

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2013

Present: Parish Cllr Steve Bailey (Chairman)
Parish Cllrs Chris Brealy
Parish Cllr Len Claisse
Parish Cllr Joe Hunter
Parish Cllr Tricia Chapman
Parish Cllr Adrian Young
Parish Cllr Eileen Watkins
Parish Cllr Alex Candy
Ms Amanda Sparkes, Clerk to the Council

5 x residents

117. OPENING REMARKS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Cllr Chris Ellis (work commitment).

118. MEMBERS' INTERESTS and REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Brealy declared an interest in the planning application for Little Granary CA/13/01757/CAC as he is one of the directors of the company that own it. There were no requests for dispensations.

119. The meeting was adjourned for parishioners' questions.

A resident commented that she had been nominated by dog walkers and other walkers in the village to raise the issue of overgrown bushes, hedges and trees, encroaching on to the pavements. The parish council had run a recent magazine article about this. The Clerk explained she is happy to write direct to households of particular concern. She will visit them and deliver a letter requesting action.

A resident at the September magazine had asked that a location plan be put into the December magazine to show residents exactly where the defibrillator is sited. The Clerk confirmed she has prepared this. The resident also commented that the Golf Club have erected a new barrier which limits access for cars to the unit. The Chairman advised he had spoken to the Golf Club about this – the barrier had been put in by The Barn and Golf Club jointly and he was told it is never put down. The resident disputed this saying he has seen it down once.

A resident drew attention to the sign on the old Thanet Way roundabout that directs people to public toilets under the railway bridge – these toilets have been closed for a long time. The Clerk advised she had put in a request to highways months ago about this and agreed she would chase again for action.

A resident commented that the bridlepath between Share and Coulter and Polo Way is very overgrown. The Chairman authorised the Clerk to ask the current footpath contractor for a one-off clearance quote.

The meeting continued.

120. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 SEPTEMBER 2013

Cllr Watkins proposed and Cllr Claisse seconded and the Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of the Chairman duly signed them.

121. ACTION LIST APPENDIX 1a - The list was presented to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

122. POLICING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Young explained he gets email alerts and newsletter and he will alert Cllrs if anything arises. Cllr Young advised that the parish council meeting tonight was on the Police website as an engagement meeting again – Cllr Young will take this up again.

Cllr Young confirmed the crime figures for August were low with a couple of burglaries in The Drove. The crime and neighbourhood watch report numbers do not tally as some are not classed as crime.

He explained the Kent Police Constable is retiring and that Anne Barnes is to recruit another Youth Commissioner.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Claisse advised of two burglaries in Molehill Road and one in Radfall Ride. He gave the Watching Brief newsletter and statistics to the Chairman. He drew attention to an Alert to residents about a spate of garden metal thefts such as garden gates.

123. PLANNING

Councillors considered planning applications and tree works in Appendix 2 previously circulated. Decisions reached and latest information now attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes.

PROPOSED SOLAR FARM OFF MOLEHILL ROAD

Cllr Watkins and the Clerk attended a presentation by Vogt Solar on 17 September 2013, for a solar farm on 52 acres of land off Molehill Road, Herne Bay. This exhibition is a public consultation ahead of Vogt Solar submitting a planning application to Canterbury City Council for determination.

The site is not actually in the parish but on the boundary off the top of Molehill Road. The solar farm will generate enough clean energy to power approximately 4,304 homes.

Key points to note:

- The site is temporary – after 25 years it will revert to agricultural land. This is actually written in as a planning condition so it protects the site from becoming brownfield (with therefore potential for development) – and protects the land from building for the next 25 years.
- Vogt Solar would have a lease with the landowner only for 25 years also to tie in with this condition.
- Solar panels do not need sunlight in order to operate – it can also generate electricity on cloudy days.
- This renewable energy reduces global CO2 emissions. The fuel is free with very little noise and no harmful emissions or by products.
- There would be a significant increase in biodiversity on and surrounding the site through environmental management. Vogt Solar would plant new hedges and sow the site with a grass and wildflower mix.
- There would be security fencing all around the site, and the site would be screened by vegetation..
- The site would be kept as agricultural as now anyway by having sheep farming with the solar panels – in fact the site needs the sheep to manage the grass.
- The construction period is typically 8 to 12 weeks (with up to 14 lorry movements to and from the site at the most in the early weeks.)
- After construction access for operations and maintenance will be about 3-4 times a year.
- The solar panels are 1.6m x 1m and mounted between 0.7 and 1.8 m above ground providing clearance for sheep to graze and wildlife to flourish.
- The only noise emitted from a solar farm is generated by cooling fans located inside the inverter-transformer housings. The cooling fans only operate during the day and they are silent at night.

CA/13/01465/FUL - erection of a public house/restaurant at land adjacent to McDonalds, Thanet Way, Chestfield.

This restaurant/pub proposal adjacent to McDonalds was reported at the August meeting where Cllrs raised concerns about a desire to reduce the speed limit at this stretch, the supervision of children in the outside space, and fencing and access points along the boundary with the Thanet

Way are proposed. After the September meeting, the Clerk wrote direct to Marston's agents raising the Cllrs' concerns regarding the proposed development. Their reply followed:

" Your comments relating to the creation of jobs and the design of the building are noted and most welcomed. From your letter, it would appear that access and safety are the key concerns from the Parish Council. I can confirm that Kent County Council's Highways and Transportation Team have commented on the proposal, and have not objected to the scheme. They note "I am happy that the traffic trip generation and its effect on the Thanet Way roundabout is not significant and that the roundabout will still operate effectively". They do also note the speed limit at Thanet Way.

Your point regarding crossing Thanet Way to the south of the building is noted. Post and rail fencing on the boundary is proposed, and it may be possible for members of the public to climb through these onto the site. However, the hedgerows to be planted would hopefully deter this. People would be expected to use the designated entrance from Thanet Way as shown on the proposed site layout plan 3213/P104 rev G.

Sadly, in my experience, I do not consider that this application in its own right is enough to warrant the reduction in the speed limit along Thanet Way, but it may aid your future discussions with the County Council.

Your concerns regarding the number of disabled parking spaces are noted. However, the development has been built in line with the City Council's parking standards, which seeks three such spaces for a development of this nature.

With regard concerns regarding Great Crested Newts, the accompanying Ecology Report by BSG Ecology and lack of ponds in the vicinity makes the site unlikely to be occupied by Great Crested Newts. If Newts are found during construction, then the appropriate procedures will be adopted to ensure no harm to them. "

Cllrs were disappointed about the reply around a reduction in the speed limit at this stretch. There had been an accident on Saturday 12 October 2013, this is a double roundabout location, with lots of stores, and there have been several regular times that railings at the train station roundabout are knocked. In light of this new application the Clerk was asked to take this up with Kent Highways and seek a reduction in the speed limit.

CA/13/01326/FUL - Eastwell The Drive Chestfield

Removal of existing conservatory and construction of two-storey extension.

The Clerk recorded Chestfield parish council's objection to this application (before the deadline date for comments), and the fact that the parish council was prepared to send a representative to speak at the development management committee meeting to determine it.

However she then noticed and was surprised to see that it had been granted on the weekly lists - presumably under officer delegated powers.

The Clerk then forwarded the email that she sent to both the generic email address and to the specific case officer for this particular planning application. She asked for clarification – as the current understanding was that if the parish council objects, or that their view is contrary to the planning case officer's view or recommendation, that the application will go to committee to be determined, as long as the parish council is prepared to send along a representative to speak about the concerns.

The Clerk has asked why this did not happen in this case. The Clerk received an email on 30 September that this had been registered as a Stage 1 complaint and passed to the Deputy Head of Service (Development Management) to investigate. Their reply is still awaited.

124. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIVED the bank statements for September 2013, and TO RESOLVE the signature of the Chairman thereon;

NOTED a payment of £16.33, for the Plusnet Internet account was taken by direct debit on 18/09/2013.

NOTED that on 22 September 2013 the Clerk prepared a VAT refund claim for the period 01 March 2013 to 30 September 2013 totalling £ 1,209.31. She received confirmation on 7 October that this would be refunded by BACS from HMRC

NOTED that the council's Internal Auditor undertook an end of Quarter Two internal audit inspection with the Clerk on 7 October 2013. His report will follow to the November meeting. NOTED that the Clerk added the recent purchases of the two perch seats, the new noticeboard to be installed at Primrose Way, and the new lectern style information board to mark the start of the Circular Walk at the Radfall Recreation Ground, to both the parish council's Register of fixed Assets and to Zurich's Insurance Schedule on 9 October 2013. Zurich confirmed they had added the details to the Schedule with a premium of £27 to the end of the current year, but as this amount was under £50 would not be invoiced for payment but be absorbed by them for the current year. It would be added to the renewal premium for the new whole year with approximately a £42 uplift.

125. AUTHORISATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented finance sheets for cheque payments requiring authorisation totalling £2,133.97, together with an additional sheet totalling £3,111.97. It was RESOLVED that the financial matters and accounts be authorised for payment.

126. CLERK'S REPORT CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Street Monitors meeting Minutes
- (b) Whitstable Society newsletter
- (c) Action with Communities in Rural Kent "Oast to Coast" magazine
- (d) An invite to the 90th Annual meeting of Action with Communities in Rural Kent on Thursday 17 October at Brabourne Barn from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
- (e) The draft Minutes from the last KIACC Public Meeting held on 30th November 2012
- (f) The Kent Police & Crime Commissioner's Newsletter - October 2013

STREET LIGHTING INSPECTION

The Clerk received a letter advising that Kent County Council will be carrying out structural and electrical testing on all streetlights in the district over the next two months, as part of a county-wide project to comply with safety inspections. Where these structural checks have been undertaken elsewhere a significant percentage of columns have been found to be unsafe, mainly due to steel corrosion issues. Any columns found to be unsafe will have to be cut down immediately for safety reasons.

KENT FREIGHT GATEWAY

KCC has launched the Kent Freight Gateway www.freightgateway.co.uk/kent, which is intended to help HGV drivers and transport managers plan their routes when travelling within Kent. It also provides a mechanism for providing feedback on HGVs that are in violation of local road regulations (see the Lorry Watch section on the Kent Freight Gateway website).

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) have concluded the first stage of the Electoral Review of Canterbury City Council and announced that, following the next election in May 2015, there should be 38 councillors elected to represent the council (a reduction from the current 50). The next stage of the review will be to create a new pattern of Wards that reflects the council size from 2015. At the meeting, the LGBCE will explain how parish councils and other interested groups can be involved in creating a new pattern of Wards; the kinds of evidence they can and cannot consider when making decisions; specific rules relating to parishes and also answer any questions.

Further details are available at <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/kent/canterbury-fer> LGBCE have invited the parish council to a meeting on Monday 21 October at 7pm in the Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury, CT1 2DB. The Clerk will attend and report back.

UNIPAR SERVICES/KENT ROAD SAFETY EVENT

Unipar Services are holding a free seminar on Road Safety / Speed-watch and Events Planning on Wednesday 16th October 2013 at Eastwell Manor between 09:00 hrs and 12:00 hrs. Guest speakers are from the KCC Road Safety Team, as well as the Central Traffic Speed Watch Co-

ordinator for Kent Police. They will also display a variety of equipment that will assist in relation to the above topics. Cllr Candy and the Clerk will attend and report back.

HEALTHWATCH

A FREE service is now available for all Kent residents to help them find which health and social care services are available for them. The service is part of Healthwatch Kent, a new independent consumer champion for people who use Kent's many health and social care services.

Healthwatch's Information and Signposting dedicated service is available to everyone and will help people to find the services that they require within the complex NHS system in Kent. Call anytime on Freephone 0808 801 0102, or email info@healthwatchkent.co.uk.

OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

On 13 September 2013 the Clerk received a letter from FreshAir Fitness who installed the outdoor gym equipment at the play park along Chestfield Road. The letter advised that Air Walkers they supplied/sold between 2009 and 2011 can develop a part failure. There is a restrictor block inside the axle of the moving 'leg' designed as a safety device to limit over extension of that leg. If the part fails then the leg is forced beyond its normal range and swings far enough to meet the handlebar – if this occurs then the user's hand runs the risk of being caught between the leg and handlebar with the risk of finger crush injury – and in addition there is an increased risk of passers by or onlookers standing near the unit being struck by the leg. The Clerk went to the site straight away and checked the Air Walker and found this part has unfortunately failed. She therefore taped it up with gaffer tape to prevent further use of the equipment. She then took a laminated sign and attached that to advise people that it is faulty and should not be used. The equipment had to be re-taped three times as someone kept removing it – the Clerk would like to record thanks to the Chairman and his partner for finally securing it better to prevent use.

CCC/Serco do daily inspections on this equipment and the Clerk also notified them of what had happened.

The equipment is both out of warranty and this fault (through testing procedures) can only occur through mis use and abuse and so invalidates the warranty anyway. The company have offering discounted rates to repair the unit, and the Clerk has authorised this.

CIRCULAR WALK SIGNAGE AT RADFALL RECREATION GROUND

TO NOTE that the Clerk has now placed an order for a lectern style signage information panel board for the start of the circular walk. A location away from the pitch and just outside the car park area was agreed with the city council's outdoor leisure officer. The Clerk has taken some photographs along the walk for the board (including photographs of the newly installed perches on the Golf Course) and is liaising with the company to finalise art work and map.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2014 GUEST SPEAKER

NOTED that Kent County Cllr John Simmonds has kindly agreed to speak (as Deputy Leader about KCC finances) at the annual parish meeting on Monday 28 April 2014 – at the WI hall in Chestfield from 7.30pm.

UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR BASKETBALL HOOP AND PAD AT CHESTFIELD PLAY PARK – AND TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL NEW OPTION INSTEAD

The Clerk met a play company representative on site on 24 September 2013. At the last (September 2013) meeting residents had raised concerns about the potential for noise of bouncing balls on a tarmac pad and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about noise absorbing surface for the pad instead.

The manufacturer could do a wet pour which would absorb noise but bounce is affected so he recommended a concrete base with a rubber layer over. However he also commented that not many children will use a proper basketball at a small single hoop facility, plus the proposed location screen by trees that act as a natural barrier the bounce noise would be minimal. Take into account also, the road noise and ambient noise around this location.

He further commented that the back board has potential for noise – he recommended that the council opt for a post and hoop and square board only – and not for the previously quoted hoop and goal option as this would be used as a kick wall and create noise. Plus goals already exist at the play park anyway.

For added play value he suggested two new options :

OPTION 1: A single post and hoop with a larger pad than previously quoted to enable 1 on 1 or 2 on 2 play. The site does have room to increase to an 8m x 8m pad – which would enable a key zone to be marked out (and this would not affect the football pitches.) The pad could be a green rubber coating and lining to blend in better with the location at a slightly increased cost. The rubber would have a 5 year guarantee and the steel post and backboard a 30 year guarantee. Future maintenance would involve remarking of the key (paint will crack on a rubber surface) – probably every two years to touch up dependent upon the level of use and how aggressively it is used.

OPTION 2: A completely different idea. The representative felt that a single hoop would not be used very much. He suggested a new piece of play equipment aimed at juniors/older children called a Cyclone. Product detail at <http://www.parkleisure.com/cyclone> Newly launched, its aim is to get young people more active and it moves in different ways such as rocking and spinning. ROSPA at its launch actually commented that it is all inclusive and enables both disabled and younger children to use it in different ways also such as rocking. The Clerk and play company representative felt that this piece of equipment would fit and sit better in the existing children's fenced equipped play area at the rear alongside the junior swings. The Clerk has emailed Canterbury City Council's outdoor leisure officers to ask them for their comments.

After discussion, it was felt that a site meeting with outdoor leisure officers may be preferable. Cllrs had concerns about attracting older children in to the younger children's play area, leading to potential bullying and / or mis-use and abuse of equipment. Cllrs also felt that the decision on what to provide for the older age group should be deferred until the Cllrs are able to ask young people at the newly launched youth club in due course.

Cllr Bailey advised he had attended a Vice-President's lunch at the Rugby Club as a parish council representative. The new Chairman of the Rugby Club is conscious of a divide between the Club and parish council, and between the Club and the village. He would like the 5-a-side area to the side of the Club tidied up and new goals provided. Cllrs agreed the Clerk should explore this as a further option with Canterbury City Council officers, if this project would meet the criteria for allocation of the developers' contributions the city council is holding. Cllr Bailey will give the Clerk the Rugby Club Chairman's contact details.

SPEEDING SIGN PROPOSAL FOR CHESTFIELD ROAD

The parish council want to pay for a second Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) along Chestfield Road for traffic entering the village from the Old Thanet Way. A suitable location is still being sought and the Clerk continues to pursue dialogue with the highways and street lighting departments.

127. RELAUNCH OF CHESTFIELD YOUTH CLUB

The Chairman commented that the Clerk had done a tremendous amount of work around this and asked that this be recorded in the Minutes.

The Clerk had prepared for and facilitated a meeting of the seven volunteers interested in re-launching the Chestfield Youth Club. Held on 30 September 2013, Minutes from the meeting were circulated to all Cllrs afterwards. It was a very positive meeting, with all the volunteers very committed and keen to get involved and re-launch the Club.

The Agenda and discussion covered:

- Introductions
- Volunteers contact details and permission to share with each other

- The previous survey write-ups with young people using the previous Club and their parents
- Future sessions to stay as before – first and third Thursday of each month (except August when there will be a summer recess) – and between 6.30pm-8.30pm.
- Each volunteer's commitment and availability, and a Rota
- Police checks/disclosures
- Child Protection/safeguarding
- First Aid
- Affiliating to Kent Youth and / or Kent County Council's Youth and Community
- Hall hire and contacts
- Storage limitations
- Activities for sessions and tuck
- Contacting young people and publicity
- Registration form for membership
- Funding and small grants from the parish council
- New bank account to be set up
- Insurance
- Risk assessments

It was agreed to hold the first Open Evening session to re-launch the Club on Thursday 16 January 2014. All volunteers will attend this to meet young people and to ask them what they want from future sessions, and to agree/set ground rules with the young people.

The Clerk will advertise this open evening in the December edition of the magazine, on noticeboards and in the KM column.

Furthermore, the volunteers considered the need to 'buy in' support from the city council's Children and Youth department but did not feel this was needed at the present time.

The Clerk will facilitate a second meeting with all the volunteers on 20 October 2013. She has explained to the volunteers that the aim would be that she would step back and leave the volunteers to run the new Club themselves in due course, and that Chestfield Parish Council will support the Club but at arm's length rather than the Club be a parish council run venture

In Year One - Chestfield Parish Council will be asked to fund Disclosures/Police checks for all volunteers, Fee for Affiliation to Kent Youth, Child Protection / Safeguarding training, First Aid training and a separate insurance for the group. There is £1,705 allocated to the Youth Club in the parish council's Ear Marked Reserves.

128. WEBSITE AND MAGAZINE ADVERTISERS RENEWALS

NOTED that the Clerk prepared an invoice and covering letter for all the current advertisers in the parish council magazine. These were sent on 30 September 2013, asking for payment by 31 October to renew their advertisement for the next four editions (December 2013, March 2014, June 2014 and September 2014.) 10 advertisers have renewed their advertisements so far – totalling £595. And one advertiser with a small advertisement has cancelled their advert due to its success and him not having any capacity for any more clients!

129. VOLUNTEER THANK YOU EVENT

The Chairman explained he wanted to run a thank you event and buffet again for all the volunteers in the village (Parish Cllrs, Rotary, Speedwatch, Youth Club, Neighbourhood watch volunteers, Maydowns Road gardener and magazine distributors) using his Chairman's allowance. This had been organised for the first time in December 2012 and been a success, and was appreciated by the volunteers. Cllr Chapman proposed and Cllr Hunter seconded that this be arranged again. Venues were discussed, and Cllr Bailey agreed to explore the Rugby Club availability and catering.

130. CENSUS 2011 RESULTS

RECEIVED Cllr Ellis summary table of population statistics from the Census 2011 figures. Cllrs commented that they are very interesting.

131. THE CREATION OF A YOUTH COUNCIL

The parish council has been considering ways to create a youth council. The Clerk has researched youth councils. Young people make up a large part of society and have a lot to offer their communities if given the opportunity and time to develop their skills. Parish councils are sitting in the perfect position to encourage young people and support them. The vision is getting young people engaged in parish activity in order to mutually benefit them, the council and the community.

At the July 2013 parish council meeting Cllrs approved the Clerk's letter to liaise with the existing youth provisions in the parish. This was sent to on 16 August 2013 to Scouts, Guides, junior cricket, junior golf, junior rugby, Herne Bay High and Whitstable Community Collage schools, The Rotary Club, and the village's residents associations. Only three responses were received.

Cllr Bailey commented that the Clerk had again put in a lot of hard work, that this proposal had now been explored and that it was a waste of resource to pursue further. Cllrs agreed that this proposal could be picked up again with the young people once the Youth Club re-launches and see if there is any appetite.

132. CIRCULAR WALK

Cllr Bailey explained the signage for the Rugby Club had been delayed for appropriate fixings – he was now getting these made up as a detention project at one of his schools.

133. SPEEDWATCH

There have been 56 vehicles recorded travelling 36-53mph from four checks at different locations since the last meeting. These did attract some letters to offenders from Kent Police.

134. KENT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Cllr Claisse advised that a train station has always been on the cards if passenger numbers and flights rise sufficiently. He read his report from the latest KIACC meeting held on 27 September 2013 at Manston airport.

135. KENT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Cllr Claisse read his report of the latest KALC meeting held on 10 October.

136. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Bailey advised he had spoken to a non-resident of the village who had commented that Chestfield roads were in much better condition than theirs, and that potentially areas with parish councils, particularly those willing to match fund, played a hand in this.

137. ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Brealy commented that recent wet weather caused lots of water from the railway side of the Old Thanet way to gather on the road to the middle of the road. However water no longer pools at the pedestrian crossing under the railway bridge at the train station, since Kent Highways took remedial action.

Cllr Chapman confirmed that she and Cllr Watkins now ask residents with tree works application how they will dispose of all arisings, when she and Cllr Watkins undertake their site visits.

Cllr Brealy explained he had taken a call from a resident wanting to plant a Commemorative blossom tree for Primrose Way. Cllr Bailey had visited and the family wish to plant a new tree in place of a previous tree, with a memorial plaque, in memory of a 31 year resident who died leaving her two young children. Cllr Bailey advised that neighbours and Joy Lane school had done collections and he would also like to help. All Cllrs were in favour of a financial donation.

A resident had contacted the Clerk about persistent dog mess in the Ridgeway by the bridge over to Grasmere Pasture. This could do with a dog bin. The Clerk was asked to find out if the parish council buy the bin if Serco will add it to their schedule to empty it

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

**CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING REPORT, 14 October 2013**

APPENDIX 2

New Applications

25	CA//13/01757/CAC Little Granary, The Drove Demolition of bungalow and farmyard buildings	This is a Conservation Area Consent application for demolition of buildings on this site – and repeats exactly a previous application granted consent under CA//09/02015 which lapsed in March 2013. The planning permission for the site under CA//10/01644 still exists.
26	CA//13/01797/FUL 25 Plantation Road Side and rear extensions to dwelling and erection of detached oak-framed garage	The property is a bungalow that currently when you look at it from the road, on the left hand side has a conservatory, and further back there is a utility room. The owners would like to remove both these structures and replace them with an extension running the full length of the house. In addition to this on the right hand side of the property there is an attached garage and behind that a lean to shed. Together these existing structures run the length of the property. The owners would like to convert the garage into accommodation and replace the lean to shed with an extension in the same footprint. They would also like to add an oak framed garage/car port as a detached building in the front garden, to the left, about half way between the footpath and the house, parallel to the road. The parish council has no objection.
27	CA//13/01829/FUL 4 Grasmere Road Extensions to existing domestic property (side and rear) single and two-storey.	Planning Cllrs visited but the owner was out, so a card was left. Same to No.2 Grasmere. Cllrs felt that the two-storey side extension is acceptable to neighbours at No.6 Grasmere, as is the rear extension. However they felt that the frontage roof line to the double garage would exclude light and be overbearing to the other neighbours at No.2 (which has windows at the side) – the parish council object to a pitched roof design and feel that it should be redesigned and changed to a completely flat roof to be acceptable.

Notifications

CA/13/01161/FUL John Wilson Industrial Park, 94-106 Reeves Way Retention of part change of use from offices (B1 Use Class) to Church (D1 Use Class) for a temporary one year period	Refused by CCC
CA//13/01326/FUL Eastwell, The Drive Removal of existing conservatory and construction of two-storey extension.	Granted by CCC
CA/13/01647/FUL McDonald's, Thanet Way	Granted by CCC

Minor reconfiguration of the drive thru lane to provide a side-by-side order point with the construction of a amended signage island, reconfigured kerb lines and associated works to the site. New bin & compactor storage area to at the rear of the store. The installation of 2 x Customer Order Displays (COD) and amendments to the existing signage suite with additional signs. AND:	
CA/13/01648/ADV McDonalds, Thanet Way Minor reconfiguration of the drive thru lane to provide a side-by-side order point with the construction of an amended signage island, reconfigured kerb lines and associated works to the site. New bin & compactor storage area to at the rear of the store. The installation of 2 x Customer Order Displays (COD) and amendments to the existing signage suite with additional signs.	Granted by CCC

Trees

22 Chestfield Road

- Reduce crown of willow tree in rear garden to previous pollard points (approximately 4 years growth)
- Reduce row of conifers in rear garden to previous cutting points

The parish council's tree warden, Cllr Eileen Watkins and the Clerk visited this site and deemed the works responsible tree management by the owners.

77 Chestfield Road

- Fell a small prunus, located in the rear garden
- Fell two small self sown Ash trees either side of the property

Cllr Eileen Watkins and the Clerk visited this site and spoke to the owner, She explained that her neighbour had approached her about one of the self-sown Ash trees on their joint boundary, concerned that Ash tree roots can cause damage. The neighbour had had a similar experience at their old property and asked the owner to remove the tree. If left alone the other Ash tree would cause the owner problems with their drive and walled entranceway.

The owner confirmed that she would consider a replacement tree for one location, and that the works would be carried out by a licenced contractor and the arisings disposed of by the contractor.

147 Chestfield Road

- Remove poplar tree in rear garden

Cllr Eileen Watkins and the Clerk visited this site and spoke to the owner. He had recently enlarged his garden and inherited this poplar tree along with three other smaller old fruit trees. He had obtained expert advice – the three fruit trees are okay but the poplar is slanting and in danger of falling soon. The owner confirmed he would take expert advice and plant a replacement. The contractor is to grind out the poplar tree and dispose of all arisings.

Catref Molehill Road

- Fell a birch tree, located on left hand boundary of front garden, noted as partial cause of subsidence in neighbouring property "The Nest"

Cllr Eileen Watkins and the Clerk visited this site. The subsidence in The Nest is known about and been ongoing for a number of years. They had no objection to the works being carried out in view of the subsidence.

Portways, The Drive

- Remove a pear tree, a cherry plum tree and a small conifer, located in the front garden

Cllr Eileen Watkins and the Clerk visited this site. The three trees in the front garden are not very special so they would have no objection to the proposal but they would like to see replacements planted.

9 Willow Way

- Remove a conifer tree, located by the kitchen on back boundary

Canterbury City Council's tree officer visited the owner of the property on 6 September as he is having building work done at the moment. He wishes to remove a conifer on the back boundary. The builder will be digging the footings for a new kitchen extension this week and the tree may not survive. She registered the works and told the owner she had no objections to the felling of this tree as it is in very poor form and right up against the fence and CCC would not put a TPO the tree. She understood the owner would be felling this tree by 13 September so building works can carry on.