

SHOREHAM

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PARISH COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the Shoreham Parish Council to be held at **Shoreham Village Hall on Wednesday 6 December 2023 at 7.30pm**. Members of the Press and Public are warmly invited to attend.

Parish Clerk 1 December 2023

The meeting will be preceded with the introduction of the new beat police officer, PC Ashleigh Wilson by PC Wayne Owen and an opportunity for residents to raise any issues with PC Wilson.

AGENDA

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. Public Forum
4. County/District Councillor Reports
5. 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
6. To receive and authorise for signature by the Chairman, the Minutes of the meetings held Wednesday 1 November 2023
7. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered by Agenda items**
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To note the inventory
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- 10.1.1 Filston Road car park
- 10.1.2 Station Road path maintenance
- 10.1.3 The Cross maintenance

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11. Finance

- 11.1. To agree items received, payable and paid

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

a. Planning (if required) Committee– Wednesday 20 December 2023

b. Planning (if required) Committee– Wednesday 10 January 2024

c. Planning (if required) Committee and Council Meeting – Wednesday 24 January 2024

AGENDA PAPERS

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllr Sheward

5. 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

Agenda item 10.5

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

MINUTES of a MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Shoreham Village Hall, Shoreham on 1 November 2023 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs R Blamey, B Jeffery, J Histed (Chair), A Montgomerie, N Powell (in part) and M Sheward

Also Present: 18 members of the public, Cllr Gough (County), Cllr Edwards-Winsor (District), Cllr Roy (District) and Amanda Barlow (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs Owen, Cllr Thorpe and

The meeting was preceded with a vote of thanks and presentation to Malcolm Folland who is retiring as Chairman and Membership Secretary of the Shoreham Allotment Association.

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Owen and Thorpe.

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

None.

3. Public Forum

Cllr Histed advised the public of Standing Order 3e.

Cllr Powell arrived at the meeting

Mrs Spence raised the following issues:

- Cutting back the vegetation and up Shackleton Road and Mill Lane– encroaching on the highways
- Drainage – asked if residents could clear the drains outside her house. Mr Abbott advised that the main problem is that the gully needs clearing. **The Clerk agreed that she would contact the drainage department at Highways.**
- Resilient Plan – is there anyone who can help Mrs Spence with the IT of the plan.

4. County/District Councillor Reports

Cllr Irene Roy (District):

- West Kent Rural Grants Funding Scheme available for local businesses. The scheme is essential open to rural communities and businesses. Grants between £2,000 and £25,000. £125,000 was granted to local businesses in the summer by SDC.
- A225 – There is no update as the manager on the scheme has been off on sick leave for a prolonged period. In her capacity as Chairman Joint Transport Board, she has asked for a review of the Highways Improvement Plans.
- Parking Consultation – it is an SDC matter and Cllr Roy offered to meet on site with the parking officer.
- Cllr Powell asked if Cllr Roy could see if Otford could provide a defibrillator for the Twitten. The whole of Twitten is in Otford but on the border.

Cllr Edwards-Winser (District)

Cllr Edwards-Winser gave his report and a copy is at Appendix A. He also gave the Clerk information on how to seek help from Sevenoaks District Council and a copy is included at Appendix B and has been put on social media.

Cllr Gough arrived at the meeting.

Members resolved to take the Agenda in following order:

8. Highways

8.1 A225 Speed Reduction Project

Cllr Jeffery informed Cllr Gough that the Parish Council were extremely disappointed given that the meeting was in August and Members were promised the plans days after the meeting. It is really appalling situation.

Cllr Gough advised that Mr Konningen has been very unwell since the meeting in August. Cllr Gough has drawing of the scheme and will send them to the Clerk.

Cllr Powell commented on the problems with the scheme and Cllr Gough discussed the issues with the meeting. Cllr Powell asked if the decision of Mr Konningen could be overruled. Cllr Gough responded that the views of those at Highways was likely to be the same.

Cllr Jeffery informed the meeting about the changes to the scheme. Cllr Histed commented that there has been disappointment with the timescale. Is it possible to get some meaning timescales for the project. Cllr Gough explained that the process will never be that quick.

8.2 Parking Survey

An analysis of the responses received is at Appendix B.

Cllr Histed thanked residents who responded to the parking survey.

Cllr Histed advised about an FOI request as it had been put on social media but the Parish Council's reasons for denying the request were not included, he read his response which was posted on the Shoreham Parish Council Facebook page.

Members resolved that Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) should be appointed to carry out a review and Members would agree the cost and parameters via email.

Cllr Gough left the meeting.

Members agreed the Cllrs Jeffery, Powell, Sheward, Histed, Montgomerie and Blamey would form a Transport Working Party to review the responses.

8.3 Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

To agree the new priorities for the HIP

Members agreed that they would review the HIP in the working party.

5. *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*

None

6. *To receive and authorise for signature by the Chairman, the Minutes of the meetings held Wednesday 4 October 2023*

Members resolved to agree the minutes of 4 October 2023.

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

9.0 Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership

The Clerk advised that she is awaiting the condensed presentation from Sarah Newman which will be put on the Council's website and social media pages.

9. Amenities

9.1 Tree Survey

Members resolved, in the majority, that the tree survey should be carried out a cost of £1,440.

9.2 Minutes (draft) of Amenities Committee meeting on 18 October 2023

Noted. The minutes are attached at Appendix D.

9.3 Update on items at Amenities Committee meeting

4 Filston Lane Car Park

4.1 Maintenance

The work has now been carried out.

5.3.1 Tennis Club Membership

- *Put details of membership in the diary – details now in the diary*
- *Ask a resident if he would sweep the court and the Council would waive his membership – this has been done.*
- *New signs for the court – to be ordered*
- *Put details in the Gazette – details were included in September and October gazette*
- *Put details on the Facebook page – the details have been put on social media.*

6.Public Convenience

The hand drier and light have been fixed.

8. Allotments

8.1 Membership

The majority of outstanding rents have now been paid.

10. Correspondence

10.1. Kent Police

Members asked the Clerk to invite PC Wilson to the next meeting he was available to attend.

10.2 General correspondence

Noted

11. Finance

11.1. To agree budget at 30 September 2023

It was agreed that the Finance Working Party should review the budget in detail.

11.2 To agree items received, payable and paid

Members resolved to agree the items received, payable and paid as at Appendix E

11.3 Bank account

The Clerk advised that she has submitted the new signatory forms.

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

a. To agree the dates of the meetings for 2024

Members resolved to agree the dates for the meetings in 2024 as at Appendix F.

b. Planning (if required) Committee– Wednesday 15 November 2023

c. Planning (if required) Committee and Council Meeting – Wednesday 6 December 2023

Amanda Barlow, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council

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

7.0. 9.0 Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership

8. Highways

8.1 A225 Speed Reduction Project

To receive an update and agree next steps

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

From: Nikola.Floodgate@kent.gov.uk

Sent: Tuesday, 28 November, 2023 10:55am

To: brian.jeffery@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk, Christopher.Koningen@kent.gov.uk

Cc: clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk, jonathan.histed@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Nigel.Rowe@kent.gov.uk, Ryan.Shiel@kent.gov.uk, Roger.Gough@kent.gov.uk

Subject: RE: A225 Shoreham Road, Shoreham

Dear all,

I just wanted to follow up that this has been reviewed and KCC will be covering the costs of the scheme as set out in the drawings. Chris/Nigel will work with you to advise when the quotes are back and when we can begin to programme the works and this whole process.

Kind Regards

Nikola

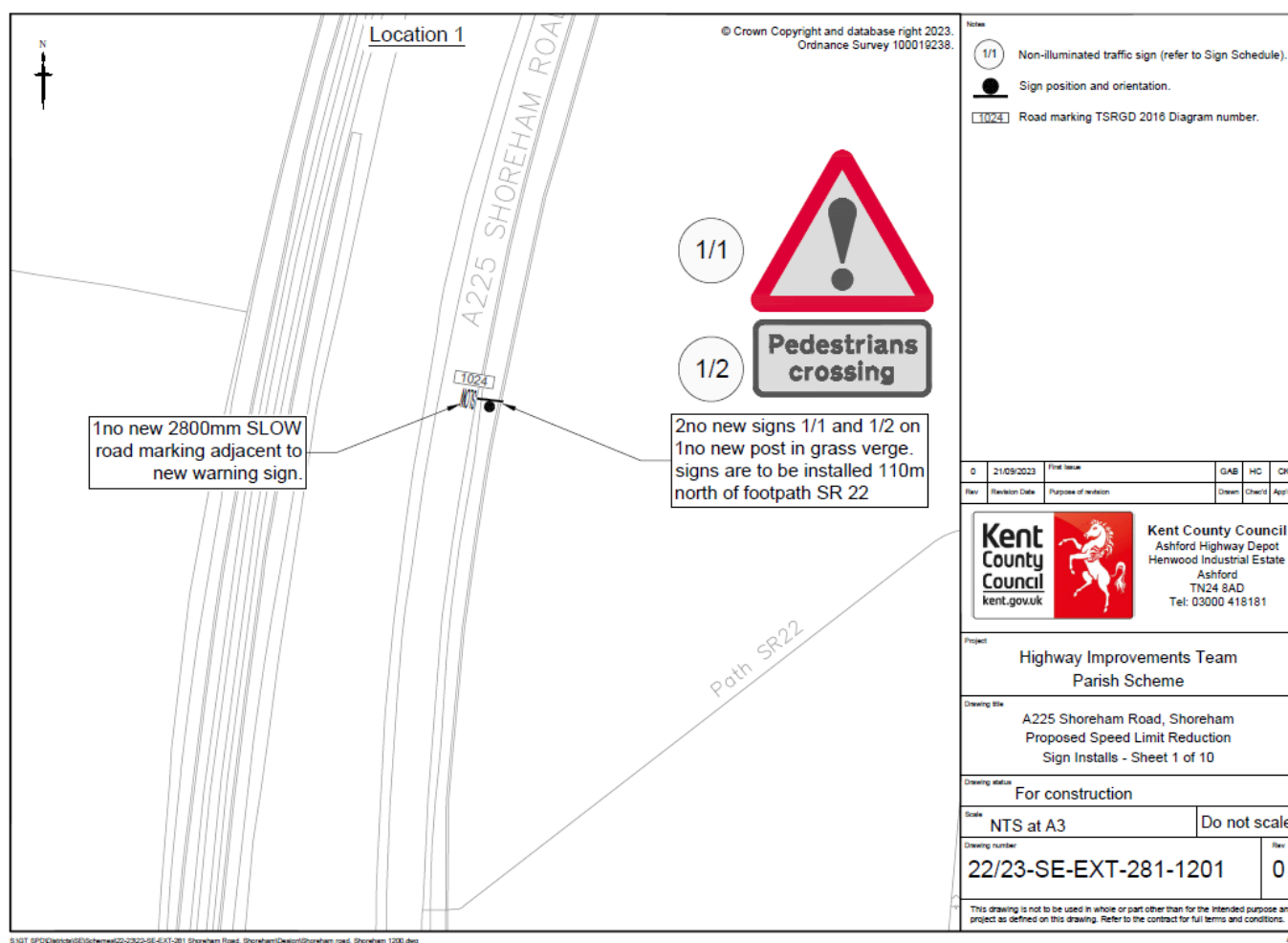
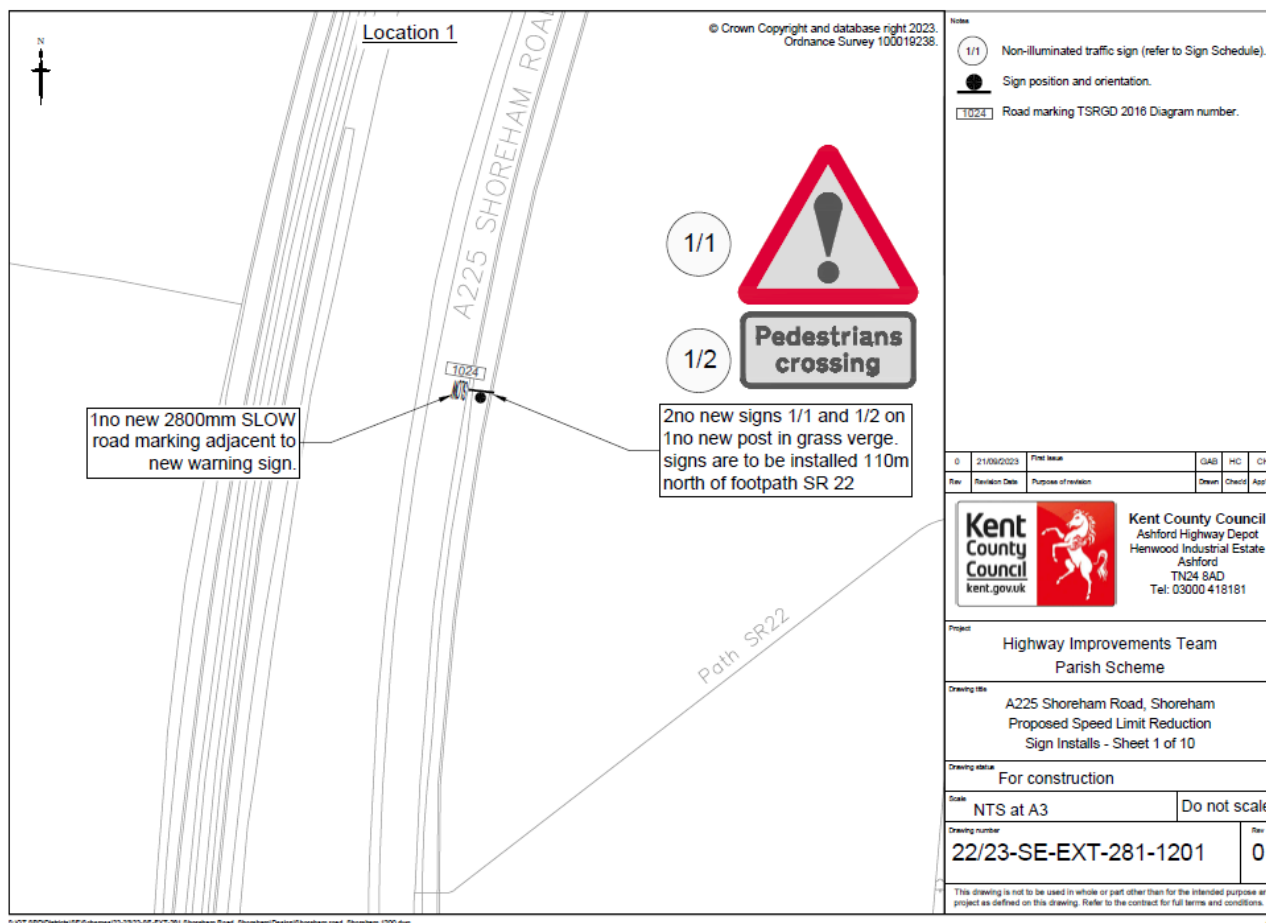
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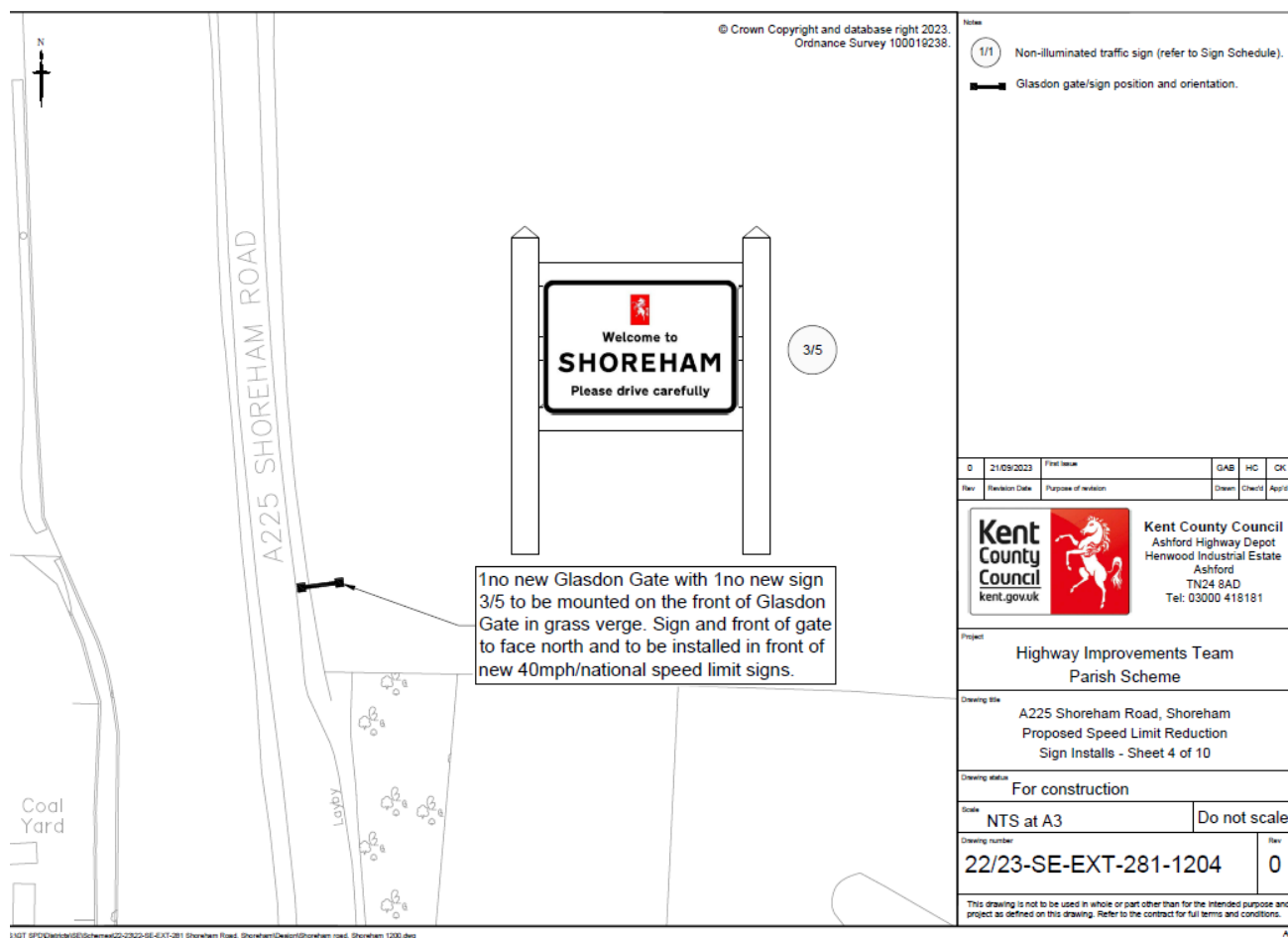
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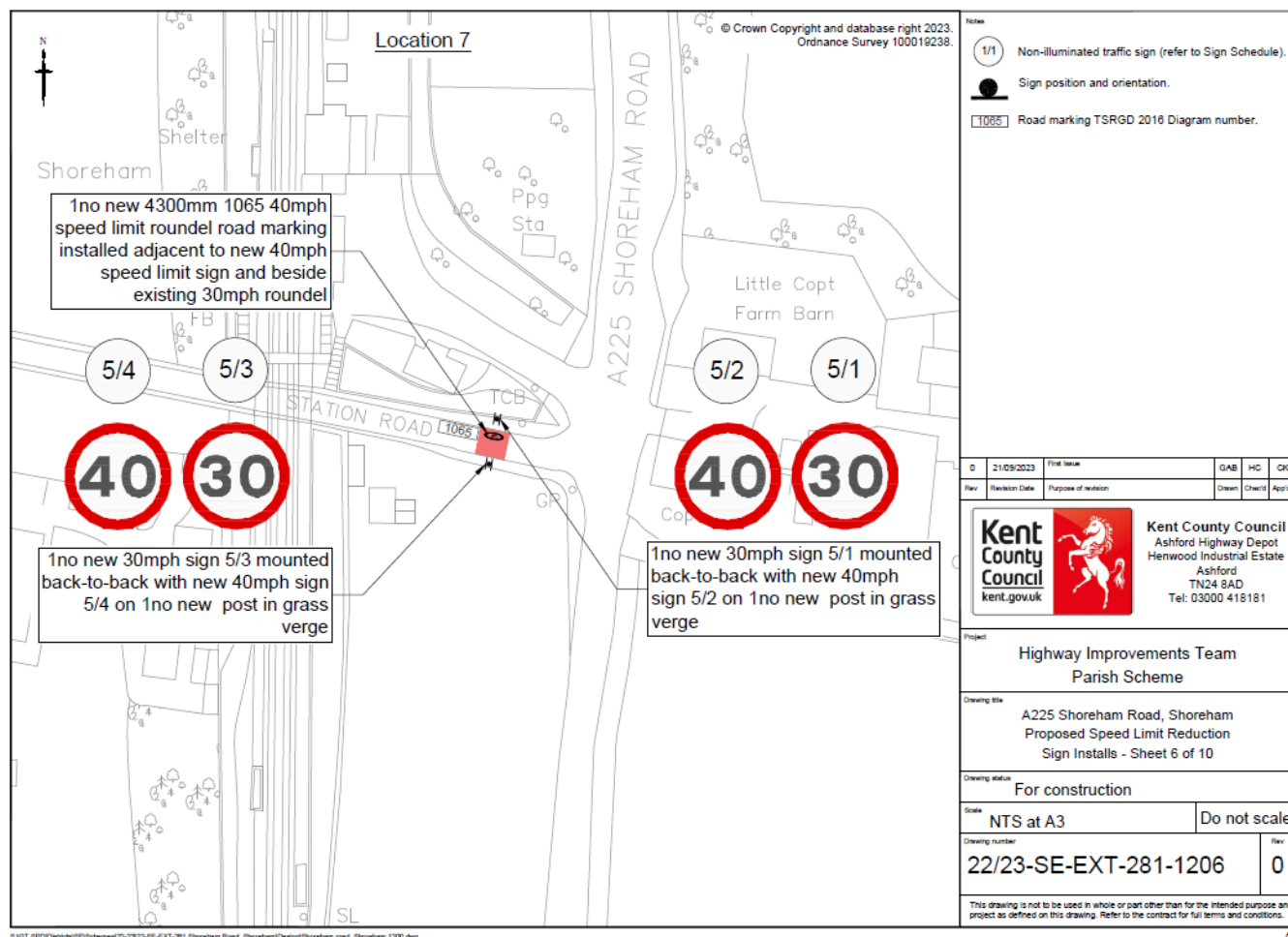
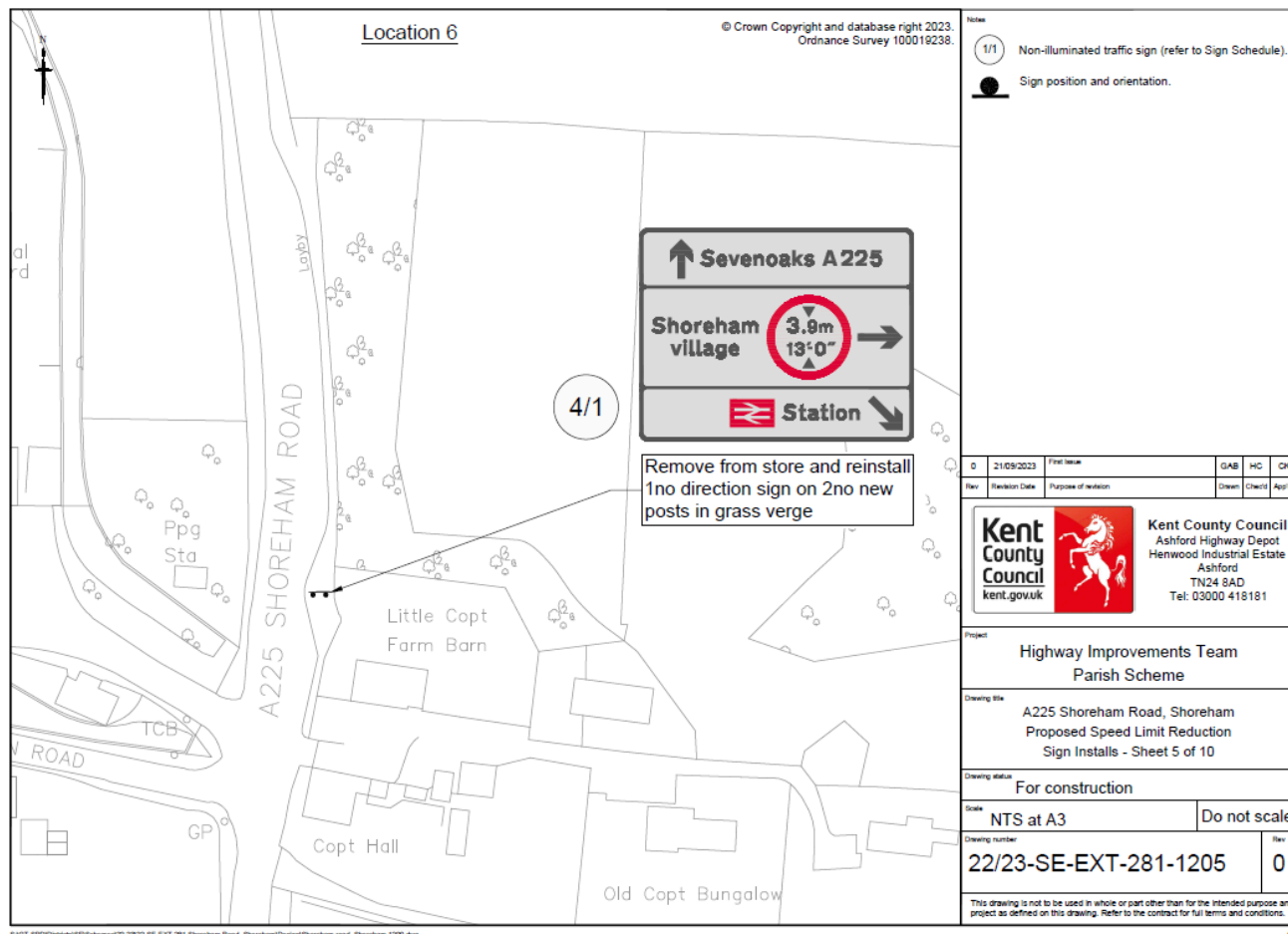
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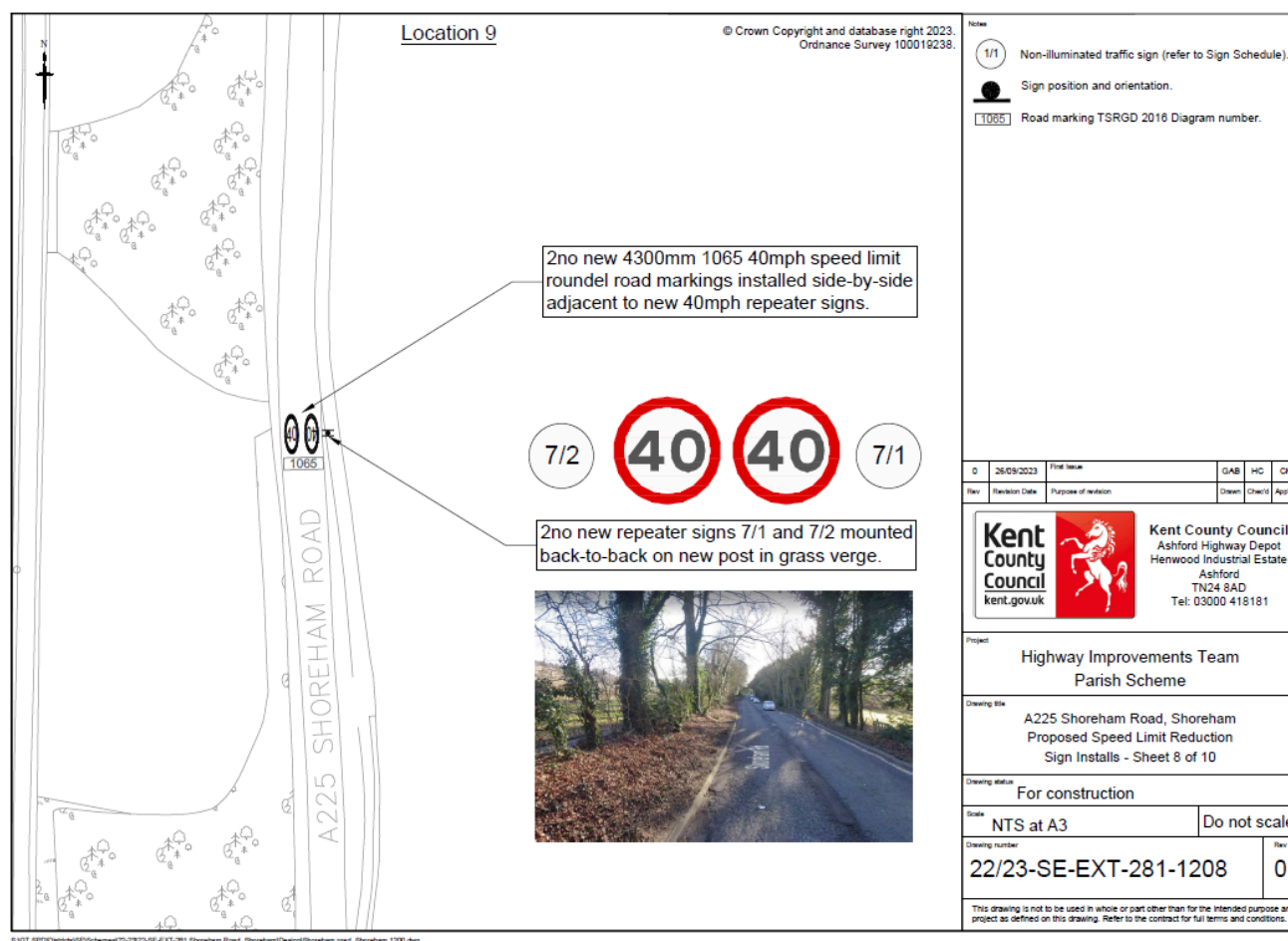
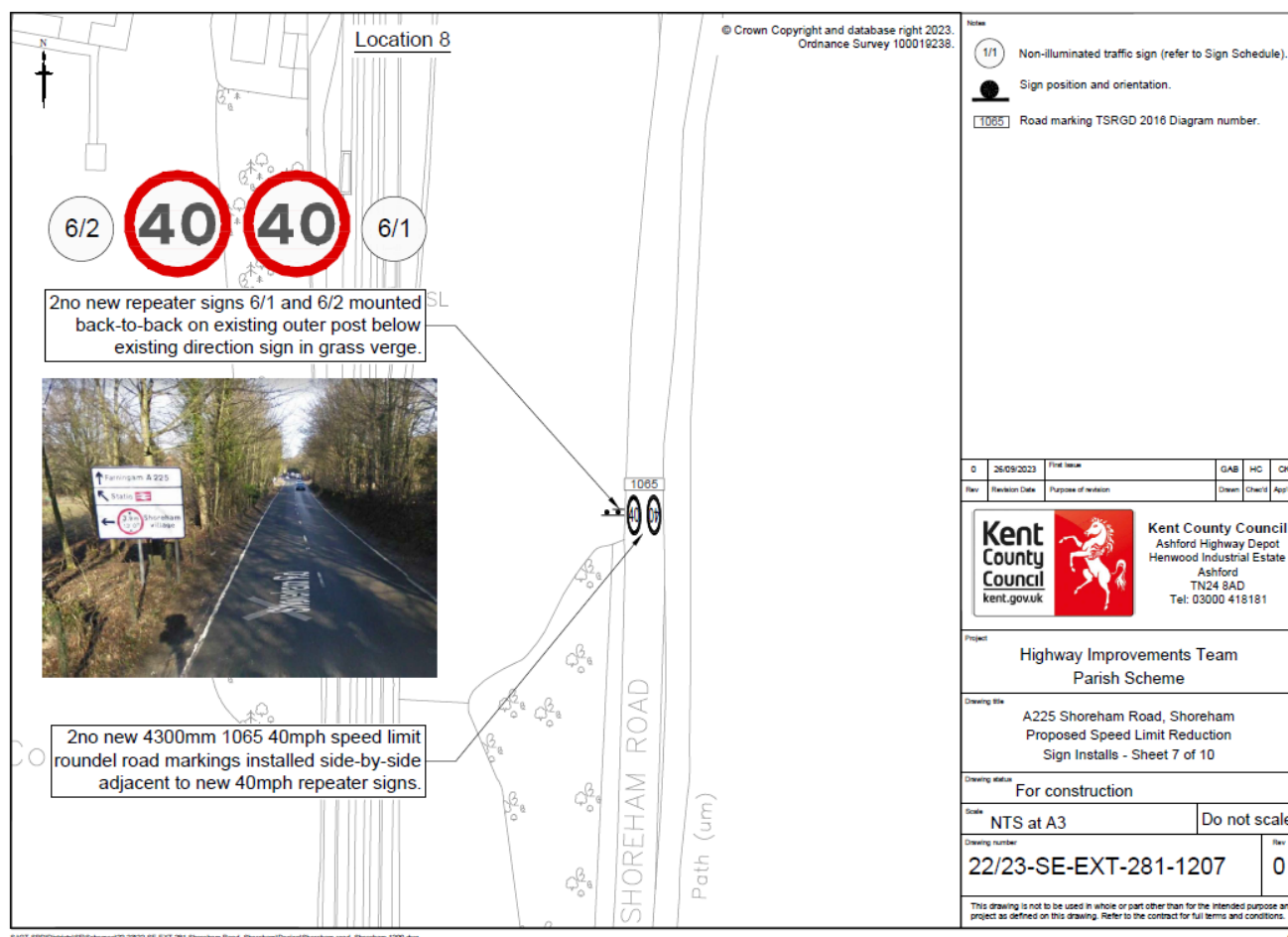
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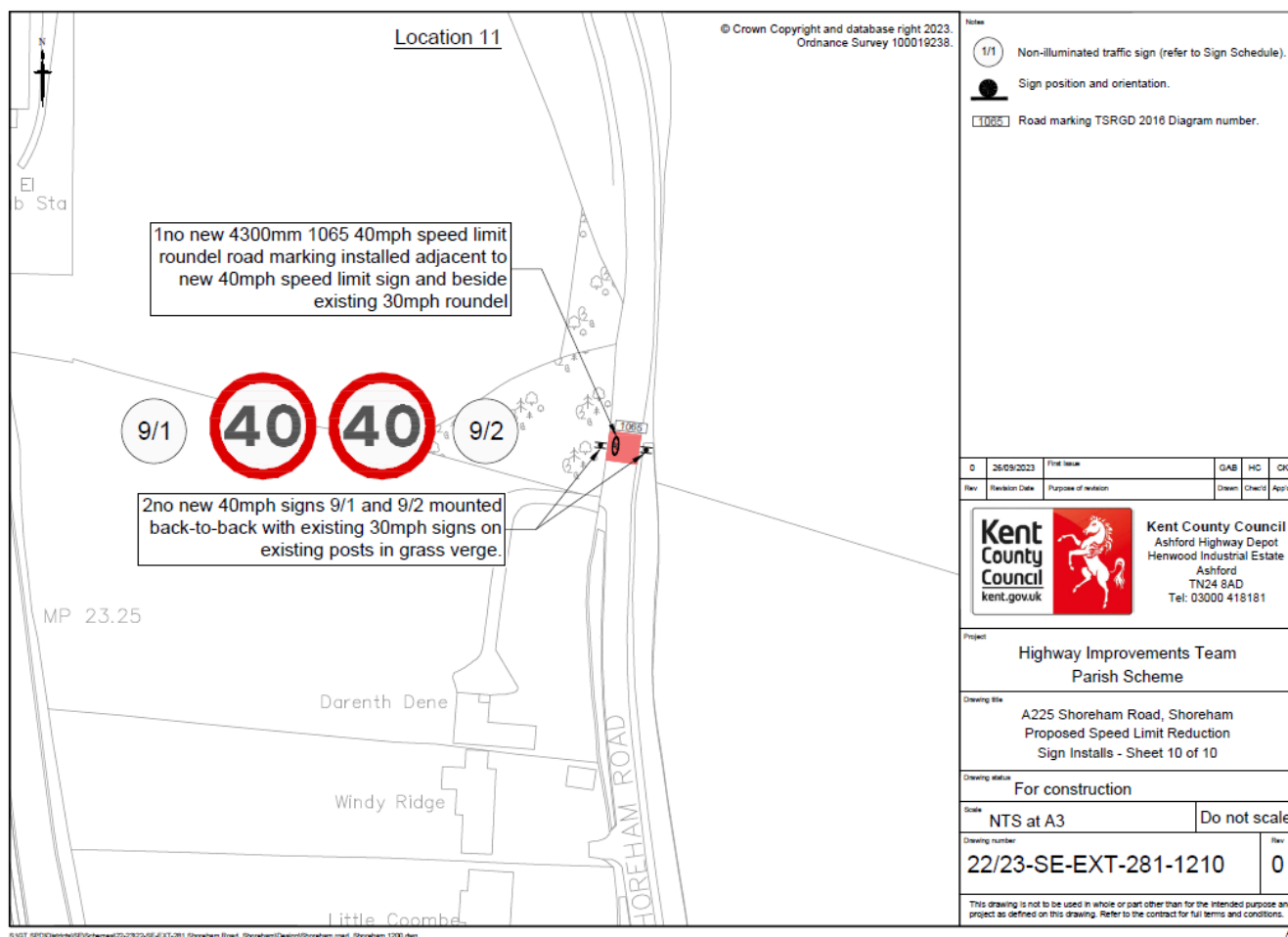
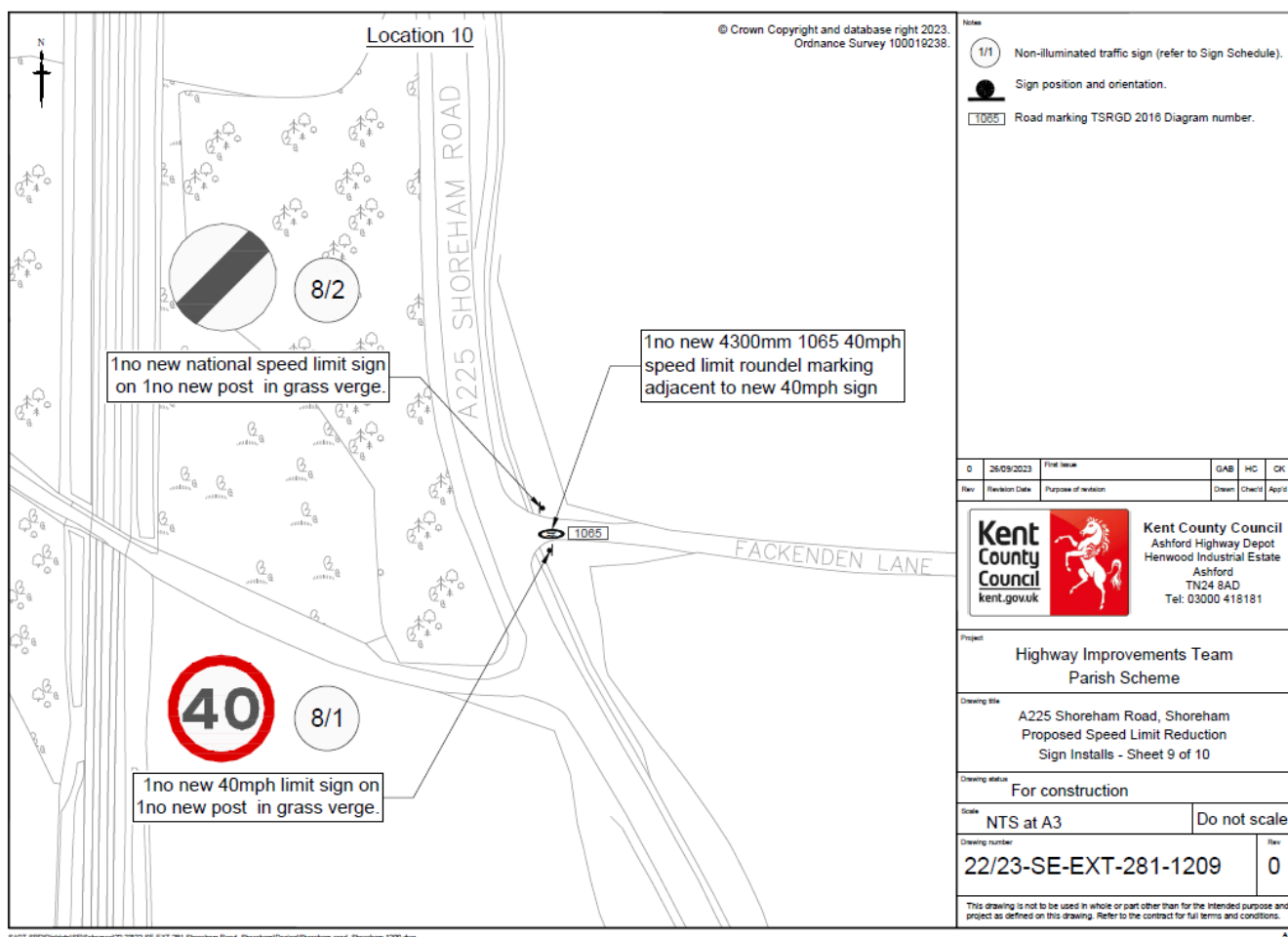
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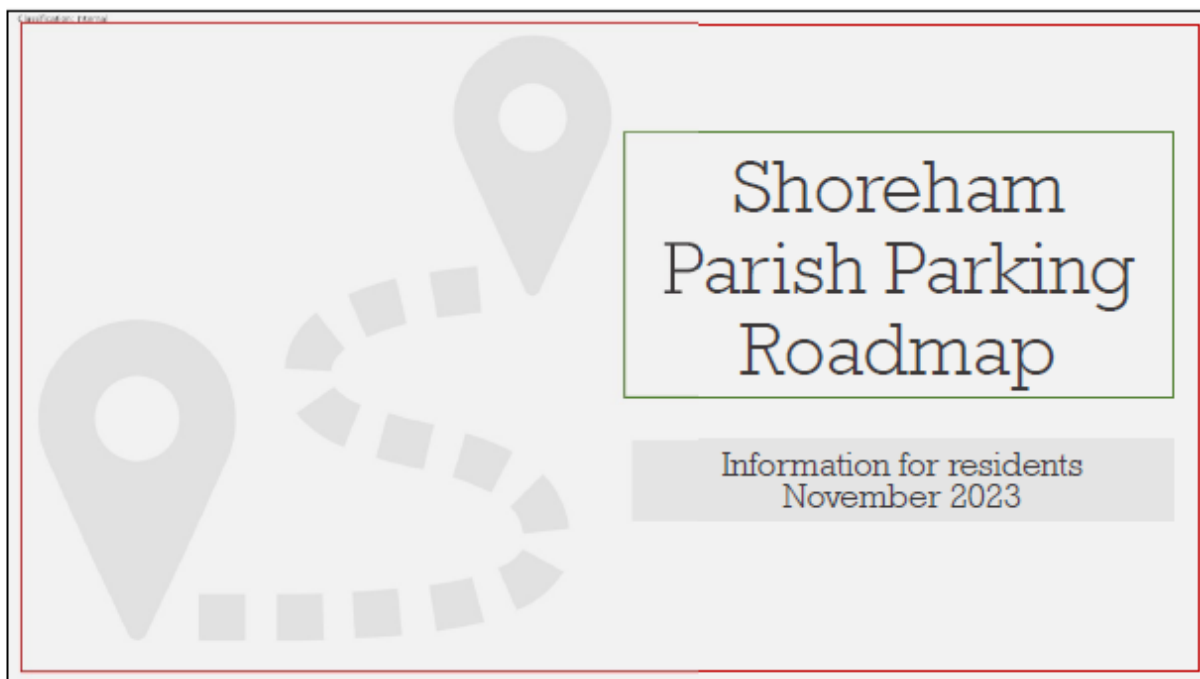




8.2 Shoreham Highways Drain Inventory
To note the inventory

Awaiting an updated file from KCC.

8.3 **Parking Survey** To agree next steps



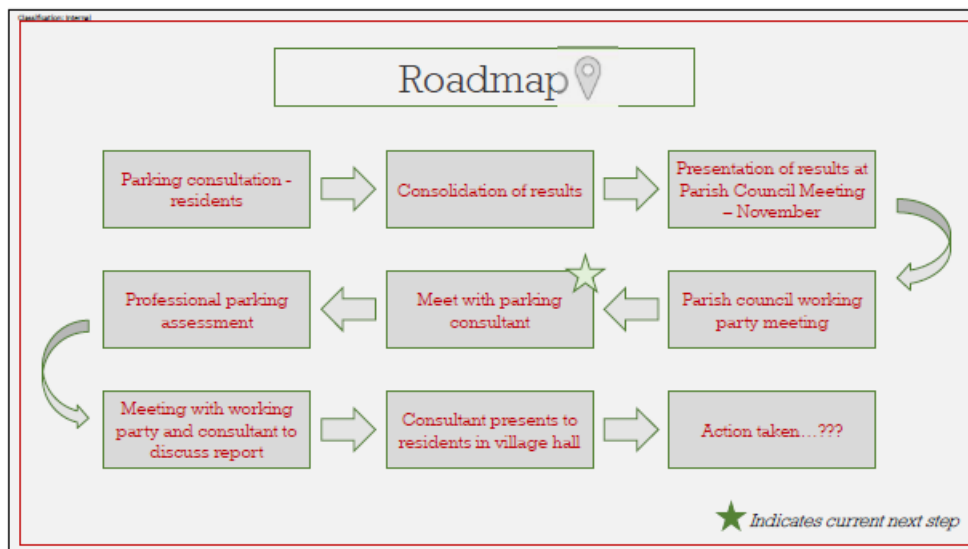
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Introduction

The parking roadmap is intended to provide information and clarity on the steps that Shoreham Parish Council are taking in order to effectively manage the growing concern over parking and congestion within the village and surrounding areas.

This document will demonstrate the key steps, either already in place or planned, as well as further details on each within the following slides

Please note that dates and deadlines against each item are deliberately left out. The purpose of this document is to give residents greater oversight as to the actions being taken to manage the concerns around parking within the parish. All ongoing updates will be issued at Parish Council meetings and via the appropriate communication channels available.



- Classification: Internal
- ### Further Detail
1. The parking consultation has now been completed. This gave all residents a chance to submit open feedback on key concerns
 2. The Parish Council compiled this feedback into a bullet point summary. Full results cannot be shared for GDPR purposes
 3. The summary was presented at the Parish Council Meeting in November and a working party established to push the project along, made up all of Parish council members
 4. The working party met to agree appropriate next steps. It was decided that a *new* report would be commissioned to professionally assess the viable options to also act as a comparable to the 2016 version. Working party members felt pedestrian safety and congestion for emergency vehicle access must be at the forefront of any action proposed or taken
 5. The working party will meet with the consultant to discuss key concerns, priority and focus areas based off of the parking consultation to ensure the report is relevant to the areas raised by Parish residents
 6. A professional report will be undertaken by the consultant
 7. The working party will meet with the consultant to fully understand the report, what proposals may be viable and next steps
 8. The Parish council will organise for a presentation of the report to residents as well as full transparency of the written report

Classification: internal

Latest Updates

26th November 2023

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Appendix

- Last updated 26/11
- Working party members (Cllr Jonathan Histed, Cllr Neil Powell, Cllr Roy Blamey, Cllr Brian John Thorpe, Cllr Martin Sheward, Cllr Alice Montgomerie)
- Key contacts: Any of working party member or Parish Clerk
- Communication channels: Parish Council meetings Parish Council Facebook page, Parish Council notice boards, Parish Council website, Parish magazine

8.4 Highways Improvement Plan
To discuss the request from the Shoreham Society

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

From: "John Saynor"

Sent: Tuesday, 14 November, 2023 3:17pm

Subject: Filston Lane - need for a 30mph speed limit

Dear Amanda

On behalf of the Shoreham Society, I would like to request that a request for a 30mph speed limit along the length of Filston Lane be added to the Parish Council's Highway Improvement Plan (HIP). We propose a limit from the end of the current 30mph limit in the village to the junction with Twitton Lane.

Traffic does travel too fast on this road and there have been accidents and I believe one fatality. It has several blind bends and it is used by pedestrians to connect to residential properties and to footpaths, and is widely used by cyclists. There is also a non inconsiderable amount of heavy goods vehicle traffic to and from the local farms, each of which are home to various other businesses.

We feel that there is potential for serious accidents and that action should be taken to slow the traffic down.

Best regards

John Saynor

Co-Chair, The Shoreham Society

9. Amenities

10.1 Maintenance of assets

To agree, if appropriate, the maintenance quotes for the following:

10.1.1 Filston Road car park

G F GARDEN MAINTENANCE

48 Barton Road

Sutton At Hone

DA4 9EA

Gavinfree02@gmail.com

07771695171

Shoreham parish council

21/11/2023

To reduce hedge along the side within the filston lane car park, all rubbish to be removed and disposed of in the appropriate manner.

Total £800.00

To clear leaves in car park

Total £60.00

To cut hedge along new footpath on all sides and top

Total £700.00

If you would like to discuss any part of this quote, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Gavin Free

10.1.2 Station Road path maintenance

TJB Home Improvements**Quotation**

5 Julians Way, Sevenoaks, TN13 2PE
Dave Shelley

Quotation Number: #10079

Date: 16/11/2023

Order Number: 003

Customer Details:

Shoreham parish council

Shoreham parish council

07770883326

Service Type	Description	Quantity	Rate	Total
Hedgecutting	- Cut hedge in filston lane car park to approx. 1 ft below fence height, remove bigger trees in hedge and dispose of - Cut top of hedge along church Street, between each end of footpath	1	£2,100.00	£2,100.00

Total: £2100.00

For any additional information please use the below contact details:

Tel: +447885 504 919

Email: dave.shelley@midasconstruction.co.uk

10.1.3 The Cross maintenance

To discuss at meeting.

10. Correspondence

10.1. KALC Community Awards Scheme

KALC COMMUNITY AWARDS SCHEME 2024 (SUPPORTED BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, THE HIGH SHERIFF OF KENT and MAYOR OF MEDWAY) OUTLINE

Aim of the Scheme: To acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community.

Implementation: The closing date for nominations will be 2nd February 2024, so that the presentation of the awards can take place at the 2024 Parish, Town and Community Council or Parish Meeting (Local Council) Annual Meetings, which take place between March and 1 June 2024. It is recognised that some Local Councils already have their own well-established Community Awards Schemes in place. Where that is the case the KALC Scheme could be presented as an additional award.

It is also recognised that some principal authorities have their own Awards Scheme for their area. The KALC Awards Scheme will operate on a more local level and should therefore avoid duplication or overlap with the principal authority.

Who can be nominated for an Award?

Anyone that the Local Council/public think merits an Award for having made a significant contribution to their local community. The person/group must live or work within the Local Council boundary. We are unable to accept nominations for campaign groups.

What is the nomination process?

The Local Council would make their own decision as to how they want to identify those that have made a significant contribution to the local community. For example, the Local Council might already know who that person might be, or they might decide to formally invite nominations from their local community with the winner being the one with the most nominations.

What is the criteria for making an Award?

There will be no pre-determined criteria on what a “significant contribution to the local community” might be, although as above we are unable to accept nominations for campaign groups. These criteria would be determined by the Local Council taking into account what was important to them locally. However, some examples of criteria that Local Councils might want to consider are set out in Annex A.

What does the winner receive?

This will be a Certificate signed by those supporting the Scheme, including the Kent County Chairman/representative from Medway and the KALC Chairman. The Local Council will provide no more than 30 (thirty) words that they would like inserted on the Certificate to explain the reason for the Award. The Local Council can decide whether it wants to also present something to the winner or to all nominees.

Who presents the Award?

The Award should be presented by the Local Council Chairman/Mayor at their 2024 Annual Meeting. If the Council would like one of the Supporters of the Scheme to participate in the presentation, then please let KALC know so that we can see who would be available to attend. The Awards would provide an opportunity to promote the Local Council and the Award winner in the local media.

Is there any funding available to support the Award?

The Award Scheme has been designed to avoid creating undue time or financial burdens on the Local Council. The cost of the Certificates and frames will be met by Kent County Council.

ANNEX A

Examples of possible criteria

A significant contribution to the local community could be any or all of the following:

- a) Long and sustained service to the community or part of it;
- b) Achievements or actions of an inspiring nature to the local community;
- c) Such other activities which have reflected credit on or brought benefits to the village/town or its people;

In reaching its decision, the Council might want to take into account any or all of the following:

- The level of commitment shown;
- Any obstacles that had to be overcome;
- The amount of benefit derived by the community;
- The number of people benefited or affected;
- The length of service;
- Such other matters that in the opinion of the Council promote the purpose of the Award.

10.2 Lullingstone

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

From: "Ann Ball"

Sent: Tuesday, 14 November, 2023 11:41am

To: "Amanda BARLOW" <clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Lullingstone meeting

Amanda

I attended the meeting yesterday as PC representative. I was most impressed with the reports from the education manager on the activities in the park for schools and home educators. The park manager reported on the work being carried out on the many veteran trees are an important feature in lullingstone park.

The Christmas lunches will start soon when groups can book a park walk and a lunch. The meeting room is hired out to groups for motivational days including an activity in the park.

Sarah Moon presented a report on behalf of DVLP on the work being done by Kent Wildlife Trust to improve access for the public throughout the Darent AONB.

The next meeting will be in April.

Ann

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

From: "Ann Ball"

Sent: Tuesday, 14 November, 2023 12:52pm

To: "Amanda BARLOW" <clerk@shorehamparishcouncil.gov.uk>

Subject: Lullingstone meeting page 2

Preston Hill report

The ranger for Preston Hill reported that the footpaths are all marked out.

The wild goats and the sussex cattle are fenced in on the gun emplacement field for the winter.

Maps for Preston Hill and Lullingstone Park are available in the church, together with the Samuel Palmer walk leaflet.

Ann Ball

10.3 Kent Police

Dear Parishes,

Please find the monthly update from the Beat officers for your Parishes.

Swanley & Local areas

This month has been a great result for charges.

- A male was stopped and spoken to in Swanley and was in possession of cannabis. The male was known and wanted for two shopliftings at Co-op in Swanley and Morrisons Daily in Hextable. He was arrested for the two shopliftings as well as for possession of cannabis. He was charged with three offences.
- A male and female were charged and remanded for a shoplifting and assault on staff member at Savers in Swanley.
- Asda security alerted police about some suspicious males in Swanley who were potentially shoplifting. Police attended and a male was located and searched. He was found to have concealed items which were confirmed stolen from Iceland and Poundland so was subsequently arrested. Shoplifting is a serious offence that affects businesses and communities.
- A digger was stolen on Pinks Hill. The district has been suffering an increase of theft of plant machinery. Be vigilant and report anything suspicious.
- Police received a call from WJKing garages Swanley regarding a disturbance. A male smashed a window to the car showroom. Police attended and the male was arrested.
- Vehicles continue to be stolen with keyless entry. While our patrols are always alert for suspicious vehicles and persons in the area overnight, there are a number of measures residents can take to avoid becoming a victim to this type of crime:
 - When at home keep your car key (and the spare) well away from the car to prevent any form of keyless entry.
 - Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag.
 - If you have a garage, use it.
 - Reprogram your keys if you buy a second hand car.
 - Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.
 - Review your car security. Low tech security devices such as steering locks or trackers remain incredibly effective and continue to deter thieves. If your vehicle has a manufacturer installed tracker, check with your insurance before you alter it as it may invalidate your insurance.
 - Contact your dealer and talk about the digital features in your car. Have there been any software updates you can take advantage of?
- Patrolling around the alleyway next to Edwards gardens due to complaints of nuisance youths climbing on top of garages and causing damage. Two males were stopped and searched. Cannabis was located and seized. The male will be dealt with for the possession of cannabis. Cannabis is a Class B drug which is illegal and falls under The Misuse of Drug Act 1971.
- Attended Swanley fire station open day, present was KFRS, Secamb and Salvation army. It was a great day with a big and appreciative crowd and fantastic weather! Kent Fire and Rescue Service hosts a number of events throughout the year which are fun, educational and engaging. From fire station family open days to popular autumn-themed events and CPR information sessions.



New Ash Green & Hartley

2 stolen vehicles have been recovered from New Ash Green. Both were stolen in burglaries. Please report any suspicious persons and vehicles. CCTV from residents has been vital in identifying the suspects.

Speed enforcement operations have taken place on several locations, in response to local residents identifying this as a priority area of concern.

Parking at Hartley Academy continues to be an issue. Local officers have attended the location to deal with offending drivers and speak with the parents and school children. Work continues with parking enforcement, highways, council, and the school to improve the road safety for the children of the community. Parking enforcement visited twice in a week and enforced 2 vehicles.

Farningham, Horton Kirby & South Darenth

Successful speeding operations have taken place this month on the A20; after the matter was highlighted as an area of concern at a recent Parish Council meeting.

Community Protecting Notice issued to a dog owner who was identified as causing concern to other public space users. Since intervention no further concerns have been raised.

A resident who was outstanding for failing to appear at court at the beginning of month, for Drug Driving was tracked down and arrested. They will now have their day in court.

Crockenhill & Well Hill

A found mobile phone handed into the police has provided vital information on some local drug dealers within the community. The mobile was receiving a number of drug marketing messages which prompted the police to be contacted.

Sevenoaks & Local areas

Bat and Ball Quarry – Problem Solving Package

From late September through early October, there has been a recurring problem involving youths causing damage to machinery and property at the tarmac site and generally using the quarry as a playground. This not only disrupts businesses on the site but also poses risks to their safety. Previous incidents include vandalism, fire extinguisher misuse, unauthorised use of machinery, tampering with

equipment, and parkour type activities. Police have created a problem-solving package to monitor and deal with these issues.

Vine - PSPO

Unfortunately, the Café at the Vine was subject to some criminal damage to their window as a result of youths congregating in the area and causing a nuisance. Police are investigating the matter in order to identify the offenders. The Public Space Protection Order continues and the survey responses have been analysed and we await the results reported to the Council's Cabinet.

CBO's

Criminal Behaviour Orders continue to have a great impact on the businesses in Sevenoaks and another one has been issued by the court to a prolific offender: Ross Port, aged 42, was sentenced to four months imprisonment at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 27 September 2023 and will be restricted by the conditions of a criminal behaviour order on his release. The London resident had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to two thefts at Boots in Sevenoaks High Street and causing criminal damage to a cell at Tonbridge police station. For more details, click below

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Alerts/A/113402>)

Crime Trends

There has been a recent uptick in crime trends for theft of diggers and also theft of pedal cycles in the local area of Sevenoaks.

Sevenoaks Bike Thefts: The most recent theft occurred on the afternoon of Thursday 19th October, where 2 males stole a high-value pedal cycle from London Road, Sevenoaks, just outside the old Bills restaurant. For crime prevention advice click below

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Alerts/A/115386>

Sevenoaks Machinery Thefts: Over the past few weeks, there has been a notable increase in the theft of construction diggers and equipment during ongoing renovation and local projects. These thefts have not only caused financial losses to the victim/businesses but have also disrupted development efforts. For crime prevention advice, click below

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Alerts/A/113520>

Business Crime Week

The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) has held a national week of action to support businesses and reduce business crime across the country. During the week, Chief Superintendent Neil Loudon, the West Kent Divisional Commander, came on patrol in Sevenoaks in support of the initiative. Several stores were visited to offer crime prevention advice, and key business partners from Marks & Spencer and Francis Jones Jewellers were met to discuss retail crime. Residents and shoppers were spoken to about any concerns they had and it was explained how local police officers were seeking to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. For more info click below

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Alerts/A/113676>



New Officer to Sevenoaks Beat Team

PC Tom Costin has joined the “Sevenoaks Beat Team”, which will provide more widespread coverage for all the Sevenoaks beats. The Sevenoaks district comprises of 26 beats and we will now both be named officers for the following wards:

- Sevenoaks Town & St John's - beat code YC11
- Sevenoaks Kippington - beat code YC12
- Sevenoaks Northern - beat code YC14
- Sevenoaks Eastern - beat code YC15
- Seal & Weald - beat code YC28

As beat officers, our primary goal is to provide reassurance and actively collaborate with the public and our partners to identify priorities and tackle local issues head on. We will be visible in uniform as much as we can, ensuring a proactive and approachable presence.

Engagement Events

Commitment to community engagement remains strong. This month saw engagement with the youth. PCSO DARLING and I attended the house on the basement, a youth club in Sevenoaks and met with the manager and all the young people. This youth club was vibrant and a great and safe place for young people to congregate. It was evident how much good work is going on here and police hope to strengthen this connection through regular engagement in the future.

Police have also conducted several crime prevention stands this month providing free physical giveaways to help protect the local community against crime. The Faraday pouches were particularly popular, which is no surprise given the nation's uptick in vehicle relay thefts.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in making Sevenoaks a safer and more vibrant place to live.

Stay safe and vigilant - PC Nick Hubbard

Westerham & Local areas

Dunton Green/Riverhead

Foot and mobile patrol have been conducted, in terms of on going ASB issues between Dunton Green and Riverhead with illegal fishing activities. Large group spoken to in the recreation ground about recent anti-social behaviour and their conduct within the recreation ground, positive reaction from the youths and willing to engage in discuss with PC Wilson. A number of children spoken to about illegal fishing down by the river Darent a number of youths strong words of advice given and parents informed.

Halsted/Badgers mMunt and Knockholt

With the ongoing complaints regarding Hewitts round about and the ASB driving in the area, I have attended multi agency meetings, to discuss and work on a plan moving forward how we can tackle the ongoing issues regarding this round about and the driving offences that have happened in the area, working with the councils Sevenoaks and Bromley, as well as the metropolitan police to make the life of the local residents better.

Westerham

Have paid a number of visits to the new skate park in the area and discussed with locals what a valuable assets it is to the community and that it is bringing a community together in the area. This month we have also had business crime week where officers had attended some of the bigger business who are regularly targeted within the area and provided further support and guidance with them. There has also been an increase in ASB riding within the area once again, only a small number of reports have come in for this. With this in mind you are encouraged to report this in to the police, if we are not informed we are unaware this has happened and cannot take actions of the individuals in the community causing issues.

Ide Hill

With joint working between CSU and rural task force we have Identified some individuals who are going around the rural countryside illegally poaching in the area and they have been issue a community behaviour warning to stop there actions, if not followed will be looking at more than warnings for them.

Edenbridge & Local areas

PC 14759 KEMP joined the Sevenoaks Beat Team early September but was engaged in other Operational matters which subsequently caused a lapse in the Beat coverage. Now with a full month into the role without other deployments PC KEMP is able to establish himself into his Beat areas which include:

- Edenbridge
- Leigh and Chiddingstone Causeway
- Penshurst, Fordecombe and Chiddingstone
- Hever and Cowden

Edenbridge

A positive and open line of communication has already been established with the Town Council Clerk should any issues arise.

The PACT meeting was attended Early October by Local Beat officer and Community Safety Officer for Sevenoaks District Council as the Chair.

This was a great opportunity to meet with Community Stakeholders, Youth Club leaders and community representatives. It gave a great insight into the issues within the local community and best cause of action to tackle them efficiently.

The meeting gave rise to a repeat issue of anti-social behaviour and driving surrounding a local business. The business were spoken to by the Local Officer and this lead to disciplinary action on members of staff involved and further advice given to other employees limiting further issues in the future.

Key youth club in the area attended and Youth Leader spoken to regarding and plans to re-attend the club to engage with those that attend the activities. It was clear that the club provides a great environment for young people and does some great work.

An increased high visibility patrol in the area of the SPITALS CROSS estate and surrounding areas has deterred individuals causing anti-social behaviour. There have been fewer reports of anti-social bikes and drug taking in the area.

However, the issue has not completely been solved and ongoing work will be done to identify those responsible and look to issue ABA's and Section 59 warning letters where appropriate.

The increase in high visibility patrol in the area has led to more youth engagement and particular individuals causing issues within the community.

A serious assault was reported in the SPRINGFIELD ROAD area and due to quick work and visible presence in the Town by Beat officers PC KEMP and PC WILSON (Westerhams Beat), suspects were located due to the description given and subsequently arrested, the investigation remains ongoing.

Leigh and Chiddinstone Causeway

A positive and open line of communication has been developed with the Parish Clerk and will continue to be established regarding any issues within the parish.

There has been an increase in patrol in the area, at this stage primarily in marked vehicles. Unfortunately, most crime within the beat code seems to be from vehicle crime. Please remember to stay vigilant with personal vehicles, look to invest in faraday boxes to store keys to prevent keyless thefts of vehicles. If possible, install Ring doorbell cameras and even bright sensor flood lights as a deterrent.

Positive work from a variety of resources including Local officers and Tactically trained officers, was able to secure the recovery of a Stolen Digger and Trailer from Chiddingstone Hoath. The vehicles were fitted with trackers which were activated in the Swanley and the vehicle was able to be recovered by the owner.

Penshurst, Fordecombe and Chiddingstone

Increased visible patrols by Local Beat officer and introductions have been made to locals where possible. Speedwatches have been organised and are set to go ahead in the village to limit issues with speeding vehicles.

Residents are reminded to report issues where relevant. This can be done on 999 in an emergency or online if there is no immediate risk. This includes anti-social behaviour, vehicles and speeding. This will allow officers to target specific issues and set up Speedchecks when possible.

Hever and Cowden

Local Beat Officer is set to attend both Hever and Cowden Parish Meetings in early November, which will provide a great opportunity to learn about the key issues affecting the community and also establish a positive relationship with the Parish Clerk and members within the community.

Cross Border and Interpartnership Work

Due to ongoing issues with illegal hunting and poaching of wildlife, Local Beat Officers are teaming up with Rural Crime Team in order to target key individuals responsible, issues CPW (Community Protection Warnings) to deter them.

Key relationships have been established with neighbouring forces in order to have successful and efficient Intelligence and information sharing. This is in order to provide a safe, protected and reassured community both in a local village capacity and to our neighbouring counties.

West Kingsdown, Eynsford, Shoreham, Otford & Kemsing

Good work

On Thursday 28th September 2023 your local officer responded to a report of a burglary in the Sevenoaks area. Whilst on route, officer identified a suspicious vehicle parked down a driveway of a residential property in the Otford area. It was soon established person linked to this vehicle were in the process of

committing another burglary in the vicinity. Local officer co-ordinated a joint response utilising the Traffic Department and Dog Unit and whilst still monitoring the area identified a second vehicle which the suspects had just stolen.

As a result, this vehicle was pursued by trained officers along the A225 corridor where it was stopped and brought to a safe conclusion and two suspects arrested in Eynsford for numerous offences including burglary and theft of motor vehicle across Kent and Essex.

On the following day, investigators from the Kent Crime Squad charged Lewis Thomas and Kyle Ainsley both aged 24, with three counts of burglary and theft of motor vehicle. After they appeared at Medway Magistrates Court on Friday 29th September both males were remanded in custody to appear at Maidstone crown court on 30th October. Great result for those victims and residents living nearby.

In West Kingsdown there has been a reduction in reports of nuisance vehicles causing issues on the fields and woodland area near to the library. Patrols were continued in the area to deter and identify any persons involved. Also, following the opening of Co-Op along Hever Road it has been brought to local officer's attention parking issues close to the store. This has been passed on to Highways and Traffic Wardens, however, regular patrols will continue and anyone seen parking in a dangerous position or causing obstruction will be dealt with appropriately.

Recently officers from the Beat Team have completed a site visit with local Parish Leaders in Shoreham to assess the parking issues in the village particularly at weekends with customers using the local facilities. This issue will not be resolved overnight, however, officers spoke about possible options to deter poor parking and will liaise with CSU colleagues to complete regular patrols to deter and deal with anyone causing obstructions in the area.

It also appears, Shoreham Golf Club have recently been subject to theft of golf buggies. I urge anyone with information to pass over to police or if you see persons driving buggies away from the golf centre to call 999 straight away.

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.

Seasonal reports of bikes being used off road are being made across the district. If you witness these types of incidents, please call them in. If possible, obtain any photos/CCTV. Often the bikes are driven to locations to be used if this is the case try and obtain the registration of the vehicles.

For landowners, please make sure clear signage is up prohibiting the use of bikes on your land and make sure that access points are secure or offer deterrents to bike users.

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



Is there a speedwatch group in your area that is now dormant? Would you like help to set up a new one or revitalise an old one. Contact speedwatch www.communityspeedwatch.org or e-mail Sevenoaks CSU csu.sevenoaks@kent.police.uk for assistance.



**Kent
Police**

Call **101** for non-urgent issues.

Call **999** in an emergency.

If deaf or speech impaired text '**police**' and your message to **60066**.

10.4 General correspondence

1. Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation
2. Sevenoaks District Council: Join us for the Big Community Sing!
3. CPRE Kent events
4. KALC Chief Executive's Bulletin
5. KALC - Quick Moveable Barrier
6. DD Gatwick Community - Annual Public Meeting
7. Kent Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2024-2034: Consultation information
8. SDC - Here for you - December - January 2024
9. Swanley Neighbourhood Plan - Regulation 16 Consultation
10. SDC - Consultation on proposed parking charges for 2024
11. CPRE - Star Count paused for 2024 and more news
12. Sevenoaks District Council: Public urged to have their say on the new Local Plan

11. Finance**11.1. To agree items received, payable and paid****Items received 1 November to 5 December 2023**

5 December 2023 (2023-2024)

**Shoreham Parish Council
RECEIPTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
19	Allotments	02/11/2023	Allotments rents	Allotment Holders	X	15.00		15.00
20	Allotment rent	06/11/2023	Allotments rents	Allotment Holders	X	25.00		25.00
21	Allotment rent	08/11/2023	Allotments rents	Allotment Holders	X	40.00		40.00
18	Interest on Precept	30/11/2023	Bank interest	NatWest Bank	X	27.23		27.23
Total						107.23		107.23

Items paid 1 November to 5 December 2023**Shoreham Parish Council
PAYMENTS LIST**

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
151	Car Park	01/11/2023	Business Rates	Sevenoaks District Council	X	88.00		88.00
155	Audit fees	02/11/2023	External Audit fee	Mazars	S	420.00	84.00	504.00
152	Scribe licence	02/11/2023	Scribe licence	Scribe 2000 Ltd	S	468.00	93.60	561.60
153	Toilets	02/11/2023	Toilet Supplies	Goldservice Contract Cleaning Ltd	S	201.10	40.22	241.32
138	Office Rent/Storage	02/11/2023	Office Allowance	Mrs A C Barlow	X	30.00		30.00
158	Toilets	02/11/2023	Light for toilet	Brian Jeffery	S	7.55	1.51	9.06
154	Toilets	02/11/2023	Toilet repair	7Oaks Electrical Ltd	X	105.00		105.00
137	Broadband	02/11/2023	Broadband	Mrs A C Barlow	X	10.00		10.00
156	Emptying litter bins	02/11/2023	Emptying Litter Bins	Sevenoaks District Council	S	104.00	20.80	124.80
159	Hall/Emergency Room Hi	02/11/2023	Hall hire	Shoreham Village Hall	X	27.00		27.00
157	Grasscutting Shoreham	02/11/2023	Grass cutting	GF Garden Maintenance	X	585.00		585.00
162	Toilets	06/11/2023	Electricity	EDF Energy	L	341.90	17.10	359.00
168	Salt bins	20/11/2023	Grit bins	Glasdon UK Ltd	S	420.98	84.20	505.18
166	Playground Repairs	20/11/2023	Playground repairs	Midas Building and Landscaping	X	2,300.00		2,300.00
167	Shoreham Cross	20/11/2023	Cleaning Cross	Jeremy Tooley	X	135.00		135.00
164	Allotments	28/11/2023	Water charges	Castle Water	L	88.54	4.43	92.97
165	Toilets	28/11/2023	Water charges	Castle Water	X	265.14		265.14
161	Toilets	04/12/2023	Electricity	EDF Energy	L	341.90	17.10	359.00

Items to be paid @ 6 December 2023 to follow**12. Next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm in Shoreham Village Hall unless otherwise stated)****a. Planning (if required) Committee– Wednesday 20 December 2023****b. Planning (if required) Committee– Wednesday 10 January 2024****c. Planning (if required) Committee and Council Meeting – Wednesday 24 January 2024**