

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the Shoreham Parish Council to be held at **Shoreham Village Hall on Wednesday 5 April 2023** at 7:30pm. Members of the Press and Public are warmly invited to attend.

Parish Clerk 31 March 2023

There will be a 10 minute Public Forum before the meeting and further representations from the public at the Chairman's discretion during the meeting.

AGENDA for MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

1. To receive any apologies for absence.
2. To receive any disclosures of interest from members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for the meeting.
3. District/County Councillor Reports
4. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960
5. To receive and authorise for signature by the Chairman, the Minutes of the meetings held Wednesday 1 March 2023
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 - 6.1 Re-surfacing of Tennis Courts/MUGA
 - 6.2 Refurbishment of Public Convenience
 - 6.3 Bollards
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7. Highways Working Party

Verbal update from Cllrs Jeffery and Powell following meeting with Nigel Rowe of KCC Highways on 5 April 2023.

8. The Coronation

- 8.1 Grant for Shoreham Parish party
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10. Correspondence

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11. Finance

- 11.1 To agree items paid, payable and received

12. Next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm in Shoreham Village Hall)

- 12.1 Planning (if required) Committee – Wednesday 19 April 2023

New Council Meetings

- 12.2 Parish Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 17 May 2023
- 12.3 Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 24 May 2023

Agenda Item 1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Histed, Cockburn and Hibbins and possible Cllr Powell

Agenda Item 5. To receive and authorise for signature by the Chairman, the Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 1 March 2023

MINUTES of a MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Shoreham Village Hall 1 March 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs Histed (Chair), R Blamey, M Cockburn (in part), N Powell and M Sheward

Also Present: 5 members of the public (in part), Cllr I Roy (District) (in part), Cllr R Gough (County) (in part) Amanda Barlow (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Jeffery, Cllr R Waterton (District), Cllr J Edwards-Winser (District)

Public Forum: None

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Jeffery and Cllr Edwards-Winser (District).

Jane Austin has resigned as a Member because she is relocating out of the area for 2 years.

2. To receive any disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for the meeting.

*Cllr Blamey declared an interest in Agenda Item 9 as he is an allotment holder.
Cllr Histed declared an interest in Agenda 11.1 as he lives in Church Street.*

11. District/County Councillor Reports

Cllr Roy commented as follows:

- District Council budget was passed last week and there is a below inflation increase of just under 3%. All Council services will be running at full tilt and they are on target for all planned investments. The 10 year budget was also approved.*
- Coronation Celebrations – Road closures need to be applied for by 3 March.*
- Housing – SDC is holding a pre-event for residents for housing issues with experts available to give advice – taking place on 13 March at the Council offices. No booking is necessary.*
- SDC – There were numerous events to mark the invasion of Ukraine.*
- SDC has the highest number of residences offering places for Ukrainians.*
- Highways – Cllr Irene Roy offered to help with the process of the A225.*

Cllr Roy left the meeting.

12. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

The Clerk advised that she had one urgent staffing matter.

Members resolved to discuss an item regarding staffing in confidence at the end of the meeting.

13. To receive and authorise for signature by the Chairman, the Minutes of the meetings held Wednesday 1 February 2023

Members resolved to agree the minutes of 1 February 2023.

14. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by Agenda items

6.1 Re-surfacing of Tennis Courts/MUGA

For moving materials, including the hot asphalt for resurfacing, the company propose to use either powered barrows or Avant mini loaders. These are relatively small pieces of equipment. When moving the hot asphalt, road pins and snow fence style mesh will be put up to protect the route across the grass in the recreation ground- up at the start of the working day, down at the end. It would not be very practical to put down any form of a temporary roadway as it would present a trip hazard unless fenced and together they would have to be in place over several days. This would be a significant obstacle cutting the recreation ground into two areas. A temporary road would also add a significant cost. Hence the recommendation for the work to be done when the ground is reasonably dry and firm.

6.2 Refurbishment of Public Convenience

The public convenience will be painted and new support arm will be installed on Friday 3rd March.

6.1 Shoreham Cross

Awaiting further information.

6.4 Bollards on Village Green

Rich Neal of Flash Mobile Welder has been appointed to install 3 bollards as agreed. He has advised he will be carrying out the work this week.

6.3 CCTV

The 2 CCTV cameras have been installed on the front of the village hall and the Number plate recording camera.

The CCTV policy will need to be updated to include these as well as incorporate the village hall cameras as all the data is collected on one common machine in the Village Hall.

6.4 Defibrillators

The last defibrillator cabinet will be installed on the Crown Public House on Wednesday 1st March.

6.7 Picnic Benches

Following agreement at the Amenities Committee the picnic benches will be erected (2 on the Rec and 1 on the village green next to the river) by Cllrs Blamey & Jeffery. Small signs to be affixed to benches reminding users to dispose of their rubbish in bins supplied.

6.8 Electric Charging Points

Clerk had contacted Offord Clerk but they had the points installed by the company building the public conveniences. They use a company based in Denmark to collect the monies for using the charging points. The Offord Clerk suggested using the KCC scheme.

15. To discuss and agree, if appropriate, funding for a Drinking Water Fountain

Members resolved not to go ahead with funding for the water fountain as it was very expensive and the public convenience could be used to fill up water bottles.

16. To discuss and agree, if appropriate, purchasing a Coronation Bench for the village

Members agreed that it might not be preferable to have another bench in the village and agreed that an oak tree could be planted in the Centennial Wood to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. It was agreed to revisit this item following further investigation.

17. To discuss and agree, if appropriate, a new shed for the Allotments

Members resolved to agree to cover the costs of the repair of the shed at a total of £1,500.

Cllr Gough arrived at the meeting and Members agreed to take Agenda Item 3.

3. District/County Councillor Reports

Cllr Gough (County) commented as follows:

- *Work has been done on the drainage issues on the A225,*
- *There was period of rain/freezing weather between November and January resulting in many issues with the roads. Kent Highways are now getting to grips with the potholes.*
- *Cllr Histed asked if KCC could clean the car park and Cllr Gough noted that it was owned by KCC but he would ask if the SDC road sweeper could clean the car park.*
- *Members discussed the Shoreham Path steps and Cllr Gough advised the Clerk to email Mike Peyton at KCC.*
- *The KCC budget was agreed and Cllr Gough advised that his allowance will fall to £3,600.*

Cllr Gough left the meeting.

10. Shoreham Path

10.1 Construction of steps to link footpath SR32 to new Station Road path.

Members discussed the steps and agreed that the Clerk should to confirm that Kent Highways were not in opposition to the project and that the Buckley family should be contacted as the hedge is memorial hedge.

10.2 Update on path

The Clerk advised that the hedge had been cut most probably by the farmer.

11. Correspondence

**11.1 Resident
Parking in Church Street**

Members agreed that this item should be dealt with by the new Council with full discussion around the parking issues in the Parish and asked the Clerk to advise the resident.

11.2 **Elections 2023**

The Clerk advised that the nomination forms can be downloaded from the Electoral College or requested from Sevenoaks District Council.

The Clerk will provide paper copies at the Planning Committee meeting on 15 March 2023.

Nominations open on 20 March 2023 at 10am and close on 4 April 2023 at 4pm. Nomination papers must be delivered by hand to Sevenoaks District Council Offices.

11.4 **Kent Police**

Noted.

11.5 **General Correspondence**

Noted at Appendix A.

12. **To discuss the issue over the destroying of the local wooded area**

Members agreed that further investigations need to take place to see about the trees being felled in the woods around Sevenoaks District Council. **It was agreed that the Clerk should ask if the Tree Officer could attend the next meeting.**

Cllr Cockburn left the meeting.

13. **Highways Working Party**

13.1 **A225 Speed reduction**

This was discussed under Agenda Item 3.0 and the Clerk confirmed that she had paid the invoice for the initial design fee.

13.2 **Highways Improvement Plan**

Cllrs Jeffery and Powell will meet with Nigel Rowe of KCC Highways in early April 2023.

14. **Finance**

14.1 To agree items paid, payable and received

**Members resolved to agree the items paid, payable and received at Appendix B.
Members resolved to get a post box affixed to the wall.**

15. **Next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm in Shoreham Village Hall)**

15.1 Planning (if required) Committee – Wednesday 15 March 2023

15.2 Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 5 April 2023

Appendix A

Correspondence 1 February to 1 March 2023

1. KALC - M20 Moveable Barrier: project update
2. SDC - Presentation and Hello Lamppost
3. Sevenoaks District Council: Tree planted in memory of the Queen
4. Sevenoaks District Council: Putting the wheels in motion
5. KALC - Home to School and Post 16 Transport for Mainstream and SEND Pupils -Public Consultation
6. KALC - Kent DAA Showcase Event
7. Sevenoaks District Council: Pupils get arty to take on air pollution
8. KCC's Community Services Consultation
9. NALC NEWSLETTER
10. Sevenoaks District Council: Back of the net!
11. KALC - Coronation information
12. KALC - Queen's Green Canopy map
13. KALC - Kent Community Services Consultation
14. SDC - Additional Designated Rural Status
15. KCC - IMPORTANT UPDATE: REVISED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA Professional Referral Energy Voucher Scheme - Household Support Fund
16. SDC- February 2023 Homes for Ukraine Newsletter
17. KALC - Civility and Respect March Newsletter

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Appendix B

Items Received 1 February to 28 February 2023

1 March 2023 (2022-2023)

Shoreham Parish Council
RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
16	Allotments	16/02/2023		NatWest current account		Allotments rents	Allotment Holders	X	60.00		60.00
									Total	60.00	60.00

Items Paid 1 February to 28 February 2023

1 March 2023 (2022-2023)

Shoreham Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
179	Broadband	01/02/2023		NatWest current account		Broadband	Mrs A C Barlow	X	10.00		10.00
186	Grant	01/02/2023		NatWest current account		Grant	Sevenoaks Volunteer Tr	X		50.00	50.00
180	Office Rent/Storage	01/02/2023		NatWest current account		Office Allowance	Mrs A C Barlow	X	30.00		30.00
184	Refuse freighter	02/02/2023		NatWest current account		Refuse freighter	Sevenoaks District Counc	S	165.46	33.09	198.55
185	Defibrillators	02/02/2023		NatWest current account		Defibrillator - signs	Brian Jeffery	S	94.25	18.85	113.10
181	Hall/Emergency Room Hi	02/02/2023		NatWest current account		Hall hire	Shoreham Village Hall	X	60.00		60.00
182	Grasscutting Shoreham	02/02/2023		NatWest current account		Grass cutting	GF Garden Maintenance	X	270.00		270.00
183	Centenary Wood	02/02/2023		NatWest current account		Hedge Cutting	GF Garden Maintenance	X	490.00		490.00
187	Toilets	06/02/2023		NatWest current account		Electricity	EDF Energy	X	191.00		191.00
198	Audit fees	17/02/2023		NatWest current account		Audit fee	PKF Littlejohn	S	300.00	60.00	360.00
201	Postage	17/02/2023		NatWest current account		Deliver Post	Royal Mail	S	315.00	63.00	378.00
199	Village Hall	17/02/2023		NatWest current account		CCTV Village Hall	Custodia CCTV	S	2,357.00	471.40	2,828.40
200	Defibrillators	17/02/2023		NatWest current account		Defibrillators	7Oaks Electrical Ltd	X	1,135.00		1,135.00
203	A225 Speed Reduction	17/02/2023		NatWest current account		Initial Design Fee	Kent County Council	X	1,006.00		1,006.00
202	Shoreham Footpath	17/02/2023		NatWest current account		Signs	The Sign Maker	X	482.41		482.41

Items to be paid @1 March 2023

Agenda Item 6.0 Matters arising from the minutes not covered by Agenda items

- 6.1 Re-surfacing of Tennis Courts/MUGA
The area around the recreation ground is being cleared and the work is due to start in mid April providing the ground is not too soft.
- 6.2 Refurbishment of Public Convenience
The refurbishment has been completed.
- 6.3 Bollards
Cllr Jeffery met with residents who were concerned about the location of the bollards and a new location was agreed.
- 6.4 Defibrillators
They are all in place and registered.

Platform 2 at the station
Darenth valley golf club reception
Outside The Kings Arms
Outside The Village hall
Outside The Samuel Palmer
Outside The Crown
Entrance to Kingsdown Meadow, Romney Street
The phone box outside The Rock and Fountain Pub (now closed)

- 6.5 Jubilee Gate

The PCC thanked the PC for the donation towards the new Jubilee Gate.



6.6 Woods around Shoreham

From: David Crouch <David.Crouch@sevenoaks.gov.uk>

Sent: 30 March 2023 11:30

To: Sheila Birkin

Cc: Cllr Edwards-Winsler, John <cllr.edwards-winsler@sevenoaks.gov.uk>; Cllr Fleming, Peter <cllr.fleming@sevenoaks.gov.uk>; Trevor Kennett <Trevor.Kennett@sevenoaks.gov.uk>; Ryan Gevaux-Ross <Ryan.Gevaux-Ross@sevenoaks.gov.uk>; Ray Froud <Ray.Froud@sevenoaks.gov.uk>

Subject: Tree felling in the woods above Shoreham

Dear Sheila

Thank you for your enquiry relating to your concerns around the coppicing thinning works being carried out at present and ongoing within the woods at Shoreham. I sincerely appreciate your concerns around this as such works when initially carried out can look quite devastating.

I hope my email helps to alleviate your concerns and explains the reasoning behind the essential woodland management. There are posters upon site explaining the process of coppicing and thinning and our reasoning for doing so (I will speak with the Rangers to ensure that more are placed out) however to add to this if I may give you a little more information.

Shoreham woods pilot and meenfield woods were established within this existing area of woodland by the forestry commission prior to the M25 being built and managed commercially and areas of beech and chestnut planted specifically for harvesting of the timber as opposed to conservation or woodland creation. Shortly after the construction of the M25 that split these woodlands in half the area became commercially and financially unworkable for the forestry commission and eventually after a period of not being appropriately managed and neglect became part of Sevenoaks District Councils estate.

We now manage the woodland for conservation and improvement to habitat as well as making it available to visitors to access and enjoy. Where areas were planted as explained above and within naturalised areas there is a need to carry out traditional methods of coppicing and thinning in order to preserve the woodland and enhance the habitat and long term regeneration in order to ensure this site is here for future generations to enjoy.

The works you see are planned essential thinning and coppicing operations which form part of the approved Forestry commission management plan which we follow under license in order in addition to points noted above but also under close instruction to maintain grant payments that help us manage, preserve this important woodland. The areas being thinned and coppiced are required in addition to the ongoing planned management to allow healthy stronger regen (natural as opposed to planting) and improved health of the left trees, reduction of the canopy cover letting light to the woodland floor which will increase the habitat. Also there is extensive squirrel damage within the beech and other specimens as well as some Ash die back along the terrace and localised areas that required attention for Health and safety which we have a duty of care to resolve and consequently have included in the management of this area. If left un managed this area would naturally decay and its habitat value and variety of species diminish as well as becoming unsafe for the many visitors that enjoy the area. Where we are encouraging users of the site by widening rides creating paths we have a duty of care to keep the public safe hence we have attempted to combine this within the management operation. We are maintaining as best we can a natural screen along the terrace and sides of the woodland only removing dangerous diseased and damaged trees within this thin cordoned and thinning/coppicing the inner area in rotation of between 15 and 20 years to ensure that the woodland maintains its screen and structure of mature specimens, good strong healthy specimens are left completely for example the oaks. Many of the larger specimens of chestnut felled were at or near the point of failing at the base due to being over stood (grown to large) and being of previous coppice managed trees as opposed to naturally seeded. If allowed to fail in this way there regeneration most likely would not have been as strong or abundant as when coppiced appropriately or even died out completely. To note also any Timber harvested that is usable is utilised as a sustainable resource.

If you visit other areas of the woodland you can see the healthy regeneration far in excess to any planting could successfully achieve, where areas have been coppiced/thinned in the past

and the increase in habitat where light is reaching the woodland floor, visiting when the bluebells are out you will notice a marked increase in them within coppiced thinned areas the continual management of these woods in such a manner is one of the reasons bluebells are so outstanding here, One of the Rangers or myself would be more than happy to show you these areas and if you wish to visit or discuss further perhaps run through the relevant areas of the management plan with you, which as you can appreciate is quite a large combination of documents relating to all that we do within our countryside site. I have spoken also with the parish council and advised around concerns being raised and with a view if necessary to sharing appropriate relevant elements of our management plan.

The works are carried out in the main between October and March for a couple of reasons in the main to reduce disturbance to nesting birds in accordance to the Wildlife and Countryside Act. In addition where funding is sometimes limited to maintain and preserve woodlands we can offset some of the cost by utilising chestnut for example as a sustainable resource which in order to be of use requires cutting during this period, consequently you will see an abundance of works of similar nature being carried out by most woodland owners or custodians during this period. Thinning work for example we are having to carry out due to the extensive squirrel damage you may see continue along with other h&s works around Ash dieback you may see continue outside of this period along with extraction of cut timber which due to weather and ground conditions is safer and less damaging to the woodland floor paths and tracks in drier periods of the year.

With regards to your concerns around the Buzzard it is often common that they are actually attracted to sites where such works are being carried out as the opening up of the forest floors increases the abundance of food available to them, Many forestry workers including myself have been privileged to be in very close proximity to such birds whilst carrying out coppicing thinning. I will ask the Rangers to observe and monitor however.

I have also attached a couple of links which may help explain the process better than I have by the National Trust and Woodland Trust, however if you do have any other concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/discover/nature/trees-plants/what-is-coppicing

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/managing-trees-and-woods/types-of-woodland-management/

Kind regards

Dave

David Crouch

Countryside & Clean and Green Manager

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Like a number of others, I am very concerned about the tree felling taking place in the woods above the cross in Shoreham.

I know there is a 'woodland management' plan and that some trees need to be felled to improve biodiversity. However, the timing of this seems inappropriate. Birds have begun nesting and this disturbance will inevitably be harmful to some resident woodland birds.

In fact, a number of us have been very concerned about a juvenile buzzard which we think has been displaced. It has been sitting on its own high up in a tree which is on the boarder between the fields below the cross for several days now.

I am disappointed that Sevenoaks District Council did not think to inform local residents about what it was planning to do this week. A notice board on the terrace footpath might have been useful.

Whenever I hear of trees 'en masse' coming down, I am reminded of the M25 enquiry when the inspector specified that the trees between the village and the motorway needed to be maintained to protect Shoreham from both the noise aspect and the pollution issues relating to the motorway. I dont suppose any thought has been given to this.

Would it be possible for Shoreham residents to be sent a copy of the woodland management plan?

Yours Sincerely

Sheila Birkin

Agenda Item 7.0 - Highways Working Party

Verbal update from Cllrs Jeffery and Powell and Cllr Roy (District) following meeting with Nigel Rowe of KCC Highways on 5 April 2023.

Agenda Item 8.0 The Coronation

8.1 Grant for Shoreham Parish party

Members agreed to award a grant of £1,000 towards a party on the recreation ground to celebrate the coronation of HM King Charles 111.

8.2 British Legion

Sent: Wednesday, 8 March, 2023 9:12am

To: "clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk"

Subject: Shoreham Royal British Legion

Dear Amanda

I am writing on behalf of the Shoreham Royal British Legion to ask if the following could be discussed at a Parish Council Meeting.

1. One of the names on the War Memorial has become unreadable. It was only added a few years ago and we are a little disappointed that the company who did it, did not really do a very good job. The Name in question is George Rouse and its on the plaque for the WW1 men. Please can it be renewed. I'm asking, not only on behalf of The RBL but, also, George Rouses relatives.
2. At our last Committee meeting it was suggested that we ask The Parish Council if we could plant a tree in The Centenary Wood to Commemorate The Kings Coronation. This would be funded by us. We are looking to plant an Oak Tree.

Many thanks

Best regards

Lorna Robinson

Hon. Secretary

Shoreham Royal British Legion.

8.3 Bench - Members to discuss placing a commemorative bench in the Parish.

Possible location outside Village Shop:

-----Original Message-----

From: "THUSYANTHAN NADARAJAH" Sent: Sunday, 5 March, 2023 7:24pm
To: clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: Regarding putting bench in front of the shop (next to post box)

Dear Sirs,

I Nadarajah Thusyanthan, who is a leaseholder of Shoreham village shop, would like installing the bench next to the post box if you do it. People can sit and have a coffee as well. Thank you

-----Original Message-----

Sent: Wednesday, 8 March, 2023 3:12pm
To: clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Rto disesponse to: Contact the Parish Clerk. form

Amanda,

Thank you for your response. I would like to clarify a few points, as your email has an air that this matter is virtually settled when, in fact, no one from the SPC has spoken to us:

- I believe that the proposed location of the bench is on our land, not the public right of way. As such it is not within our leaseholder's gift to permit the bench. Please see the attached.
- We consulted with our tenant, when we had heard about this through the grapevine. I do not believe that the SPC has itself done any consultation, including not having itself consulted our tenant.
- Indeed, both our tenant and several of the partners of the shop partnership with whom I have consulted are minded to allow this, but there are some practical legal issues to resolve such as:
 - We would only allow this as a license, similar to a permitted footpath, we shall not be offering to transfer the land to the SPC nor enter into a lease.
 - Presumably under some sort of license arrangement the SPC would retain maintenance and liability.
- Finally, prior to our coming to a conclusion, one way or the other (which we have not yet done) we are consulting with our immediate neighbours to ask their views and would be taking those views (not yet received) into account before making any final decision.

In short, we tend to think that that this could well be a good idea, but the SPC needs to be speaking to us. To clarify further: the SPC will not be permitted to erect a bench on our land without our written permission and a written license agreement of some sort.

Now that we understand that this will be a on the agenda for next month would you like someone from the freeholder of the shop property to be there discuss it?

Kind regards,

Peter Kasch, co-Managing Member, the Shoreham Shop LLP

<https://wealdenbenches.co.uk/celebration-benches/royal-coronation-king-charles-iii-2023>

The screenshot shows the Wealden Benches website with two product listings:

- Royal Coronation 3 Seat Garden Bench**: Priced at £500.00. Description: "The royal coronation bench includes 2 royal images at either end of standard 3 seat wood engraving seat engraving of your choice. Wealden Benches have designed a royal coronation bench to celebrate the King Charles III coronation on 06 May 2023. To get your bench in time for the coronation, please ensure you order before Thursday 11st March 2023." It features a large 60cm x 50cm frame and is made of solid teak wood.
- Teak Garden Bench 3 Seat Royal Coronation**: Priced at £600.00. Description: "The royal coronation bench includes large central royal image and engraving text of your choice on our 3 seat bench. Wealden Benches have designed a royal coronation bench to celebrate the King Charles III coronation on 06 May 2023." It has a wide slatted top rail and is made of solid teak wood.

[Balmoral Teak King Charles III Coronation Bench - 1.8m \(cyan-teak-furniture.com\)](https://www.cyan-teak-furniture.com/balmoral-teak-king-charles-iii-coronation-bench-1.8m)

The screenshot shows the Cyan Teak Furniture website with the following details for the Balmoral Teak King Charles III Coronation Bench:

- Product Name**: Balmoral Teak King Charles III Coronation Bench, Royal Cypher - 1.8m
- Description**: "The Balmoral Teak King Charles III Coronation Bench is a wonderful celebration of His Majesty's Royal Coronation. This beautiful and intricately carved commemorative bench is the perfect way to mark this momentous occasion that will stand the test of time." It features a large central royal image and engraving text.
- Price**: £620.00
- Quantity**: 1
- Buttons**: "Pre-Order Now" and "Order now for delivery from: 16-05-2023"
- Payment Options**: Sage Pay, Visa, Mastercard, PayPal, and Amazon Pay.
- Product Code**: LTW8ACCA
- Offer**: "Save 30% OFF the matching cushion when you buy it with this item - Discount automatically applied at checkout."

Agenda Item 9.0 -Shoreham Path

9.1 Construction of steps to link footpath SR32 to new Station Road path.
Following meeting with Highways Members to advise if there is any objection to the steps – permission must then be sought from the family with regard to the memorial hedge.

Agenda Item 10.0 - Correspondence

10.1 Elections 2023

The notice of candidates for election is to be issued on 5 April 2023.

10.2 Kent Police

Dear Parishes,

This is a more generic newsletter for the Sevenoaks district, within are the updates that we think will be of interest to yourselves and residents.

Swanley & Local areas

Two females were arrested in Swanley and detained in custody being involved in a County Line Gang supplying class A drugs to Swanley. One of the females was a resident of Swanley.

Local PCSO responded to a high risk missing person possibly in possession of a knife and suicidal. The PCSO located the person at Swanley train station on one of the platforms where he spoke with them, calming them down until officers could arrive and use their powers under the Mental Health Act to detain the person to prevent them coming to any harm.

New Ash Green & Local areas

We have seen a slight rise in issues in the Darent Valley area with some stolen motor bikes being recovered stored at a yard and a robbery that took place on a young male where his phone was stolen, investigation is ongoing.

The vacant environmental building has been subject to break ins and damage. We have reported this to the council who have (we've been told) secured the property.

Thefts from outbuildings are still occurring but not on the same frequency, an operation has been running for patrols to attend the area as part of a tasking. CCTV that has been reviewed has unfortunately not provided facial recognition of the suspects. From the varying reports it is unclear if there is more than one team committing offences as there has been a mixture of vehicle descriptions and numbers of persons involved.

Sevenoaks & Local areas

A stolen digger that was taken from a Sevenoaks address was located by the Rural task Force in a garage in Otford, enquiries are ongoing and a public appeal put out for any information.

A spate of theft of golf clubs from motor cars in and around the town centre is currently being investigated. Public awareness around leaving valuables in cars has been raised through Police social media sites.

Local PCSO attended call for an elderly male believed to have fallen over, the PCSO managed to gain entry to the house and locate the male who had fallen into a critical state of ill health and neglect – fast actions from him with Social Services secured the male being admitted to hospital for ongoing care.

We continue to get reports of cars meeting on the spur road of the M25 Badgers Mount (racers meet) often the reports are going through to the Metropolitan Police as the location sits right on the border. We are looking to work with them to gain intelligence and prosecute offences where possible. There is a tendency that the group move to another area as soon as Police attend using the M25 as an easy access route to other counties.

Suspect in court following robbery and burglary in Sevenoaks

A suspect has appeared in court following a robbery and burglary in Sevenoaks.

In the early hours of Friday 27 January 2023, two phone shops in Orpington and Sevenoaks High Street were alleged to have been targeted by three people. Mobile phones, tablets and other property were reported stolen from both premises.

Just before midnight on the same day, two people entered a fast food restaurant in Otford Road. It is alleged a member of staff was assaulted, before a quantity of cash was stolen. The injured victim later went to hospital for medical attention.

Arrest

On Thursday 16 February a man was arrested.

Jack Lockwood of North Downs Crescent, New Addington was later charged with robbery, causing grievous bodily harm with intent and possessing an offensive weapon in a public place. He was also charged with conspiring to commit burglaries in Orpington and Sevenoaks.

The 32-year-old appeared before Medway Magistrates' Court on Friday 17 February. He was remanded to a hearing at Maidstone Crown Court on 17 March.

Repeat shoplifter identified following theft of over £2k of over the counter meds

With the help of facial recognition local town centre police have identified a repeat offender whom on 23/10/22 and 08/01/2023 and 29/01/2023 targeted Waitrose stores in Sevenoaks and Tonbridge and stole over £2000 of over the counter medications. Police have made contact with the out of county offender who is handing himself in for interview.

Police identify thieves that have been persistently targeting Sevenoaks town centre

On Tuesday 10th January at 16:00 hours 2 suspects hit Boots, Sevenoaks stealing £520 of skincare products. On the same day at 16:30 hours suspect 1 then struck at the Oliver Bonas shop, stealing 2 handbags worth £84.

On Tuesday 31st January at 14:30 hours suspect 1 returned to the town and stole £220 of vitamin products from Boots, Sevenoaks.

On Sunday 5th February 2023 at 14:45 hours suspect 1 offended again targeting Boots, Sevenoaks and fleeing with £345.50 of skincare products.

Local town centre officer has identified both suspects, one of which was arrested as part of Operation LEO – a policing operation to reduce crime, increasing positive outcomes and bringing offenders to justice. The other is being actively sought.

Police will be seeking a Criminal Behaviour Order at court to ban both from the town centre. A CBO replaces the Anti-social Behaviour Order (ASBO) and the courts treat breaches of such orders very seriously.

Great store security work uncovers thief who is now behind bars

Waitrose security discovered a theft when they noticed a gap in the shelf of the alcohol aisle. Upon CCTV review the offender is seen to steal £360 of alcohol (Monday 6th February 2023). The local town centre officer attended the store and identified the offender and linked him to offending across the district.

On Tuesday 7th February a man was arrested as part of Operation LEO – a policing operation to reduce crime, increasing positive outcomes and bringing offenders to justice.

Stephen EWINS of Swanley, Kent was later charged with 2 counts of theft. The 36 year old man was remanded before Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on Saturday 11th February where he received a 28 day prison sentence.

EWINS has also since been further charged for another Theft and a breach of Criminal behaviour Order. He will be produced from prison to appear before Sevenoaks Magistrates court on Thursday 23rd of February 2023, where he will likely be further sentenced.

Operation Leo - Reducing crime, increasing positive outcomes and bringing offenders to justice.

On the 7th and 8th February 2023 Sevenoaks police had 2 “all out” days of action with a policing operation set up to identify more offenders in relation to retail crime and increase positive police outcomes by interviewing and bringing these offenders to justice.

Prior to the “all out days” police completed research and development and managed to identify numerous offenders to target for arrest/interview. Police prioritised arrest for the most prolific offenders causing most harm to the town. 4 arrests were made and interviews were arranged with 4 other offenders committing 7 shoplift offences between them. On the days of the OP police also had a pursuit with a stolen vehicle (vehicle recovered) and were also proactive on foot in the town identifying two prolific shoplifters and deterring another with a stop search.

OP Leo was a “roaring” success. Credit to all departments (community police officers, victim based crime officers and town centre officers) from Sevenoaks Police as this was a very busy couple of days.

Edenbridge & Local areas

A group of youths that were persistently causing problems at the Leisure Centre have been identified and the first steps in the issuing of ‘acceptable behaviour agreement’ to them and the parents has taken way. This has seen a reduction in the problem. More significant matters reported such as damage in the park to lighting and graffiti is still being investigated and will be progressed with the Youth Justice Team if suspects identified.

Work is being undertaken through the Community Safety Unit and Sevenoaks Council to evict unlawful residents from one of the local traveller sites. Letters have been issued to residents lawfully there to attend a residents meeting to discuss how improvement on the site will be undertaken.

A suspicious male who has been pestering vulnerable persons in the town for gardening work has been identified, their actions have not met the threshold for criminal investigation at this time but Police will be issuing a Community Protection Notice as a deterrent to their behaviour and escalating action if they persist.

Crime Prevention & General Advice

Please keep us updated on any forthcoming meeting events in your communities. Although low on numbers we will still strive to attend these events.

If you want local alerts to your area and to be able to reply with any relevant information please sign up below.

[My Community Voice Kent: Home Page](#)



10.3 General Correspondence

Correspondence 1 March to 3 April 2023

1. SDC - **Sevenoaks District residents need photo ID to vote at elections in May**
2. Sevenoaks District Council: Council supports Great British SpringClean!
3. Sevenoaks District Council: EV charging point tipped to be popular with taxi drivers
4. KALC - Coronation information
5. KALC - Queen's green Canopy
6. Sevenoaks District Council: Solar power made easy
7. SDC - Hop along the TN Bunny Trail this Easter

Agenda Item 11.0 - Finance

11.1 To agree items paid, payable and received

Items received 1 March to 31 March 2023

3 April 2023 (2022-2023)

**Shoreham Parish Council
RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Minute	Bank	Receipt No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
18	Tennis courts	08/03/2023		NatWest current account		Tennis Subscription	Bill Lattimer	X	20.00		20.00
19	Toilets	08/03/2023		NatWest current account		Energy	EDF Energy	X	150.00		150.00
17	Allotments	14/03/2023		NatWest current account		Allotments rents	McLaren 49W	X	20.00		20.00
Total									190.00		190.00

Items paid 1 March to 31 March 2023

3 April 2023 (2022-2023)

**Shoreham Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
188	Broadband	01/03/2023	Broadband	Mrs A C Barlow	X	10.00		10.00
189	Office Rent/Storage	01/03/2023	Office Allowance	Mrs A C Barlow	X	30.00		30.00
197	Heat Energy Project	02/03/2023	Heat Network Committee Hall hire and sundries	Heather Sillitoe	L	85.29	4.90	90.19
195	Computer/Printer Consu	02/03/2023	Website	Hugo Fox	S	29.99	6.00	35.99
196	Hall/Emergency Room Hi	02/03/2023	Hall hire	Shoreham Village Hall	X	60.00		60.00
224	Toilets	02/03/2023	Water charges	Castle Water	X	31.66		31.66
225	Allotments	02/03/2023	Water charges	Castle Water	X	53.08		53.08
194	Clerk's mileage	02/03/2023	Mileage	Mrs A C Barlow	X	55.08		55.08
229	Toilets	06/03/2023	Electricity	EDF Energy	X	191.00		191.00
207	Refuse freighter	08/03/2023	Refuse freighter	Sevenoaks District Council	S	152.80	30.56	183.36
210	Tennis Court Resurface :	08/03/2023	Tennis Court Resurface Deposit	Trevor May Contractors Ltd	S	8,905.50	1,781.10	10,686.60
228	Office telephone	08/03/2023	Office telephone	O2	S	11.55	2.31	13.86
208	Subscriptions - KALC/SLI	08/03/2023	ICO subscription	Information Commissioner	X	40.00		40.00
209	Subscriptions - KALC/SLI	08/03/2023	CPRE Annual Subscription	CPRE	X	36.00		36.00
226	Toilets	28/03/2023	Water charges	Castle Water	X	31.66		31.66
227	Allotments	28/03/2023	Water charges	Castle Water	X	53.08		53.08
211	Trees	31/03/2023	Tree planting	SL Tree Care	S	1,145.00	229.00	1,374.00
212	Trees	31/03/2023	Tree work at Cricket Club	SL Tree Care	S	1,445.00	289.00	1,734.00
214	Emptying litter bins	31/03/2023	Emptying Litter Bins	Sevenoaks District Council	S	104.00	20.80	124.80
215	Dog waste bins	31/03/2023	Empty dog waste bins	Sevenoaks District Council	S	237.90	47.58	285.48
217	Refuse freighter	31/03/2023	Refuse freighter	Sevenoaks District Council	S	152.80	30.56	183.36
222	Heat Energy Project	31/03/2023	Heat Network Committee Hall hire and sundries	Heather Sillitoe	S	24.49	4.90	29.39
213	Notice Boards	31/03/2023	Notice Board	Earth Anchors	S	1,320.00	264.00	1,584.00
218	Printing Gazette/Shorehe	31/03/2023	Printing Shoreham Post	St Peter & St Paul Church	X	72.36		72.36
216	Defibrillators	31/03/2023	Defibrillators	7Oaks Electrical Ltd	X	290.00		290.00
220	Allotments	31/03/2023	Collected Maintenance Charges	Shoreham Allotment Association	X	280.00		280.00
219	Darent Valley Community	31/03/2023	Grant	Kent County Council	X	1,000.00		1,000.00
221	Clerk's mileage	31/03/2023	Mileage	Mrs A C Barlow	X	44.56		44.56
223	Heat Energy Project	31/03/2023	Heat Network Committee Hall hire and sundries	Heather Sillitoe	X	60.80		60.80

Items to be paid @ 5 April 2023 (2023-24 Year)

5 April 2023 (2023-2024)

**Shoreham Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
1	Broadband	01/04/2023	Broadband	Mrs A C Barlow	X	10.00		10.00
2	Office Rent/Storage	01/04/2023	Office Allowance	Mrs A C Barlow	X	30.00		30.00
7	Computer/Printer Consu	06/04/2023	Website	Hugo Fox	S	29.99	6.00	35.99
5	Grasscutting Shoreham	06/04/2023	Grass cutting	GF Garden Maintenance	X	215.00		215.00
4	Clerk's mileage	06/04/2023	Mileage	Mrs A C Barlow	X	34.56		34.56
10	Payroll	06/04/2023	Payroll	DM Payroll Services Ltd	X	204.00		204.00
6	Toilets	06/04/2023	Repairs to public convenience	Nick's Helping Hand	X	140.00		140.00

Agenda Item 12. Next meetings

(all starting at 7:30pm in Shoreham Village Hall)

12.1 Planning (if required) Committee – Wednesday 19 April 2023

New Council Meetings – at Shoreham Village Hall

12.2 Parish Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30pm

12.3 Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7.00pm