuilding as residential annexe. Retention of single storey shed extension and replacement lean to garage roof (above single storey extension on northern side of building). Provision of addition 'bat sensitive' low level external lighting. Flood Risk Assessment has not been provided, property falls within flood zones 2 and 3. Parish Council response: No objection.
- v. SE/26/01892/WTCA: 1 Eden View, The Village, Chiddingstone TN8 7AG - Mature Ash Tree - remove. Parish Council response: No objection.
- vi. SE/26/01240/LBCALT: Chiddingstone Castle, Hill Hoath Road, Chiddingstone TN8 7AD - conservation repairs to plaster ceiling. Parish Council response: No objection.
- vii. SE/26/01487/HOUSE: Hale Farm, Hale Oak Road, Chiddingstone TN8 7AX - proposed demolition of existing single storey elements and erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey extension with associated works. Parish Council response: No objection.
- viii. SE/26/01201/FUL: Castle Lodge, Hill Hoath Road, Chiddingstone TN8 7AB - erection of self-build dwelling and carport with associated development and landscape enhancement. Parish Council response: No objection, with following comments:1. On the Location Plan Tye Cross is wrongly named as Cherry Orchard. 2. Tyehall is a Grade II listed property in close proximity to the proposed site, and it is wrongly noted as stone built - it is timber built/framed. 3. The Design & Access statement dated 21st July does not refer to this application, it's for a three house development in Halstead by Open Architecture. 4. Surface & Foul Water Drainage Strategy Report: Tyehall is missing on the site location and topography maps, figures 1 & 2, pages 1 & 2; only the annex is shown, (using historic name of Tyehaw). 5. The height of the chimney appears to be out of keeping with the proposal, could this be lowered to reduce the impact of the overall development?
- ix. SE/26/01959/AGRNOT: Hilders Farm, Ide Hill Road, Bough Beech TN8 7PW - a new steel portal frame agricultural building for the storage of hay and straw. Parish Council response: Support.

- x. SE/26/02073/WTCA: Chiddingstone School, Chiddingstone TN8 7AH – removal of one Ash tree.
Parish Council response: No objection.
- ii. To report SDC notifications of planning decisions
- SE/26/01463/AGRNOT: Vexour Farmyard, Hampkins Hill Road, Chiddingstone - Agricultural/Forestry Notification - agricultural extension to the existing farm building range, forming a covered agricultural storage structure required for the existing mixed farming enterprise at Vexour Farm. The extension will provide two straw storage bays, one covered muck store/farmyard manure bay (not for slurry or sewage sludge storage), one dry goods store and one grain store. The additional covered storage is required due to the increased scale of the holding and increased livestock numbers, which have created a greater operational need for straw, manure, dry goods and grain storage. Part of the proposed roofing over the muck store is supported by Catchment Sensitive Farming capital grant funding, as the covered muck store will improve farmyard manure management, reduce rainwater entering stored manure, and help reduce the risk of nutrient runoff and pollution. Decision: Prior Approval Not Required.
 - SE/26/01624/WTCA: Tye Cross, Hill Hoath Road, Chiddingstone - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area T1 - Veteran Twin Stemmed Redwood to reduce height by 5-7m, to relieve stress from the twin stem. Decision: No Objection Lodged.
 - SE/25/02940/FUL: Bore Place Conference and Study Centre, Bore Place, Bore Place Road, Chiddingstone - new toilet and shower block with hardstanding together with repositioning of existing toilet on wooded deck. Application approved.
 - SE/25/03528/FUL and SE/25/03529/LBCALT: 1 Little Hale Cottage, Hale Oak Road, Chiddingstone - demolition of existing extension and erection of replacement extension to listed building. Application approved.
 - SE/26/01122/FUL: Somerden Hop Barn, Tonbridge Road, Bough Beech demolition of existing domestic storage barn and erection of 2 x 5 bed dwellings with associated access, parking, cycle storage, refuse storage, Carports and stores and associated landscaping enhancements. Boundary treatments (phased development). Application approved.
 - SE/26/01297/HOUSE: 6 Hever Road Cottages, Hever Road, Bough Beech - proposed single storey side and rear wrap around extension. Addition of one window on the front elevation on the 1st floor. Proposed hip to gable loft conversion with box dormer to the rear and roof lights. Application approved.
 - SE/26/01892/WTCA: 1 Eden View, The Village, Chiddingstone - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - mature Ash tree - remove. Decision: No Objection Lodged.
 - SE/26/01959/AGRNOT: Hilders Farm, Ide Hill Road, Bough Beech: Agricultural/Forestry Notification - a new steel portal frame agricultural building for the storage of hay and straw. Decision: Prior Approval Not Required.
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- iii. To hear update on potential breaches of planning policy
The Clerk updated members regarding potential breaches of planning policy in the parish.

County Cllr Mayall joined the meeting at 8pm. Members agreed to suspend the Closed Session to hear C.Cllr Mayall's report.

Open Session

Report by County Cllr R. Mayall

County Cllr Mayall reported as follows: August is the quiet month for KCC so there is not too much to report. Local Government Reorganisation: There were 2 Kent LGR options. Option 1A was the option put forward by the KCC administration but was rejected. Option 4B is the one that has been adopted by the Government. Option 1A had the advantage of being the most economical.

This would have involved a £99.4m transition cost with annual savings of £69m a year. The payback was estimated to be 3.3 years. The cumulative savings would have been £457m over 10 years. Option 4B will involve set up costs of around £131m with annual savings of £19 - 35m and a payback time of 7.8 - 14.3 years. The KCC administration didn't want any of these options. KCC is considering taking this decision to judicial review. However LGR has now been paused by the Government and C.Cllr Mayall said he would share more information when known.

C.Cllr Mayall left the meeting at 8.04pm. The Closed Session resumed.

Closed Session

- iv. To discuss the SDC Draft Local Plan and Regulation 19 consultation including Chiddingstone Causeway sites
 - i. The Clerk reported that the SDC Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 public consultation will run until the 17th September. Two drop-in sessions have been arranged in September to give residents the opportunity of discussing their concerns or to ask how to respond to the consultation. In Chiddingstone parish, there are the following sites:
 - Land to the rear of the Little Brown Jug: 34 dwellings (increased by SDC from 31)
 - Land at Station Yard: 44 dwellings (increased by SDC from 32)
 - Land at the Highways Depot: 10 dwellings (increased by SDC from 8).Cllr Roper reported that at the last meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council would pursue to seek a reduction in the number of proposed dwellings on the Station Yard site and the Highways Depot and to object to any proposals to develop the site to the rear of the Little Brown Jug as there is the concern that development could creep further on this open site as part of the next Local Plan Review in 5 years time. The Parish Council's planning consultant was asked to prepare a response to the Regulation 19 consultation on this basis, and the draft was circulated to all members. The Parish Council's response to the consultation will be submitted before the deadline. Cllr Roper reported that he, Cllr Nunn and the Clerk held a meeting held with landowner of the site to the rear of the Little Brown Jug, and a trustee for the other two sites.
 - ii. The Clerk reported that the planning consultant quoted a figure of £1,250 + VAT as her fee for reviewing the relevant documents and drafting and submitting the representations, on a time charged basis. However, the actual time spent on the proposals, including a zoom meeting, has added up to £2,900 + VAT. She has said that she would be happy to reduce this to £1,950 + VAT if that is acceptable. Cllr Roper said that this represents very good value for money because the advice and the draft representations are of a very high standard. Cllr Outlaw proposed that the Parish Council approve this cost, this was seconded by Cllr Williams and all were in favour.
 - iii. Cllr Roper reported that if there is an inquiry on the Chiddingstone Causeway sites, he thinks that it would be beneficial if the planning consultant represented the Parish Council and the cost of this would be discussed and agreed at that time.
- v. To hear update on the Chiddingstone Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Nunn reported that that the first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared and incorporates the broader context of residents' comments in the various parish surveys undertaken. The draft document will be discussed by the Steering Committee and then will be brought to the Parish Council for comments. Cllr Nunn advised that he and Cllr Roper had a meeting with Bough Beech Sailing Club which was disappointing as there was no willingness to be involved with the Neighbourhood Plan or the parish as a whole.
- vi. To hear update on the Chiddingstone Over-65's Survey

Cllr Nunn reported that there were 20 responses to this survey, and these will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan. A summary of the responses will be posted on the Parish Council's website.
- vii. To hear update on the research project on Green Belt and Grey Belt policy

The Clerk reported that UCL and the University of Liverpool were not successful in their funding bid so the project is on hold. They have booked to bring students again to Chiddingstone Causeway Hall on Monday 8th March 2027.
- viii. New National Planning Policy Framework

The Clerk reported that the Government published the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on 17th August 2026.

KALC has provided a useful summary: There will continue to be significant pressure to deliver more homes, with sustainable locations and good transport connections playing an increasingly important role. One of the key changes is a presumption in favour of new homes within a reasonable walking distance of well-connected railway stations, alongside minimum expectations for the amount of housing to be delivered in these locations. For Kent, with its extensive rail network and many commuter settlements, this could have a real impact on where future development is directed. Green Belt is another important part of the debate. While Green Belt remains protected, the new approach to grey belt means greater scrutiny of whether particular areas strongly contribute to certain Green Belt purposes. These include preventing the sprawl of large built-up areas, preventing neighbouring towns from merging and protecting the setting of historic towns. Importantly for Kent's villages, Government guidance says that villages should not be treated as large built-up areas for this purpose, while the merging test relates to towns rather than villages. This raises an interesting question about how the gaps between villages will be protected as development pressure increases. Even where individual sites may appear suitable, there is a risk that incremental development could gradually erode the separation and character of neighbouring villages. This makes settlement boundaries particularly important. They can help define where the built-up area ends and the open countryside begins, while local evidence about landscape, infrastructure, flooding, highways and village character will be increasingly valuable.

The new planning landscape will undoubtedly create challenges for Kent, not least in the context of local government devolution and reorganisation. But strong local evidence, effective engagement and clear planning policies can help ensure that communities continue to have a meaningful say in shaping their future. For local councils and communities, the challenge is to make sure that growth is directed towards the right places, supported by the necessary infrastructure and does not gradually change the character of our villages and countryside.

ix. CIL

The Clerk reported that there is a consultation on the new CIL Charging Schedule which SDC wants to change. Under the new system only developments with 1-9 new dwellings will be liable for CIL. All larger developments of 10+ units will pay S.106 contributions which will go towards major infrastructure requirements such as roadways and education etc. Non-residential development and householder applications are not liable for CIL. SDC raised £9m from CIL from minor development schemes (up to 9 units) and this will continue going forward so bids can still be made for CIL Funding for local infrastructure projects. Town and Parish Councils can apply for S.106 funding but they must do their own Infrastructure Delivery Plan and list their own infrastructure requirements but must be evidence based, such as community facilities, local transport measures, recreational spaces. S.106 funding will be site specific and must be spent as a result of development in that parish, not elsewhere in the district as CIL is currently. The current CIL charging consultation closes 17th September, and the new charging schedule will take effect in Spring 2028.

41. Finance

i. To hear report of the 2025/26 External Audit

The Clerk reported that the External Audit report has been received and states: "In our opinion, the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with proper practices and no other matters have to come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met."

ii. To sign the quarterly bank reconciliation

Cllr Roper signed the bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statements as a correct record.

iii. To consider purchasing and laying a Remembrance Day wreath

Members approved the cost and Clerk to order a wreath.

iv. To hear update on the pledged grant to Kent ACRE

The Clerk reported that the £300 pledged to Kent ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) has been refunded as the threshold in fundraising was not reached. Cllr Outlaw reiterated her DPI in this item and reported that ACRE has now decided to set up a membership scheme for Village Halls and Parish Councils. Village Halls will be charged a standard rate of £150 per annum. Parish Council membership will be on a sliding scale based on precept. It is expected that new membership packages will be launched in early October 2026, together with a new website.

- v. National Joint Council Local Government Pay Award 2026-27
The Clerk reported that the National Joint Council has agreed the 2026/27 local government pay award. The revised pay scales will apply from 1st April 2026. The Clerk's pay scale has increased by £0.62 per hour with effect from 01.04.26. Members noted this increase and this is automatically implemented as the Clerk is paid according to the scales.
- iv. To approve list of payments
Cllr Vicary proposed that the list of payments be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Williams and all were in favour. Cllr Roper and Cllr Outlaw to authorise the payments online.

42. Affordable Housing provision in the parish

- i. To hear update regarding the Chiddingstone Affordable Housing schemes
None.
- ii. To discuss measures to mitigate flooding in Redleaf Close
Cllr Outlaw reported that she has sent all the relevant information to Sarah Robson, who is Deputy Chief Executive & Corporate Director of Communities, Place and Economy at SDC, with the view to arranging a meeting with WKHA. Cllr Roper, Cllr Outlaw and the Clerk to attend.

43. Highways and Rights of Way

- i. To hear update regarding applications for speed reduction measures in Bough Beech and on Camp Hill
The Clerk reported that the KCC officer has apologised for the delay in implementation of the speed reduction measures. He said that the Camp Hill speed reduction scheme was finally handed over to contractors on 3rd August. There have been delays due to the transition of contracts from Amey to Ringway. Typically, once a scheme is handed over the contractor has 90 days to install, so hopefully by the end of October it will be finished. The Clerk reported that she has arranged a time to meet up with the KCC Highways officer to update the Highways Improvement Plan. Clerk to request that the signs on the road are re-painted and vegetation cut back that is obscuring signs. The Clerk advised that it may be possible to have an advisory speed reduction with flashing signs which are programmed to operate during school hours. An estimate of cost for this is £7,500 for a pair of signs. Clerk to ask if it would be possible to have these signs in Chiddingstone Causeway as there are safety concerns for children crossing the road to reach the railway station.
- ii. To hear update on Chiddingstone SpeedWatch
The Clerk reported that the SpeedWatch volunteers will arrange some dates now that most people have returned from holiday.
- iii. To hear update regarding the route of PROW SR518, The Rectory, Chiddingstone
The Clerk reported that the Diocese has been working with KCC and it transpires that the definitive map showing the proposed route of the footpath through The Rectory garden was incorrect and the correct route of the path is as existing. KCC will amend the definitive map and the footpath will re-open once the works to trees have been completed.

44. Aviation

The Clerk reported that the latest GACC newsletter states: The Court of Appeal today ruled against Peter Barclay's, Chair of Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign's (GACC), application for permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal. The application to appeal relied on two grounds of challenge:

1. The misapplication of aviation policy – a policy which specifically ruled out a second runway at Gatwick in favour of Heathrow; and
2. The reliance on a supposed national economic benefit despite glaring holes in the figures underpinning the business case. Holes that were raised repeatedly by the New Economics Foundation and GACC during the examination process but that were never addressed by Gatwick Airport Limited.

45. To discuss correspondence received

The Clerk reported that lists of correspondence received have been circulated and drew members' attention to the following:

- i. Item 2: GACC – thank you email for grant, the Parish Council's continued support is much appreciated.

- ii. Item 4: Email from the Head at Chiddingstone School: “Please would you pass on my gratitude to the rest of the Parish Council for the generous donation towards the school's replacement astroturf.
“As you are aware, we have had a number of rather costly projects, which have all hit us at the same time, so this contribution has been very welcome indeed. Thank you so much for the support; it is truly appreciated.”
- iii. Item 5: SDC News Release: Sevenoaks Town Council's Finance & Delivery Committee on 1st September confirms the Town Council is no longer pursuing its previously stated intention to challenge the District Council's Cabinet decision through Judicial Review proceedings. On 16th June, SDC's Cabinet approved three options for The Stag:
 - 1. Transfer of the freehold to Sevenoaks Town Council for £650,000, reflecting the independently assessed Existing Use Value.
 - 2. A new 30-year lease to Sevenoaks Town Council, at a peppercorn rent, with the District Council retaining the freehold.
 - 3. Transfer of The Stag to the District Council's successor authority as part of Local Government Reorganisation if agreement cannot be reached.”
- iv. Item 6: Sevenoaks District Council's Community Grants Scheme is now open for applications. The scheme provides funding for voluntary and charitable organisations in Sevenoaks District that strengthen communities, improve outcomes for residents, and support those facing disadvantage or vulnerability. Groups, whether newly formed or long-standing, that fall into this category can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to support their work. See www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/communitygrants. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Tuesday 6th October 2026. Successful applicants will receive their funding in April 2027 and will need to complete their services, activities and projects by the end of March 2028.
- v. Item 7: KCC Safer Road User Team: email to explore the possibility of running a Mature Drivers & Passenger Course for residents in Chiddingstone. This free course is designed to support older road users in maintaining confidence, safety, and independence on the roads, whether as drivers or passengers. The course covers topics such as health, vision, alcohol, and hazard awareness. The session lasts approximately 1hr 30mins, during this time we look to provide refreshments and give attendees an opportunity to answer any questions they may have.
- vi. Item 9: SDC News Release: A fly tipper who dumped commercial and potentially dangerous waste has been handed a suspended prison sentence along with 150 hours of unpaid work, following an investigation by Sevenoaks District Council and Gravesham Borough Council. Mircea Mamai, 45 from Erith in Kent, pleaded guilty to fly-tipping offences at Sevenoaks Magistrate's Court on Friday 28 August 2026. The incident occurred in February 2024 at Redmans Lane near Shoreham, The Council's Environmental Enforcement Team were alerted to the waste and went to investigate. When he was brought to court, Mr Mamai pleaded guilty to both cases of fly tipping and was given 28-week custodial prison sentence suspended for 18 months. He was also ordered to complete 150 hours of unpaid work and pay compensation and costs to both Council's, totalling £1,500.
- vii. Item 10: KALC events:
 - 1. Procurement and Contract Writing Thursday, September 24 2026 10:00am
 - 2. Introduction to Planning for Local Councils Friday, September 25 2026 10:00am
 - 3. KALC Finance Conference 2026 Friday, October 2 2026 10:00am
 - 4. The Nuts and Bolts of Parish Councils – Online Tuesday, October 6 2026 6:00pm
 - 5. KALC Planning Conference - Friday, October 16 2026 10:00am
 - 6. The Nuts and Bolts of Parish Clerking - Online Thursday, October 22 2026 10:00am
 - 7. Mastering Planning Application Responses Friday, October 23 2026 10:00am
 - 8. Funding for Parish and Town Councils Thursday, October 29 2026 10:00am
 - 9. KALC Annual Clerks Conference 2026 Monday, November 9 2026 10:00am
 - 10. Managing Projects Thursday, November 12 2026 10:00am
 - 11. Introduction to Planning for Local Councils Wednesday November 18 2026 10:00am
 - 12. KALC 79th AGM Wednesday, November 25 2026 9:30am
 - 13. The Nuts & Bolts of Parish Councils - For Councillors Thurs Nov 26 2026 6:00pm
 - 14. Addressing the Biodiversity Crisis Tuesday, December 1 2026 10:00am
 - 15. Mastering Planning Application Responses Wednesday, January 20 2027 6:00pm

16. Planning policy Update: Environmental Issues and Emerging Requirements Wednesday, February 24 2027 6:00pm

17. Introduction to Planning for Local Councils Thursday, March 11 2027 6:00pm.

46. To hear report and discuss Parish Projects, including approval of costs:

i. Chiddingstone Carpark

Cllr Roper reported that a meeting was held with Nancy Lovegrove on behalf of the Chiddingstone Castle Trustees. The Trustees are seeking help from the community. It was agreed that signs directing traffic to the Chiddingstone Castle carpark from the village would be very helpful. Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Trustees as soon as possible.

ii. Bough Beech car parking area at Chequers Cottages

The Clerk reported that this was discussed previously in August 2021 and quotes sought. Cllr Outlaw asked if this could be re-considered because the area looks very untidy. Cllr Vicary said that he will take this to the next BBRAT committee meeting and will gain support from residents. Clerk to obtain a new quote.

iii. Litter Pick, Bulk Refuse Freighter, Flytipping, Litter Bins

Members agreed to hold a litter pick on 17th October at 9.30am.

iv. Rural Swathe Cutting Contract

The Clerk reported that the second cut will be done during the last week of September, first week of October. Members agreed.

v. Summer Family Fun Play Event

The Clerk reported that the event was held on Friday 7th August on the Chiddingstone Causeway Sports Field from 10.30am to 1.30pm. It was a nice day and people seemed to enjoy it.

47. Items for reporting or inclusion in future agenda

Members discussed the Christmas Tree at The Castle Inn and Clerk to see if she can source one

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7.30pm in St. Luke's Parish Room, Chiddingstone Causeway.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Chiddingstone Parish Council – 12th August 2026
List of Payments since last meeting (figures inclusive of VAT)

Payment Number	Date	Payee	Amount inc. VAT	VAT
863	09.07.26	Chiddingstone School – grant	£1,000.00	
864	09.07.26	GACC – grant	£600.00	
865	12.08.26	Clerk – salary	£1,569.64	
866	12.08.26	HMRC – PAYE	£387.72	
867 SO	12.08.26	Kent County Council – pension contribution	£450.99	
868	12.08.26	Clerk – mileage inc back dated rate increase, petty cash	£193.06	£3.96
869	12.08.26	Leigh Parish Council – half share cost data backup	£75.00	
870	12.08.26	SDC – dog bin emptying Apr-Jun 2026	£124.80	£20.80
871	12.08.26	Hever Landscapes Ltd – maintenance of parish areas	£542.40	£90.40
872	12.08.26	Knockout Print – play event boards	£90.00	£15.00
873	12.08.26	Edenbridge & Oxted Show sponsorship	£150.00	
			<u>£5,183.61</u>	<u>£130.16</u>

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List of Payments (figures inclusive of VAT)

Payment Number	Date	Payee	Amount inc. VAT	VAT
874	09.09.26	Clerk – salary	£1,548.64	
875	09.09.26	HMRC – PAYE	£408.72	
876 SO	09.09.26	Kent County Council – pension contribution	£450.99	
877	09.09.26	Clerk – mileage, petty cash	£0.00	
878	09.09.26	RWE Rural Services – tree work Chiddingstone	£1,380.00	£230.00
879	09.09.26	Hever Landscapes Ltd – maintenance of parish areas	£542.40	£90.40
880	09.09.26	Knockout Print – pop-in event boards	£60.00	£10.00
			<u>£4,390.75</u>	<u>£330.40</u>