



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CATERHAM VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2015
AT THE SOPER HALL HARESTONE VALLEY ROAD, CATERHAM**

Attendees: Cllr. M Lincoln – Chairman
 Cllr. M Jones
 Cllr. J Gaffney
 Cllr P Roberts
 Cllr. J Servant

District Cllr. J Ingham
 District Cllr. M Cooper

Mrs M Gibbins - Clerk

AGENDA – PART 1

1. Apologies for absence

County Councillor Sally Marks, District Councillor Jill Caudle and Parish Councillor Margaret Dean

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: To receive any disclosure by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interests, and whether the member regards the interest to be prejudicial under the terms of the new Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question. Anyone with a prejudicial interest must, unless an exception applies, or a dispensation has been issued, withdraw from the meeting.

J Gaffney declared an interest in the public discussion as she is a resident adjacent to the site.

3. Public Participation – Two representatives from Croudace Homes attended the meeting with plans to inform the Parish Council of their proposal for the drill hall. It was reported that Maybrook House will also be demolished in due course. It is proposed that 19 flats with 26 parking spaces will be erected on the drill hall site. Vehicular access to be increased to address a safety issue; all trees will remain, the site will be gated entry. There should be 35% social housing however the split of accommodation has yet to be finalized. It is proposed that the plans are submitted at the end of 2014 and construction commence in June/July 2016.

General public – a resident spoke to the meeting regarding the news that all the properties on the Adult Education site are going to be social housing and the rent will be 65% below market levels. Anger was expressed at the shady deal which TDC has done with London and Quadrant with contempt shown to local residents and councillors. No one who made the decision lives in the area. The residents present requested that the Councillors do everything possible to negotiate a better deal. There was a positive outcome, following the residents 2 year campaign, regarding the number of houses however the demographic should be mixed.

District Councillors Jane Ingham and Michael Cooper met with Jane Gooden Miller who confirmed it was London and Quadrants decision to put in social housing and as the developers can choose any mix. It was agreed a letter will be sent to London and Quadrant regarding changing from social housing to a more acceptable mix.

General discussion ensued regarding the TDC policy to the housing mix.

4. Reports Part 1

4.1 County Councillor's Report - no report was received

4.2 District Councillors' Report - no reports were received.

5. Planning

5.1 Current Planning

The following planning applications were discussed at the Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2015.

Applications acknowledged as valid Monday 5th October – Friday 9th October 2015

TA/2015/1819

Caterham School

Case Officer: Vivienne Riddle

Formation of 2 turning and loading areas, together with full visibility splays

Caterham Valley Parish Council is pleased that Caterham School are going to manage the woodland after decades of neglect but a few aspects of the proposal are worrying.

Access points

Access point 2 on Gravelly Hill should not be permitted due to poor visibility in both directions, narrow roads with slopes, bends and poor road surfaces. All of which makes this access totally unsuitable for use by 44 ton articulated lorries 8 feet 2 inches wide and 54 feet long and with a maximum load of 26 tons trying to manoeuvre on these country roads which are used frequently by cyclists and walkers.

Access point 3 at viewpoint which at present is just a track will have a significant impact on amenity and would necessitate dangerous traffic manoeuvres causing conflict to other road users.

Area 5 near Viewpoint was always down land and has become overgrown through neglect and should be restored to chalk down land but this is not in the proposal.

Care must be taken to preserve the park pales an important historical site since the time of Henry the eighth.

No mention is made about preserving the habitat of animals and plants and Surrey Wildlife should be asked for their opinion.

The Forestry Commissions' views should be sought with regard to the preservation of the ancient woodland.

Local infrastructure and lanes cannot support large articulated lorries.

The Parish Council has concerns about the development objectives of the school for this land going forwards.

The concerns and considerations of the local residents must be considered and the early confirmation that the land would remain accessible by local residents and dog walkers needs to be adhered to.

TA/2015/1806	20 Highfield Road	<i>Case Officer: Jessica Hampson</i>
Erection of single storey side/rear extension		Leave to Neighbours

TA/2015/1767/TPO	15 Harestone Drive	<i>Case Officer: Alastair Durkin</i>
TPO 3 (C & W) – T1 Beech: Fell. T2 Norway Maple: Remove 2 large limbs & 1 smaller limb growing towards house.		Leave to arboriculturist

Applications acknowledged as valid Monday 12th October – Friday 16th October 2015

No planning applications for Caterham Valley

Applications acknowledged as valid Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October 2015

TA/2015/1883	16 Colburn Avenue	<i>Case Officer: Natalie Rowland</i>
Erection of two story rear extension		Parish Councillors made no comment

Applications acknowledged as valid Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2015

TA/2015/1899	The Gardens, Church Hill	<i>Case Officer: Natalie Rowland</i>
Display of 1 x Advertising hoarding 2.5m by 53m		

Caterham Valley Parish Councillors object to this application as the hoarding would be distracting to drivers. A plain hoarding would be more acceptable.

Applications acknowledged as valid Monday 2nd November – Friday 6th November 2015

TA/2015/1915	The Gardens, Church Hill	<i>Case Officer: Robin Evans</i>
Demolition of existing dwelling and associated out buildings. Erection of 2 no. Blocks containing 10 flats with associated access, car parking, cycle storage, refuse storage and garden amenity.		

Caterham Valley Parish Councillors object to this application as it is out of character for the area however, it has been noted that all the trees on the site have already been removed. The proposed application would increase the footprint 10 fold. There is insufficient parking; the access to the site is on a dangerous bend and the incoming and outgoing vehicles will cause major disruption on Church Hill. Surrey County Council needs to inspect the accessibility aspect of the site. NPPF paragraph 53 needs to be recognized. There will be an unacceptable increase in the movement of vehicles. Caterham Valley Parish Councillors recommend that the concerns of residents are taken into account.

All planning applications including supporting documents and plans can be viewed at the Caterham Valley Library and on the Tandridge Planning website on: <http://e-access.tandridge.gov.uk/planning/aup.asp>. Just log on and follow the instructions.

5.2 Planning Appeals

TA/2014/1664

1 Harestone Drive

Demolition of office building and erection of 4 detached houses with integral garages

6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th October 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.

7. Reports

7.0 Clerk's Report – Part 1 for action

- Christmas lights switch on update – The Clerk updated the councillors on the arrangements for the day. Risk Assessments have been completed, a rota of volunteers is being compiled by Cllr J Gaffney; 40 stalls have been booked, marketing of the event has been in the local newspapers and the Caterham Link, posters, flyers, banners and social media.
Action: All, help needed from 1130 until 1830
- Parish Newsletter – the Clerk has received some positive feedback from residents regarding the quality and content of the newsletter. Cllr Roberts complimented the Clerk and Cllr Gaffney for their work in pulling the newsletter together. The Clerk will forward the comments to the Parish Councillors.
- Speed Sign in Harestone Valley Road – The Clerk confirmed a letter has been sent to Caterham School but is awaiting a response.
- Grit Bins – following circulation of the Parish Newsletter a number of residents contacted the Clerk regarding the siting of grit bins on roads in the area. Weald Way, Mount Pleasant/Farningham Road, Tupwood Lane, Commonwealth Road. Grit bins can be obtained for £200 each and grit £100 per ton. Clerk to look into the feasibility of sourcing and filling of the same. **Action: Clerk**
- TDC Annual Parish Assembly – it was agreed Cllrs Jackie Servant and Jenny Gaffney will attend the meeting. All Councillors to let the attendees have any issues they wished to have raised with TDC.
- TDC Local Plan – Cllrs Jackie Servant and Jenny Gaffney will attend the session at 7pm on 23rd November. The Clerk will attend the session at 10 am on 16th December and Cllr Jackie Servant will attend the session at 7pm on 16th December. **Action: Clerk to notify TDC**
- East Surrey Rural Transport submitted a funding application. After discussion it was agreed a donation of £150 would be given in appreciation of the support being provided by Buses4U on the day of the Christmas Market. **Action: Clerk**
- Tandridge Trust Leisure & Culture submitted a funding application to reinstate the swimming pool at Marden Lodge School. After discussion the Councillors made the decision not to provide any funding.
- Stafford Recreation Play Area – the Clerk reported that a meeting has been held with TDC and a CCTV company regarding the Stafford Recreation Area. Quotes have been received and funding is being sourced. **Action: Clerk**

Part 2 for information

28 November	Christmas Lights Event	ALL
9 December	Parish Council Meeting – Soper Hall	ALL
2016		
13 January	Parish Council Meeting – Soper Hall	ALL
10 February	Parish Council Meeting – Soper Hall	ALL
9 March	Parish Council Meeting – Soper Hall	ALL
13 April	Parish Council Meeting – Soper Hall	ALL
11 May	Parish Council Meeting – Soper Hall	ALL

7.2 Chairman's Report

The Chairman attended the Remembrance Service at St Mary's and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. The Chairman was also approached by a resident with thoughts and views for the regeneration of Caterham. Further information will follow in due course.

7.3 Parish Councillors' Reports

Parish Councillor Jenny Gaffney attended Friday 16th October – Shelley Filippi's leaving drinks; Monday 26th October – Neighbourhood Plan Health & Education meeting; Tuesday 3rd November – TDC Crime Summit; Saturday 7th November – Lantern Making at Soper Hall; Sunday 8th November – Farmer's Market at Soper Hall. Dealt with numerous resident queries regarding issues at the Adult Education

Centre and Social Services Sites and liaising with District and County Councillors. Spoke to residents about grit bins at Tupwood Lane and Mount Pleasant Road

Parish Councillor Peter Roberts - nothing to report

Parish Councillor Mark Jones - nothing to report

Parish Councillor Jackie Servant - attended the SALC AGM and conference, helped at the lantern making session at Soper Hall. Attended the Remembrance Service at St John's and laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. Finance

8.1 **Payment of Accounts** - The following cheques were signed at the meeting

Knights Garden Centre	Planters maintenance & new plants	£ 60.00
M Gibbins	Net Salary/ Office Allowance/expenses	£ 727.05
Caterham Publishing Ltd	Distribution of Parish Newsletter	£ 52.50
How Green Nursery Ltd	Maintenance and replacement of hanging Baskets	£2,302.08
NewInk Printing	Newsletters, Christmas banners & posters	£1,216.00
Farrelly Turnbull Ltd	10,000 Christmas flyers	£ 119.00
Premier Rides	Children's rides for market	£ 758.00
E G Skett & Company	Stalls for Christmas market	£1,116.00
Gazeboshop	Parish gazebo	£ 746.88

8.2 Review of Expenditure – October 2015 (**previously circulated**)

9. Correspondence – for information only. All documents available for the meeting

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Meeting closed at 9:55