

**LITTLEBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Present: Parish Cllr Vivienne Spratt (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Betty Jeffries
Parish Cllr Pamela Evans
Parish Cllr Cate Reid
Parish Cllr Geoffrey Barrett
Parish Cllr Geof Welch
Parish Cllr Ken Shaw
County Cllr Michael Northey

Mrs Gail Hubbard, Clerk to the Council
There were no members of the public

75. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given from Cllr Mick Giles (holiday) and Cllr Mike Gallagher (recuperating)

76. DECLARATIONS OF CLLRS INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

77. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2013

Cllr Reid proposed and Cllr Evans seconded to accept the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

78. POLICING, SECURITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH & KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

The Chairman reported that PCSO Elaine Cannadine and Community Warden Gary Moore had been working hard in the village to tackle the recent spate of vandalism caused by youngsters and the dog fouling problem in Turners Orchard.

Cllr Reid expressed her thanks to Gary Moore for dealing with the problem of boys that were climbing on the hall roof.

79. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SIGNAGE

Cllr Spratt asked the Council to consider purchasing some new NHW signage for the village. The clerk had looked online at the NHW site for prices but login details were required to get this information. Cllr Welch to provide clerk with login details and this could then be discussed further.

The 'No cycling' signage was also discussed for the school passageway. This had been removed when Ellen Court was developed but CCC had not the budget to replace the sign, as it was not a necessity. The Cllrs felt that if a sign was put here all the other footpaths would want one too and it is not easily enforceable.

80. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

There was none.

81. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Cllr Northey reported that he is attending a full council meeting tomorrow where they will be discussing amongst other things the Kent Support & Assistance Service (KSAS)

From 1 April 2013, elements of the discretionary Social Fund administered by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) ceased to exist. Crisis Loans for Living Expenses and Community Care Grants are no longer available.

A new service called Kent Support and Assistance Service (KSAS) is available to support you if you are having serious difficulties managing your income or to help if you are facing exceptional pressures as a result of an emergency or crisis. They may be able to provide short term help if you have no other means of support and if you need support to:

- cope with an emergency
- remain in the community rather than moving into care
- return to the community after being in care or in an institution

What support is available?

If your application is successful, the support offered will be goods and/or services.

We may be able provide you with essential:

- groceries
- items of clothing
- goods for young children (such as nappies or formula)
- household appliances and re-used furniture
- household items (such as bedding)

Support is not offered as cash.

Contact on 0300 333 5700 or look on www.kent.gov.uk for further details. Clerk to put in next copy of LPC News.

KCC also provide food packages with ASDA for people in immediate trouble, these are given out daily to include nutritious food.

Michael also spoke on the Children's Centre proposed closure; he will be in attendance at the arranged meeting with Jenny Whittle, Cabinet Member, on Friday 20th September at 10.45 in the village hall. There are 23 centres marked for closure and it is possible that 5 could be rescued. Michael advised The Chairman to make a strong case to Jenny for the Littlebourne Centre and the services it provides. The annual rent, maintenance and upkeep of the centre itself is £8840 and the staffing costs come from a central pool. Michael said it was most likely that the building would become part of the school if the centre closes. There is likely to be more pressure on Littlebourne School in the future, with those in the surrounding villages being full and many new homes planned for the Canterbury District. There is no appeal process once the decision on closures is made.

Cllr Jeffries asked who provides disabled parking spaces, County or City Council? Cllr Northey responded that CCC deal with disabled parking provision, as they do with yellow lines etc. generally moving traffic is KCC and stationary traffic is CCC.

The planned resurfacing of Bekesbourne Lane will now not be done at present, as the money is no longer available, all necessity work will be done as and when. So just the marked up potholes will be filled.

Cllr Northey departed at 7.45pm.

82. PLANNING

The Planning applications and tree works are recorded on Appendix 2 attached to these minutes. It was noted that the Anchor did not get permission to remove a section of wall within the pub, at which the Cllrs were surprised.

Cllr Jeffries had noticed an application, not yet out, for a tennis court at Littlebourne Court. To be circulated in the normal way when it is delivered.

The new online process was noted for commenting on planning applications, the Clerk has registered the PC with a login and account to comment online.

The clerk was asked to write a couple of letters to residents with overgrown hedges, encroaching onto the pathway.

83. FINANCE

- (a) RECEIVED the bank statements for July 2013 & August 2013, and RESOLVED the signature of the Chairman thereon;
- (b) NOTED that 1x1 internet will take a DD payment on or after 8th August.
- (c) NOTED that the clerk has forwarded the invoice for the replacement planter works to the driver's insurance company LV. They are issuing a cheque to LPC.
- (d) NOTED the clerk has prepared a cheque for Douglas Tonks, to cover an overpayment to HMRC of £303.82. HMRC confirmed a credit sitting on LPC account for 2012-2013 of £303.82. The cheque will not be issued until the credit is received back from HMRC.
- (e) Receipts totalling £721.80 were NOTED.

AUTHORISATION OF ACCOUNTS

The expenditure list previously circulated to Cllrs as Appendix 3 totalling £5634.29, together with a supplementary sheet Appendix 3a of expenditure presented to the meeting totalling £206.58. These were agreed it was RESOLVED that the financial matters and accounts, as set out be authorised for payment.

Cllr Shaw raised a query over the payment of Cllrs broadband expenses. He thought this had been flagged up by our accountant, in a previous year, but Cllr Spratt said this had just an advisory note. Cllr Spratt explained that Cllrs could claim for telephone and internet charges used in conjunction with parish council activities.

A parish or town council is able to pay a parish basic allowance for each year to its chairman only or to each of its elected members (regulation 25). The amount payable to the chairman may differ from that of other members (i.e. a higher sum could be paid because of the extra duties that may be required of the chairman) but otherwise the sum shall be the same for each member. The allowance is not a salary. It is a figure, which is calculated to cover the expenses, which are normally associated with the basic duties of being a local councillor. In the past LPC decided not to use this scheme and that Cllrs should submit their own expenditure forms.

Clerk to speak with KALC regarding the updating of allowances to include internet rather than just fax and telephone

CONCURRENT FUNCTION FUNDING

The figures laid out in Appendix 3b were presented to the Council with a total amount asked for 2014-15 of £18,835. These figures had been compiled at the finance committee meeting held on 9th September. Cllr Reid proposed and Cllr Welch seconded to agree to request this amount from CCC.

CAPITAL GRANT APPLICATION

No other ideas for funding had been put forward so it was agreed in principle to make an application to the city council's capital grant scheme 2014-15 for further replacement of play area surfacing. The clerk has had two companies out to quote but is awaiting the estimates back, so no figures are available yet. The PC will need to put in 51% of the project in order to obtain funding.

84. CLERK REPORT CORRESPONDENCE

A. **Canterbury & Herne Bay Volunteer Centre (CHBVC)** announced the launch of their Virtual Volunteering Project –an initiative that supports volunteers navigating for opportunities in Kent. The project will work with and support organisations to create excellent virtual volunteering opportunities in order to help our volunteers gain the best skills. The Virtual Volunteering project is managed and run by the Canterbury & Herne Bay Volunteer Centre located in the Canterbury District and is part of the Transforming Local Infrastructure project in partnership with the Big Society Cooperative. The project will service organisations and volunteers through dedicated forums, focus groups and individual sessions in both East and West Kent during August and early September.

B. Part-night street light consultation

The consultation outlines the proposal to switch off street lighting during the early hours of the morning in some areas. Cllr Gallagher has filled in the survey for the PC but it doesn't explain what KCC are proposing. It is just asking if we agree the criteria that they are going to use. On the basis of those the lighting on The Hill should be left on (because of existing road safety measures - ie the kerb extensions).

Cllr Gallagher mentioned that the period 12 midnight to 5.30am was not appropriate. That there is still significant traffic after midnight (especially with the Canterbury pubs and clubs turning out in the early hours) and again there is traffic into Canterbury from around 4.30am. He pointed out that we have evidence of speeding and property damage during these hours (all the surveys done so far and also the damage to the Police House on The Green as well as the Garner's hedge and front wall, each of the planters).

He also mentioned that we would not be happy for any street lights to be turned off until repeater 30mph roundels has been installed throughout the Village. The presence of street lights (at correctly spaced intervals) indicates a 30mph area - so if they're turned off how are drivers going to know? They may well be locals, but I'd bet they'd claim to be unaware that our's is a 30mph limit!

C. DLGC guidance on illegal and unauthorised traveler sites

The DCLG has just issued new guidance about using powers against illegal and unauthorised traveller sites. The DCLG announcement says "*A new guide will give more power and a stronger voice to local residents and councillors to challenge council officers if they claim 'nothing can be done' about this problem. It follows on from the recently scrapped diversity and equality guidance which discouraged councils from taking enforcement action*".

The summary of legal powers sent direct to all council leaders and published online shows how councils can act quickly. It sets out the robust powers councils and landowners now have to remove unauthorised traveller sites, protest camps and squatters from both public and private land, as well as tackling the mess from such sites. The public want to see fair play, with planning rules enforced consistently, rather than special treatment being given to certain groups.

D. Greater flexibility for changes of use

The DCLG proposals are intended to support the Government's priorities for making better use of existing buildings, supporting the high street and rural communities, providing new housing, developing more free schools and contributing to the provision of child care for working families.

The consultation seeks views on 5 proposals for permitted development rights to allow:

- shops and financial and professional services to change use to a dwelling house;
- existing buildings used for agricultural purposes of up to 150 square metres to change to residential use;

- retail uses to change to banks and building societies only;
- premises used as offices, hotels, residential and non-residential institutions, and leisure and assembly to be able to change use to nurseries providing childcare;
- a building used for agricultural purposes of up to 500 square metres to be used as a new state funded school or a nursery providing childcare.

All proposals also include permission to carry out building work connected with the change of use.

E. Updated National waste planning policy- planning for sustainable waste

The consultation proposes a number of policy changes including:

- Encouraging local authorities to consider siting through their local plans, energy from waste facilities in areas which allow them to use heat as an alternative energy source to electricity;
- Giving a steer towards considering locating new energy from waste facilities alongside existing sewage treatment works; and
- Removing the former reference in policy that waste planning authorities should give significant weight towards locational needs and wider environmental and economic benefits when considering waste planning applications in the Green Belt.

F. KALC Community awards

Back in March 2013 they launched a new KALC Community Awards Scheme supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of Kent County Council and Mayor of Medway. The aim of the Scheme is to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community. It is a voluntary Scheme to give member Councils the option to adopt the awards scheme in their local area. They recognise that some member Councils already have their own Community Award Scheme in place and in those instances the KALC Community Award could be used as an additional award to present with their own one(s).

The aim is for the KALC Community Award to be presented at Parish and Town Council Annual General Meetings in May 2014. Launching it early in the year was to provide member councils with sufficient time to decide whether to adopt the Scheme and, if so, how it wants to identify a person within their Community who should receive the award. The aim has been to avoid making the Scheme too prescriptive or too onerous. We are delighted that a number of member Councils have already responded saying that they have adopted, or will adopt, the Scheme.

G. Grants for rural energy projects

RCEF, or the Rural Community Energy Fund, will provide £15 million of grant and loan funding to rural communities that want to develop their own energy generation projects. It has been designed to do two things:

- Provide grants of up to £20,000 for feasibility studies (Stage 1)
- Provide loans of up to £150,000 to help implement renewable energy project (Stage 2)

H. Commenting on Planning Applications

A letter was received from CCC explaining new procedures that will come into effect on 9th September relating to how the PC can comment on planning applications. This is in response to a Central Government initiative to speed up the planning process. The main changes being;

- CCC will no longer be accepting comments after the end of the statutory consultation period for an application. They will not consider the PC's comments after the deadline.

- CCC will only now be accepting online comments via the Public Access system on www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc For this we will need to register login details and be able to track searches.

The application will still be referred to the Development Management Committee if the PC's view does not concur with our recommendations and if the PC undertakes in its response that a representative will speak on the item and the meeting. We will get approx. one weeks notice before the Development Management Committee that an item has been included on the agenda.

I. **Update from Southern Water**

Tankering operations have ceased and the survey is now complete. They investigated over 10km of sewers using CCTV camera vehicles and 250 manholes. The final 600m downstream of Patribourne were surveyed within days of the groundwater level dropping sufficiently to allow access to the pipes which had been surcharged for months. Significant infiltration has been found in 45 sewers and 42 manholes, mainly at Bridge (in the vicinity of Brewery Lane and Mill Lane), around Bourne Park, at Bishopsbourne, in and around the Charlton Park area, and Barham, although substantial leaks were also found elsewhere along the valley.

After thorough investigation they have now determined the best means of repair and shall commence a thorough five-month rehabilitation programme in September, employing a number of different repair techniques. These include:

- **CIPP (Cured In Place Polyester) Liner**

This method is used to reline a whole length of pipe if there are several places where groundwater is getting in.

- **Joint Test and Seal**

It is generally the joints which let in water, rather than failures in the pipe itself. On sewers where some joints are leaking but others appear to be satisfactory, a technique of testing all the joints is used. The pipe is sealed on either side of the joint. Air is pumped into the void and compressed. If the joint is leaking, the pressure will drop. If the pressure drop is significant, a gel is pumped into the voids around the pipe, through small gaps in the joint. This seals the joint. This process is repeated for each joint in the sewer.

- **Quicklock**

Isolated locations on a pipe where significant flows are entering the sewer can be sealed using a Quicklock. These are stainless steel liners which travel along the sewer via remote vehicles which position them where leaks occur. They are then expanded via compressed air to form a waterproof seal.

All of the above work is carried out from vehicles which need to park close to the manholes that give access to the sewers. Hence there will be some road closures although in most areas this will be avoidable. We are aware of the inconvenience caused by detours but I'm sure you will agree that safety must take paramount importance while this vital work takes place.

J. **KHS Seminar**

It was agreed that no councillors would attend the seminar this year.

K. **Royal School For Deaf Children Margate**

They drop charity bags through letterboxes, in the hope of receiving donations of clothes and books, which they can then sell in their two charity shops to raise additional funds for the school. Cllr Spratt read out a letter she had received from the collections coordinator wanting to thank everyone in the village for their generosity. A good rate of return on the bags is 10% but in Littlebourne they got 17%, which they have never achieved before.

L. Thank you card

Cllr Spratt had received a card of thanks to all the Councillors from Cllr Gallagher, for the get well soon card, saying he was now recuperating well at home.

M. State of Footpath through Howletts

Cllr Spratt had received a complaint about the state of the fencing and vegetation on CB548 through Howletts. Cllr Evans had walked the path today and taken some photos. It looked as if some clearance works had been done and although the fence was in a poor state there was a further sturdier fence inside. The Clerk was asked to contact Mounts about the saplings growing up at the top end of footpath where the path meets CB151A.

CLERK REPORT

PLAY AREA RESURFACING

Following the agreement at July's meeting to go ahead with the resurfacing works as quoted by Abacus playgrounds. The clerk have given them an official order to go ahead with the works as follows and am waiting for it to be scheduled in;

Spinner - To take and remove from site all existing tiles and rubber edging ,replace with PCC edgings and supply and lay 20m2x 20mmthick black safer surface with a full colour yellow wear pad .

Four Bay Swing - To and take up and remove from site all existing timber edging and tiles, replace with PCC edgings to supply and lay 42m2x60mm thick black safer surface with red wear pads .

Springer - To cut out broken spring, remove from site, then fill in hole.

Cradle swings - To supply and lay a total of 19m2x60mm thick black safer surface with full colour wear pads onto existing concrete base without any ground works .To remove existing tiles.

Totalling £6298.00 plus VAT

LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk formulated and sent a response to the Local Plan consultation including views from the Councillors.

PARKING REVIEW

The Clerk forwarded the PC's recommendations for Jubilee Road along with an adapted plan from Cllr Gallagher. Richard Jenkins advised that he has amended the proposal accordingly.

SEWER FAT BUSTING FUNNELS

The Clerk has just collected the funnels so will be distributing where possible. They are advertised as being available in the September LPC News to collect from the Parish Office. They will also be distributed at the School, Ladybirds Nursery and the Children's Centre.

GRANT APPLICATIONS TO VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

The clerk has sent out application packs for the year 2014-15 to the following organisations;

The Youth Club

The Cricket Club

The Afternoon Club

St Vincent's Church

LHS

Ladybirds Nursery

WASPS ON THE REC

The clerk called out Pestatack to the tree next to the recreation ground garage, after concerns from the cricket club and other users of a nest. Pestatack confirmed that there was not a nest but as the tree is a lime, the wasps are attracted by the sap the tree gives out, it is like a drug

to them (you often see them falling out of these type of trees, drunk). They told me there is nothing we can do. If we were to spray the tree, if we missed just the tiniest bit they would be back. Due to the size of the tree its not possible anyway.

The Queen wasps apparently leave in October so the wasps are frantic with their activity at the moment. When the weather cools the activity should ease off. They told me that wasp numbers have been low over the last few years but this year there is a resurgence and high numbers of reported stings. Unfortunately a number of people were stung at the cricket fun day and the wasps are very evident around the area.

MEETING DATES FOR 2014

The clerk had asked if there was any possibility that the PC meetings for next year could be held on a Wednesday rather than a Thursday as this would be a much better night for the clerk and with working in the office on a Wednesday morning would tie up with the last minute things that crop up. All those Cllrs present would not have a problem with a Wednesday meeting but clerk to check with Cllrs Giles and Gallagher and then propose a set of dates for 2014.

85. ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Spratt mentioned she had passed on a complaint over fences and boundaries to LHS to deal with. Cllr Evans reported that someone had been burning plastic on the allotments.

86. THE BARN & NATURE RESERVES

Cllr Jeffries reported that the heritage weekend at the Barn had been a great success. Cherry Orchard had been open with excellent children's activities organised. The Cllrs expressed thanks to all those involved in the weekend.

The Cubs, Scouts and Beavers are to be in Cherry Orchard on Thursday 19th September when they will be working towards badges.

The Littlebourne Nature Reserves AGM is to be held on Monday 23rd September 7.30pm, where there will be a talk on water voles.

87. TWINNING WITH WIMILLE

Cllr Spratt and Cllr Barrett had attended a Twinning meeting last night in Ickham to discuss the arrangements for the 21st petanque match. Ickham were arranging tea and nibbles for everyone and have really thrown themselves into the spirit of the event.

88. WEBSITE

The clerk reported that she has begun setting up the new website, but only the very early stages.

89. LPC NEWS

Cllr Barrett and Cllr Shaw pointed out that the email addresses shown on the LPC News were their old ones. Clerk to update for next edition and to check ones shown on website.

Clerk also reported that further advertisers had been secured for the magazine.

90. ENVIRONMENT

The vandalism in Turners Orchard, to the BBQ, table, trees and totem pole was noted.

The missing bin in St Vincent's Close was discussed. The frame is still there but the bin had gone. Clerk to find out price for a replacement, then it can be considered as to whether it is replaced or not.

Cllr Evans put forward three requests for expenditure for Cherry Orchard to come from the EMRs set aside;

1. £305 for 1000 English Bluebells and Anemomies from Palmstead Nursery

2. £444 to increase the wet marsh area, the initial area is too small, this will double the size. DJ Longley
3. £1930 for interpretation signage, some with interactive sections

All Cllrs were in favour of this expenditure and it was RESOLVED to be paid. Cllr Evans to pass invoices to Clerk once works complete.

91. FRACKING

This is to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on 17th October. Shale is the most common sedimentary rock and a potentially huge energy resource, due to the natural gas trapped in tiny spaces and on the surface of the rock. Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, involves injecting fluid (usually water mixed with sand and additives) into shale deep below the surface at enough pressure to create fractures, allowing gas to be released. The US has been successful in fracking shale which has led to great interest from other countries. We have good geology for shale gas in the UK, particularly in the North.

There is access to a map showing all the areas in the UK that have current Government Licences allowing fracking and those that are under consideration for licences. **Littlebourne actually falls within an area currently licenced**, in fact from Littlebourne across to the coast at Sandwich and then down as far as Dover, across to Hawkinge and back up to Littlebourne is a large licenced area. To view map https://www.foe.co.uk/help_us_pull_plug_fracking

92. HOUSING

The Chairman and Cllr Reid reported back from their attendances and speeches at the RAMP, the Overview and Executive Meetings at CCC. The Chairman's speech is below;

"Littlebourne Parish Council in general, support a lot of the proposals in the City Councils new housing policy, which we accept has to be done, however we feel that taking away the options to local connection criteria in the villages is short sighted as rural communities are more isolated than urban areas and the support that can be provided by relations to one and another is invaluable it has a far reaching affect other than the housing provision, it provides above all care and support which contributes to savings in other areas.

I would like to relate some important historic facts to you now. In 1936 Littlebourne Parish Council sold land to Bridge Blean Council for the provision of Council houses for Littlebourne people and in 1937 16 houses were built for village people. In March 1949 Littlebourne Parish Council conveyed more land to Bridge Blean Council, again for housing Littlebourne people. In 1955 we conveyed more land and again in 1960 there were more houses and 8 flats built on land provided by LPC. Finally in 1978 The Elders was built on the land sold by LPC for that purpose which was 5 bungalows and 19 houses. We have made such a provision towards housing Littlebourne people in Council Houses that we would like you to retain the options for Littlebourne for local criteria.

We also draw your attention to Ellen Court, the warden assisted properties in Nargate Street. The original Ellen Court was built on land belonging to the Ellen family. The Ellen Family decided to sell the Land to Bridge Blean Council at a much reduced rate on the understanding that it would be used to build a home for the elderly people of the village. Unfortunately nothing was entered into the deed as at that time, ones word, was a sufficient bond. We feel it would not be moral of Canterbury City Council to now put Ellen Court into the housing pot for everyone on the housing list.

We quite understand that should there be no-one in the village or close by villages in housing need when a property becomes available that it would have to be allocated elsewhere, but we feel that Littlebourne residents and local criteria should always have first option on this particular development and this should be part of the new housing policy.

We feel that the new localism bill should be extended to take in the views of the parishes and should not be just at district level, as it was designed to take into account the first level of government as well. Your new Parish Charter states that you should work together with us, so we are looking to you to be negotiable on these aspects of the Housing Policy in particular Ellen Court with its historic past.”

Cllr Jefferies had researched into the history of Ellen Court and had found some old newspaper articles from when it was first opened.

The Parish Council have now gone as far as we can for now. It will go to full council on 26th September. The Chairman will write to Larissa Reed prior to this meeting.

93. THE GREEN

The PC had received a request from a resident to clear the riverbed on the Green. Cllr Evans and Tom Reid, from the Environment Agency had responded.

94. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Jefferies asked if a disabled parking bay for patients could be provided outside the Doctors surgery on Nargate Street, right outside the surgery, outside Dr Sykes room. Clerk asked to request as part of the Parking Regulation Review at CCC.

95. WAR MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

The Chairman had asked Cllrs to first meet outside to view a couple of items in the carpark with a view to carrying out the following works;

- Remove the short wooden bollard by the disabled parking space, this now serves no purpose as the taller posts are in position too.
- Tarmac a small section in the entrance to the carpark, to create a small ramp where the level of the pavement and carpark is different.
- Replace the Oak post that is missing along the edge of the carpark and rec ground.

The possible removal of the bottle banks was also discussed, as now everyone can recycle glass at home. They occupy quite a large area which could instead be used for valuable parking for the hall and shop and are a source of disruption during the night to the local properties. Some public houses stop and empty their bottles late at night.

The Hall and the Rec Club would also need to discuss this. Clerk to ask Serco if they have any intention of removing the bottle banks now the district recycling scheme is up and running.

Cllr Reid had researched a possible lockable bin for storing the salt in the carpark rather than the two present bags, it was decided that probably this type would not be suitable. Clerk to look at some proper salt bins, sizes and prices and report back.

96. 4VPO

Cllr Barrett reported they are holding a meeting to discuss the applications that had come in for grants and to decide on funding recommendations.

97. AOB FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Cllr Shaw mentioned that he had attended today's Southern Water meeting at Bishopsbourne where he had learned about the £1.5m to be spent on the survey (completed) and the repairs, which should take five months. This will be done with several different processes CIPP, Quicklock and Joint Test and Seal (details above under correspondence).

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dates of future meetings: 17 October, 14 November, and 12 December 2013

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

**LITTLEBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING REPORT, 18 SEPTEMBER 2013**

APPENDIX 2

New Applications

CA//13/01287/FUL	Primavera, 33 Nargate Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1UH Erection of first-floor extension over garage and single and two-storey extension to rear.	The substantial extension would greatly improve the living accommodation, the increased height on the Eastern side of the house should not affect the neighbouring property since it has no windows in its western flank. The 1930's property contributes to the range of properties in Nargate Street, the existing critical windows are part of it, Could some more sympathetic replacement windows be considered to more appropriately match existing? Littlebourne Council have no objection to this application.
CA//13/01432/FUL	Mews Lodge, 19A High Street, Littlebourne, CT3 1SX Conversion of garage to facilitate study area and utility room with provision of new parking space to front of property.	No objections from the PC A sympathetic alteration to give more living space
CA//13/01421/FUL	Land adjacent to 56 Bekesbourne Lane, Littlebourne, CT3 1UY Erection of dwelling. (Resubmission).	No objections from PC This building already has PP it is just being moved back which makes little difference
CA//13/01668/FUL	28 B The Hill, Littlebourne, CT3 1TA Removal of garage door to front and replacing with glazed screen, change of use from garage to habitable room and erection of a single storey rear extension.	In circulation to Cllrs Response required by 7 Oct
CA//13/01609/FUL	7 The Hill, Littlebourne, CT3 1TA Two-storey rear and side extension and alterations to roof.	Response required by 21 Oct

Notifications

CA//13/01346/LB	The Anchor Inn, 2 Bekesbourne Lane, Littlebourne, CT3 1UY Removal of internal wall.	Littlebourne Parish Council support this application to provide more open space in the restaurant/pub Which is being done in keeping with the building, they felt that if this helps to make the business more viable it should be supported. Refused by CCC 02/09/13
CA//13/01425/FUL	Unit 22 Woolton Farm, Bekesbourne Lane, Littlebourne, CT4 5EA Installation of an extractor system and exterior ventilation box	No objections from PC Granted by CCC 06/09/13

Trees

29 Nargate Street Littlebourne CT3 1UH	Reduce the height of a Holly tree to below the overhead cables by no more than 1m	Expires 19.08.13 No objections from Cllrs
Littlebourne Residential Home Littlebourne Road CT3 1UN	Fell to ground level 7 multi-stem sycamores situated to the rear and side of the building	Expires 30.09.13 No objections from Cllrs
46 Nargate Street Littlebourne CT3 1UJ	Remove two Ash trees and 1 Sycamore tree Reduce a row of Cypress trees, all located garden, to 12ft in height	Expires 15 Oct 13 No objections from Cllrs