

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 OCTOBER 2014

Present: Parish Cllr Steve Bailey (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Chris Brealy (Vice-Chairman)
Parish Cllr Tricia Chapman
Parish Cllr Joe Hunter
Parish Cllr Len Claisse
Parish Cllr Eileen Watkins
Parish Cllr Alex Candy
Parish Cllr Adrian Young
Parish Cllr Chris Ellis
Ms Amanda Sparkes, Clerk to the Council
Guest speaker KCC Cllr Gibbens (for part of the meeting)
KCC Cllr Mike Harrison (for part of the meeting)
PCSO Jade Hoyle (for part of the meeting)
5 x residents

93. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

Cllr Bailey welcomed everyone to the meeting.

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - There were no apologies for absence.

95. MEMBERS' INTERESTS - There were no declarations of interest.

96. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 AUGUST 2014

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

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

98. POLICING

Cllr Young explained that the Police website crime details were only to August and there had been 23 reports for the Chestfield area – of note two burglaries and the rest theft and assaults. Cllr Ellis asked if there was a pattern. Cllr Young explained there are always some incidents at Sainsburys and the garage as usual venues, otherwise the reports are quite spread. PCSO Jade Hoyle said that for burglaries of homes and sheds, Chestfield and Swalecliffe will suffer a spate, usually once a year. Offenders were caught last year and the Police are hoping that they were the offenders from previous years.

Cllr Young advised that the crime bus is coming around the village – dates are on the website or contact him to be advised further.

Cllr Young explained the queries re Molehill Road with the inspector are being held over to the next parish council meeting.

Cllr Bailey explained that the Rugby Club had been suffering some antisocial behaviour with ashtrays being ripped off external walls and vents being kicked in. Cllr Bailey agreed to give Jade contact details for the Club.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Cllr Claisse advised it had been a very quiet month. The only theft reported was theft of oil from a unit at John Wilson Industrial Park.

There have been a lot of scams reported recently and Cllr Claisse reminded everyone to never give out their bank details to anyone.

99. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING - The meeting was adjourned for parishioners' questions. Cllr Bailey reminded the public that this was the only opportunity for residents to speak. There were no questions so the meeting continued.

100. **KCC COUNCILLOR REPORT**

KCC Cllr Mike Harrison explained that he had undertaken a tour of Chestfield with a highways officer following residents' complaints about the state of the pavements. The next step will be for an engineer to come back and do a full programme – but to put everything right would cost in the region of £1.5m.

Repairs to the end of Maydowns Road are being looked at also.

Trading Standards intervened regarding a driveway gang at Seasalter.

Cllr Harrison is to stay as Chairman of the Regulations Committee.

He offered £1,000 from his Local Boards grant for replacement trees at Plantation Road – discussed later in these Minutes.

Cllr Harrison explained that the former community liaison officer Jo Pannell has left Kent County Council for pastures new and will be missed.

He commented that it was good news about the new mower for the Cricket Club, which was a good example of partnership working.

101. **Guest speaker KCC Cllr Gibbens**

Cllr Gibbens thanked the council for the invitation to attend to give an update on the Local Government Boundary Commission review for KCC that is being undertaken and to take effect from the 2017 elections. He explained he is the Chairman of the Boundary Commission Review Committee.

The Boundary Commission conducts reviews of warding patterns and councillor numbers. The last review was done in 2002-2003 for the 2005 Kent County Council elections. Currently there are 84 members in 72 electoral divisions – some are two member wards. In Kent, the existing average ratio is 1 Member to 13,000 electors. This varies in different county councils.

Electoral Registration data is monitored annually by the Boundary Commission and they have the power to intervene if there is any significant electoral inequality, defined as:

- 30% of divisions greater than 10% of the average
- One of more division of more than 30% from the average for the authority.

Kent now has significant variances. Cllr Gibbens commented that this is not as easy to rectify as it sounds. The Boundary Commission will look at functions and decide how many Members are needed. They look at three key criteria:

- Governance arrangements of Kent County Council
- Scrutiny function – how much is actually done and the time spent doing the work
- Representational role of the Councillors in the community. KCC did a survey with all the 84 members and got a high return rare of what they did and the time spent.

There is no discussion about division boundaries at this stage. The aim will be to set these to achieve the same number of electorate per Member. KCC has done its own review on the number of Members needed. This is based on population forecast to 2020. Canterbury and Maidstone for example have plans for high population growth. The Review Committee has also talked about two member divisions – there are some advantages to have two Members in larger urban areas.

The next steps in the process:

Cllr Gibbens thought that by the end of October, his committee should hear back from the Boundary Commission on how many Members they want. The next step then would be public consultation on electoral division boundaries. This would be judged on statutory criteria of:

- Electoral equality for voters
- Preserving interests and identities of local communities
- Effective and convenient local government

Cllr Gibbens confirmed the outcome is not pre-determined.

Timetable

The public consultation on boundaries is expected to run to the end of January 2015.

KCC, parish councils, residents associations and residents can all make representations.

Then there is Parliamentary Scrutiny and Implementation at the Kent County Elections in 2017.

Cllr Harrison commented that the Boundary Commission had come back within the last 24 hours with lots more questions, therefore the timing may well be delayed.

Cllr Gibbens explained that boundaries will change, for example, Herne Bay is too small and there will need to be corrections. He confirmed that boundaries cannot straddle divisions, for example, Canterbury district must be confined within the Canterbury district and not for example straddle Swale, Ashford or Thanet areas. He also confirmed that parish council boundaries will not change.

Cllr Bailey thanked Cllr Gibbens for his presentation and there was a round of applause.

102. PLANNING

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

New access created at the top of Radfall Road

The new access created on the blind bend at the top of Radfall Hill was reported to Kent highways and Canterbury City Council's enforcement department. However their subsequent communication and site meeting with the owners revealed Land Registry documentation and photographs of historic confirmation of a previous access. They therefore closed the case. The access has since been fenced and gated.

Cllr Bailey commented that traffic is very much heavier nowadays and likely to get worse, especially if the Bodkin Farm development goes ahead. There is nothing saying 'hidden entrance' in the vicinity. The Clerk was asked to write to request signage in both directions, in health and safety grounds.

Thank you from Maydowns Road Residents Association

The Clerk received the following thank you from Maydowns Road residents association:

"I am emailing to thank you on behalf of all the Committee for all the hard work you have put in regarding the proposed Development on Bodkin Farm. We know you are not doing it just for our road but for the whole village but are aware that you have spent hours of your own time dealing with the matter.

We just wanted you to know that all your hard work is much appreciated and hope this email is minuted at one of your meetings."

With regards

Jean Major

On Behalf of Maydowns Road Residents Association

103. KENT CARRIAGE GAP – A SERIES OF BOLLARDS FOR GRASMERE ROAD

The Clerk had prepared a report which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting as part of their meeting paperwork. This had been to consider whether the parish council gives support to an idea of a new residents association that has been set up at the top end of Grasmere Road. Their idea is for the installation of a Kent Carriage Gap on the legal dividing boundary on the grounds of the safety of the public users, and subject to consultation with residents and verifying their access rights in their deeds.

However the Clerk explained that new information had come to the parish council since the Agenda and paperwork was posted. There is now a 3-tonne weight limit, imposed by KCC, on the bridge at the bottom end of Grasmere Road, and this may give problems for emergency vehicles and refuse and service vehicles, especially if the bollards idea goes ahead.

In addition, further new information from the Grasmere Village Residents Association (GVRA) had been received. The idea is not supported by the majority of residents and they challenge some of the other association's assertions, in particular around the access rights.

Cllr Bailey confirmed there had not been enough dialogue, but felt that the parish council may be able to mediate a meeting with both parties. He felt that the two sides should be heard and see if any agreement could be reached, although the parish council would remain impartial. The Clerk

advised that she and the Chairman had agreed not to table the item for any discussion as representatives from GVRA were not able to be in attendance.

104. FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIVED the bank statement for September 2014, and RESOLVED the signature of the Chairman thereon;

NOTED a payment of £16.33, for the Plusnet Internet account was taken by direct debit on 18/09/2014.

NOTED that the Clerk prepared an end of quarter two spreadsheet of expenditure against budget provision for 2014-2015, which was circulated to all councillors for information on 30 September 2014.

NOTED that all councillors were asked to consider any items/new projects requiring precept provision for 2015-2016 and advise the Clerk of these, for preparation of the draft budget to come to the November parish council meeting

105. AUTHORISATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented finance sheets for cheque payments requiring authorisation totalling £9,723.14, together with an additional sheet totalling £575.80. It was RESOLVED that the financial matters and accounts be authorised for payment.

106. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE – THANK YOU BUFFET

The Chairman advised that he is holding another thank you buffet event for the village's numerous volunteers. This is now booked for Friday 12 December 2014 at the Rugby Club from 5pm. The Clerk will do invites to all volunteers, and is speaking to the Rugby Club regarding catering and menus.

107. CLERK'S REPORT

Governance system at Canterbury City Council

Canterbury City Council has passed a resolution committing it to a committee system of governance for a period five years, to be implemented at the Annual Council meeting in May 2015. In a Committee System, decision making power is delegated by the Full Council to various multiparty committees to make decisions on its behalf. This is in contrast to the current system where a 'Cabinet' of the majority party takes most of the decisions within the policies and budget laid down by the Full Council, and is held to account by the other members.

A Commission has been appointed, Chaired by Mr Chris Gay, and membership comprising city councillors, to design a committee system that will deliver the business and democratic needs of the council from 2015. The Commission would like to hear the views of local people and organisations. A meeting was held on 30 September at the Guildhall.

Benches for Radfall Recreation Ground

Following a resident's suggestion for some benches at Radfall Recreation Ground, the Clerk contacted Canterbury City Council initially to see if they would be happy for the Clerk to pursue the idea with councillors. They were happy and two officers met the Clerk for a site meeting. They advised that if Serco have to cut down any trees (such as after storm damage) these are made into benches and picnic tables. They suggested wavy edge benches made down from cut down leylandii. Leylandii is a soft wood with some natural anti-fungal properties.

The benches cost £75 each to buy. Canterbury City Council would be happy to pay for installation costs for any that the parish council would be prepared to buy. The parish council felt they were good value and a good idea and authorised the Clerk to purchase three benches for the senior pitch side of the ground, by the pavilion, and a further three benches for the front edge alongside the junior pitch.

Kent Highways Seminar – 7th November 2013

The next Parish & Town Council Seminar will be on 7 November at the Westgate Hall, Canterbury from 9.00am with coffee and to end by 1pm. Cllr Brealy kindly agreed to attend.

Visit to Chestfield Cricket Club

On 9 September 2014, Cllrs Bailey and Brealy met Paul, the Chairman of Chestfield Cricket Club and several other members including Dennis from Herne Hill, and two groundsmen. One called Paul Gibbins puts lot of work into preparing the ground. There was a photo taken of them standing next to the new mower: the group also included KCC Cllr Mike Harrison. Viridor Waste management have donated to the Club's nets in the past. There was also someone from Grasmere Cricket Club, who also use the ground. Paul explained that they have a thriving youth cricket set up: playing kwik cricket on the outfield with qualified coaches. The ground is owned by them having been donated by an ex- Chairman of Ward Homes. There is a lovely setting here and a good clubhouse which is suitable for functions. The parish council will help them by putting an article in the next magazine to promote the clubhouse for functions.

Kent County Council Community Warden Service – Public Consultation

KCC is reviewing the Community Warden Service, as part of saving £330 million over the next three years. Among several options being considered is a reduction in the number of community wardens, managers and support staff, plus a reorganisation which would result in continuing warden support for communities in different ways, with the possibility of reaching and serving more residents. Consultation commenced 29 September. Key decisions will then be made by County Councillors following the consultation. The consultation is available at www.kent.gov.uk/communitywardenconsultation. The final decision will be taken by KCC Members on the 5 December 2014.

Training Session on Code of Conduct 10 September 2014

The Monitoring Officer at Canterbury City Council invited clerks and a councillor to a training session on the Code of Conduct on 10 September in The Guildhall from 6.30pm. The aim was to understand what is involved in making a declaration of interest well in advance of the next election in May 2015, and work through the new proposed declaration form CCC propose to use. The Clerk attended this and will deal with the actions arising.

PAT testing of office equipment

NOTED that the Clerk will arrange for the annual PAT testing of all the office electrical equipment by 28 October 2014

Twinning proposal and possible trip to Lille Christmas Markets

The twinning proposal ran as a magazine article in the September magazine along with an invitation for residents to express interest in the parish council organising a trip to Lille Christmas Markets.

At 30 September 2014, there have been four couples (eight people) express an interest in a trip to the markets. And only one comment about twinning received, where the resident questioned whether there were any real benefits for residents and also commented that in other places where he had lived the towns had been twinned but nothing had happened. The Clerk will make enquiries to Whitstable Twinning Association re the benefits and actions of twinning, and report back. The Clerk also agreed to find out options and costings of a trip to Lille and let Cllrs and residents know. Cllrs Chapman, Watkins, and Bailey were potentially interested in a trip.

108. YOUTH CLUB

RECEIVED the Minutes of a meeting of the Chestfield Youth Club volunteers, facilitated by the Clerk, held on 22 September 2014 (the Minutes had been circulated previously as a separate appendix). The Club is going well, membership is running at 12 young people, finances are healthy, the volunteers are to buy a camera and take pictures of some sessions to run in the magazine to promote the Club, and for the winter sessions only, the sessions will have a change of time from 6.30-8.30pm to 6.30 to 8.00pm.

109. MAGAZINE – The Clerk is now working on the December edition. She has sent the advertisers an invoice for the annual renewal. Reminders will be sent to those outstanding on 20 October.

110. **COMMUNITY QUIZ NIGHT** - The Clerk confirmed that the Rugby Club has been booked for Friday 7 November 2014 for another community quiz night. Tables are fully booked.

111. **KENT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Cllr Claisse explained he had attended a supplementary meeting at Minster library on 30 September 2014. This was to keep members updated. This was given by Cllr R Nicholson of Thanet District Council. Five weeks ago the Leader had promised exciting news, but nothing had been forthcoming. He reported a petition of some thousand signatures, in support of Thanet District Council making a Compulsory Purchase Order for the airport. Officers had submitted a report with many for and againsts. A decision will be taken by the full council at their meeting on 16 October. Doubts exist regarding the American firm Royal Oak as to its experience in running an airport. Freight rather than passengers will certainly have priority in any decision. Other information reported to the meeting was the demolition of some buildings, the sale of some land to a Discovery Park concern, threats to Anne Cloag, and that the site of Manston Station may be changed in the light of developments. The next meeting is now scheduled for 18 November 2014.

112. **SPEEDWATCH**

Since the last meeting there has been one check with 5 vehicles recorded travelling between 36 – 45mph. Cllr Bailey explained that the Chairman of Blean parish council had stopped and spoken with volunteers during the check – Blean councillors are interested in setting up a speedwatch scheme in Blean. They may be interested in second hand equipment if Chestfield Parish Council decide to upgrade the speed gun to the latest model.

113. **HISTORY SOCIETY**

Cllr Chris Ellis gave an update on setting up a new history society following the article in the September magazine. There were 11 responses from residents and an initial meeting was attended by five of them, and there has been lots of contacts with them all. Cllrs Ellis has received some material, and got some audio recordings. Chris Scoble, author of "Under Shrubhill" made contact and he was helpful with regard to Cllr Ellis' history website.

Cllr Ellis advised that the Herne Bay Historical Document Society are to become involved. One resident is a member of the Canterbury Cathedral Archives and is also assisting. The ex-parish clerk also contacted Cllr Ellis and suggested getting back the parish council's archives from the Maidstone archives and showcasing at Whitstable museum, which is being extended and will need material to exhibit. Cllr Ellis will write another article for the December magazine.

114. **HIGHWAYS**

The second vehicle activated sign for the Maydowns Road end of Chestfield Road is now installed and working.

Resident's request for the double yellow lines on entering Share and Coulter Road to be extended

A resident has contacted the Clerk with the view that the double yellow lines on corners of Share and Coulter Road with Chestfield Road do not go far enough into Share and Coulter. This becomes very obvious when there's a service in the church opposite for example. It's quite a hazard when turning into Share and Coulter and also when exiting the road.

TO DISCUSS and CONSIDER whether to add this request to Canterbury City Council's annual request list for public consultation.

measure and bring back specific distances and proposals for extending the yellow lines for both roads – publish on the Agenda

Investigation for a box junction opposite the exit to Maydowns Road

Regardless of the outcome of the Bodkin Farm planning application, the difficulty of Maydowns Road residents and visitors struggling to exit their road, especially to turn right, has been raised. The Clerk has explored whether a box junction may be painted on the road opposite the

entrance. Two highways officers have visited the location, but there is no possibility that this would work:

A box junction could only be painted on the roundabout bound lane, and not on the lane for vehicles coming off the roundabout (as they could not be stopped). So this would not help Maydowns Road drivers exiting either to turn left or right. And for cars wanting to exit right, even if a box junction was provided and a gap maintained, legally drivers are not allowed to 'sit' in the gap created by the box junction – it has to be kept clear. So drivers need to rely as now, on kind drivers giving way to them.

Pavements in Shepherds Walk, Old Ford and Woodvale Avenue

In November 2012 the council explored with residents, Kent Highways' offer to add the old slabbed pavements in these roads to a rolling programme for tarmac replacements. The majority of residents were happy with the suggestion and it went on the 'wish list'. However the Clerk has now been advised that the scheme idea will not go ahead now, due to budget cuts and changes in priorities and criteria.

However, the Clerk undertook a site visit with a highways officer on 19 September 2014 and some small sections with problematic paving have been reported by the Clerk, and the weeds between slabs in Mymms Close and Woodvale Avenue also reported.

115. ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Brealy advised that there had been a problem of scramble bikes on Duncan Down. He also commented that the solar farm development off Molehill Road is developing well.

Marston's, the new restaurant, next to McDonalds, appears to have created a new path through the trees near to B&Q. The Clerk will take a look at this.

The Leas and Fairlawn Association

Cllr Chapman explained that The Leas and Fairlawn Association had contacted her regarding a large tree on the green. It is very close to the road and has overhanging branches over the road that cause problems for vehicles driving past. It is over 70 foot high. Cllr Chapman recommended that the association ask for some tree surgeons to come and give options and advice and then that they should apply to CCC for permission for the works.

Overgrown trees and vegetation along the footpath from Primrose Way to Sainsburys

This area is again completely overgrown, which is a shame after all the store's hard work last year. The Clerk will contact the Sainsbury store manager and ask that it gets dealt with.

Overgrown vegetation from B&Q

There is also overgrown vegetation outside B&Q affecting sightlines. The Clerk will contact the store also.

KCC owned trees in Plantation Road

The tree owned by KCC outside No 25 Plantation Road was cut down. The Clerk spoke with a KCC Officer, and learned that this tree was dead and the others in Plantation Road are also coming to the end of their useful life. However KCC have no budget for replacements. The Clerk a lot of KCC Members are using their Local Boards grant pots to fund replacements. With councillors support the Clerk then spoke with KCC Cllr Mike Harrison, who confirmed he would be prepared to match fund with Chestfield Parish Council on a one on one basis for replacements.

On 8 September 2014, the Clerk asked that a survey of the trees in the road be undertaken to establish which trees need replacing and which may be replaced, whether there are any new feasible locations that may be better and what species the replacements should be and at what costs. The costs also include some officer time charges.

on a 50/50 match-funding basis with KCC Cllr Mike Harrison

The meeting closed at 9.55p.m.

Signed: Date:
Chairman

**CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING REPORT, 13 October 2014**

APPENDIX 2

**UPDATE: Planning Application No: CA/13/01326/FUL - Eastwell, The Drive, Chestfield
Removal of existing conservatory and construction of two –storey extension**

Cllrs will recall this application was granted under delegated powers despite the parish council objecting in the timeframe and stating willingness to send a speaker to development management committee. A Stage One and Stage Two complaint was made to Canterbury City Council regarding the lack of due process and maladministration, and the lack of opportunity to make amendments to the application if it had gone to the development management meeting. For example, the application could have been granted with a condition for a requirement for frosted glass only on one elevation to protect the neighbours' privacy. The Clerk prepared and sent a case to the Local Government Ombudsman, which was acknowledged on 13 January 2014 however their response came back that they were unable to investigate it as they do not accept cases from parish councils.

Therefore the neighbour affected by the permission then re-submitted the case to the Ombudsman.

The Clerk spoke to the neighbour on 1 September 2014, and learned that despite the Ombudsman submitting a very good case to the city council, the decision ultimately was that there was enough evidence for CCC to go ahead with the permission. The Ombudsman is unable to help any further. CCC have apologised on paper.

No works has started yet, and the applicant's intention on whether to actually develop the house is not known. The Drive and The Drove Residents Association have asked for an undertaking that any damage to the roads as a result of the development would be put back and repaired.

New Applications

18	CA//14/01816/FUL 80 Chestfield Road Conversion of garage and alteration to boundary wall	This is a third application. The parish council has no further comment. This application involves the frontage of the house for the thatched garage and is not related to the planning application at No 21 below.
19	CA/14/01832/FUL – Land adjacent to McDonalds, Thanet Way Erection of restaurant unit (Use Class A3) with associated parking	Delegated authority to planning councillors was required in order to meet the deadline for comments. This is land currently used as a grasscrete car park on land next to McDonalds and between KFC and McDonalds. It would be a small unit, between McDonalds and the access road, with a counter serving food and a few tables and chairs and toilets. Kent Highways have tested with traffic modelling and they have no objection, they have also commented that there is a layby to service the unit beside it and adequate parking around the site for anticipated volume of use. The parish council's main concern is that of access to the whole area. From the Old Thanet Way roundabout, the access road leads up to a small roundabout when drivers will have to choose between 1 On the left – access to the new Marston Pub/Restaurant 2 Entrance to the McDonalds car park 3/4 A dual entrance to McDonalds drive through 5 On the right – access to the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant. 6 Access to an Arc car wash. The new applicant wants a 7 th access to a small (six car) car park accessed between the access road and the dual drive through. The parish council's opinion is that this a traffic

		nightmare and accident prone. Given that this is a small car park, it will also be likely that drivers will use alternatives. The paperwork omits to mention the Marston restaurant development. On these grounds we would not support the development.
20	CA/14/01888/FUL Huddleston, The Drove Proposed detached garage	Delegated authority required to meet the 10 October deadline. The garage would be hidden from the road by trees etc. but it will be very visible from Colindale, whose owners were out (so a card was left to invite their comments, although none were received). In view of previous approval of a garage ahead of the building line on the other side of the Drove, opposition seems irrelevant. The house is up for sale.
21	CA/14/01923/FUL 80 Chestfield Road Proposed first floor extension on existing flat roof	This is a new application unrelated to several others recently considered. It is to build a first floor extension above the existing swimming pool. The footprint is unaltered – and neighbours are not affected. The parish council has no objection.
22	CA/14/01931/FUL – Land adjacent to 40 Grasmere Road Erection of a two-storey dwelling with associated parking	This would be a new house on land opposite to No.33 Grasmere – owned by Mr. McCarthy which he uses at the moment as an allotment. Along the road frontage is a row of TRO trees. The plan is to make a driveway where the gate is – and remove one Ash tree to give access to a building behind the trees. The site has little depth, but could just accommodate a house. All services need to be under the driveway. A replacement tree will be placed at the back in the north east corner of the plot. The parish council has no objection.

Notifications

CA/14/01421/FUL – Orchard Cottage, The Drive Roof alterations comprising new roof configuration and additional accommodation	Granted by CCC
CA/14/01482/FUL – 8 Longtye Drive Two-storey and single-storey extensions and alterations to dwelling	Granted by CCC
CA/14/01093/FUL - Land to the rear of No.19 and 21 Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Application for the erection of two dwellings on land to the rear of no.19 and 21 Chestfield Road with associated access, parking and landscaping	Refused by CCC (thanks recorded to Cllr Watkins who went and spoke at the development management meeting)
CA/14/01623/FUL 23 Longtye Drive Two-storey and single-storey extension to side and rear of dwelling	Granted by CCC
CA/14/01597/ADV - Land adjacent to McDonalds, Thanet Way, Chestfield, CT5 3QS Display of 4 x externally illuminated Marston's logos; 4 x externally illuminated individual letters with bevelled edges; 1 x externally illuminated sign written text and logo direct to render; 1 x internally illuminated post sign with double-sided panels; 2 x externally illuminated double-sided twin post signs; 1 x non-illuminated Marston's door plaque.	Granted by CCC

Tree works:

Chopped down tree at The Ridgeway

Cllr Chapman was alerted by a resident that at the junction of Fern Close with The Ridgeway at Chestfield there was a tree on a strip of no man's land opposite a large house called Meadow View. This tree has been hacked at and lots of its branches left where they fell. They cover an area of about six feet high and fifteen feet wide. Cllr Chapman and the Clerk visited the site and

established that it is on no-man's land. In view of that Serco/ CCC have said they are not able to help.

The Clerk contacted the community pay back team and met with one of the supervisors on site. They have agreed they will clear the pile of branches and also suggested that the overgrowing similar tree backing on to the other neighbour (to the left of the pile if you are looking at it) gets trimmed at the same time in case the residents there copy the other example.

The team will also 'tidy up' the chopped tree down to wall height just to pretty things up a little. They will do the work on a Thursday tbc - and will be supervised. The Clerk has arranged with the WI that the WI hall may be used for toilet facilities and washing of hands.