



Chevening Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.30pm
at the Pavilion, Chipstead Recreation Ground Chevening Road Chipstead TN13 2SA.

Present:	Mr N Williams	Chairman
	Mr J London	Vice Chairman
	Mr A de Turberville	Councillor
	Mr J Eastwood	Councillor
	Mr D Lewis	Councillor - from item 107
	Mrs C Moses	Councillor
	Ms J Nielsen	Councillor
	Mrs L Weavers	Councillor
	Mrs V Woodruff	Councillor
	Mrs J Hayton	Clerk
	Cllr N Williams	KCC
	Cllr S Robinson	SDC
	Members of the Public	3
Apologies		
	Cllr M Alger	SDC

106 Apologies and Absences

All Councillors were present. Cllr Alger from SDC sent her apologies

107 Co-option onto the Council

Cllr Lewis was unanimously co-opted onto the Council, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, countersigned by the Clerk and took his seat on the Council

108 Declarations of interest or lobbying

There were no declarations of interests or lobbying

109 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 2nd June 2025 previously agreed by email were formally resolved by the Council and sign by the Chair as a true record

110 Updates from KCC.

Cllr Williams explained that with the number of new Councillors and change of control the Council is still in a state of flux. There was another resignation from Cabinet recently and he believes Councillors underestimated the amount of time the role would take. The main local issue Cllr Williams is dealing with is the crossing at Witches Lane. It is a difficult situation as KCC Officers are reluctant to make changes. He is splitting the requirements into two – firstly reinstating the barriers then getting the lights changed to high level ones.

Cllr Williams was asked about Covers Farm. A decision from the Inspector will not be made before September

Cllr Williams also advised the 20mph extensions to Amherst and Chevening Schools will take place in October half term

111 Updates from SDC

Cllr Robinson confirmed everything is ready for the external audit . If anyone wants a good overview of the workings of SDC she recommended reading the internal audit report
She has a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee this week with a presentation by Everyone Active who run the Councils Leisure Centres. She encouraged everyone to submit any questions for them to her.

112 Questions from the Public

There were no specific questions for the Council from the members of the public present

113 Open Spaces

a Open Space Inspection

Cllr Moses mentioned the broken bench at the end of the Rec. It will go on the handyman's list for his return from holiday. Cllr de Turberville has a broken bench which should provide replacement slats

b Playground Inspection

The clerk had received a quote received to refurbish the surface under the swings and roundabout. The Council unanimously agreed to do the re-surfacing

114 Sailing Club Road.

The Parish Council resolved to proceed with a quote from Coppards which will give an additional 8 spaces down Sailing Club Road.

115 20 mph repeater signs

The Clerk explained that as KCC had asked to put repeater signs on the Council's street furniture, the Council should therefore be able to put it's own repeater signs on it's own street furniture. Cllr Robinson had prepared some options for road markings. Although there would be a welcome addition the clerk confirmed that KCC will not allow any additional road markings (indeed they also removed the Council's "Unsuitable for HGV signs" from the A25/A21/Westerham Road junction) and refused to allow the introduction of more roundels even at the Parish Councils expense.

Cllrs Moses and Woodruff will decide how many repeaters are required and advise the Clerk

116 Timescales for appointment of the new Clerk.

The Chairman confirmed there were 3 applicants for the Clerk role and interviews will take place late July

117 Correspondence Received and General Issues

The Clerk presented evidence that the £30 received from the Ice Cream Man at the VE Day picnic had been donated in the name of the Council to the Royal British Legion

Westerham Road sign on A25. Cllr Neilsen mentioned the Westerham Road sign near the bus shelter had been badly damaged. The Clerk will contact SDC to see if it is their responsibility

118 General Information and proposals for Future Agenda Items

a Football Club

The Football Club advise they are considering the roles and responsibilities document issued by the Council. The Clerk has asked them to respond by end July to give time to find another club to play if necessary. Cllr Moses advised that there had been a number of committee changes at the football club

b Witches Lane parking

A request has been received to put the situation with regards to parking on the HIP. The Council will debate in September

c *Posts on Bessels Green*

A resident had reported two posts had been removed and a quad bike and horse and traps had been racing on the Green. The Clerk will ask the open spaces contractors to concrete the posts back as soon as possible

119 Finance

Cllr Eastwood presented his Quarterly report to the Council. There are no concerns regarding the budget despite the parking bays and playground repairs being out of budget expenses
The payments for July were approved and the Payments and Receipts for June reviewed

120 Planning Applications

There were no pending planning applications

The meeting closed at 20.50