

REPORT TO WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL 1st OCTOBER 2019

**By the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Councillors for
Burham and Wouldham Ward
Councillors Dave Davis and Roger Dalton**

SOUTHERN EXTENSION TO PETERS VILLAGE

1. Trenport have notified us that their application for 60 houses in the southern extension to Peters Village has been submitted to TMBC. As at the 23 September it had not been put on List B. We will inform you when it has,

APPLICATION FOR 4 HOUSES NORTH OF BURHAM COURT OLD CHURCH ROAD

2. An application has been received for the agricultural land and buildings to the north of Burham Court, Old Church Road, Burham for the redevelopment of the. That application seeks approval for four residential dwellings comprising 1 x three bedroom, 2 x four bedroom, and 1 x five bedroom units, together with details of vehicular access, parking, landscaping and drainage
3. Details received can be seen on the TMBC planning Web site using reference **TM/19/02029/FL**

EAST BANK BUS SERVICE UPDATE

4. At the time of writing we have just received the KCC documents on the future of the existing 155 bus service and the proposed new service resulting from the Peters Village S106 agreements. Those document are circulated separately to your Parish Clerk. We will be able to answer questions at your council meeting

PETERS VILLAGE CHALK BANK EARTH WORK QUESTIONS

5. We have been asked questions on the earth works on the chalk faces around the north east of Peters Village. To understand the issue Peter Homewood and Dave Davis looked at the site and were concerned about the immediate drop from Knowle Road to the base of old quarry ie the level of the new houses.
6. From TMBC we established that:
 - a. The works are to be conducted in accordance with application reference number 19/00908/FL. The documents there indicate that it is planned to construct a gabion support of about 12 metres height to provide a total restraint against any future collapse of the chalk face.
 - b. Away from Knowle Road the banks are being graded to a safe angle.
 - c. As far as TMBC are aware after checks with the developer all is being constructed in accordance with approved planning applications. It is possible that that work has been done to clear topsoil away from main earthworks to facilitate the work and to preserve the quality of the valuable topsoil. This topsoil will be returned

after the main earthworks are complete and also incorporated into the finished work. This is normal engineering practice. Some of this topsoil removal may be outside the area of approval given for the permanent works. Approval is not required for this necessary temporary works.

- d. If there are significant breaches on the approvals given when construction is complete then enforcement action will follow.
7. KCC are now well aware of the issues with Knowle Road. The advice is that the work to provide permanent support to the chalk face below Knowle Road is adequate. They feel at present there is no need to change the present fencing arrangement but we will be asking for a road restraint risk assessment by a competent engineer to ensure that this stretch of road is safe.

ADDENDUM TO

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FERRY LANE DRAIN PROBLEM

1. In our report to your clerk last Friday we did not have the final accurate details of the Ferry Lane Drain Problem. We have got this now.
2. A resident asked us to look into a problem of an overflowing manhole that was discharging sewage. This was passed back to our environmental health officers who investigated the problem.
3. Ferry Lane is unadopted and an unidentified house or houses has erroneously been connected to the surface water sewer and not the Southern Water sewage system.
4. Informal letters are being sent to residents to identify the household or households that are discharging sewage into the surface water sewer. If that does not locate the source of the problem then further investigations will be done. Once the source has been identified the owners will be required to connect to the Southern Water System at their expense. Failure to do so will result in formal notice being served and possibly the work being done by TMBC contractors and the owners being required to pay the full costs of that process.
5. There is soil from the ground that is also in the drain that indicated a broken pipe. Again, the owners of the Ferry Lane properties will need to deal with this problem. That is best done by the owners collectively but again TMBC will intervene if this work is not done.



Finance Committee

1 message

Wouldham Parish Council <clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk>

Thu, Sep 12, 2019 at 8:59 AM

To: Eddy Bell <ebellwpc@gmail.com>, Theresa Gray <tgraywpc@gmail.com>, Adam Baker <abakerwpc@gmail.com>

Cc: Jenny Head <jheadwpc@gmail.com>

All

Thank you for the meeting yesterday, good to go over all the figures.

I just wanted to confirm:

Money already raised £5460

Quote for solar lights £9207

Quote for electric lights (to be confirmed) £11481.6

Money left in bank account at end of August after restrictive funds have been removed ~~£8774~~ (now 29657)

We receive the precept today, full amount of £23766. They have not deducted the money for the May election.

Total in Building Society £20433

To do:

Get firm quote for electric lights

Ask school if we can run out lights from theirs (or actually these might be KCC??)

Adam, I note your concern about the cost of excavation but rather than mess about with other quotes I think we should just use the one company. Thoughts?

Find out the maximum we can get from members grant.

Many thanks

Nicky Grimes

Clerk. **Wouldham Parish Council**

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Meeting held Saturday 14th September 2019

The inaugural meeting of the Citizens Academy was opened by Chief Officer Gavin McKinnon. He explained the reason for this meeting. Future modules will be touching on various parts of the Force, which would be expanded on during the meeting, and the other modules. One good point being the increase of personnel over the next 2 years, both through precept and additional government monies.

Finances were presented by Paul Curtis. He pointed out that Kent Police had made cuts in various sections, but not in manpower.

“The Police” was set out for us by the Officer who was responsible for the Cadets. Interesting point here, that Cadets are no longer people waiting to join the Police, but volunteers who are aged between 13-18

Chief Inspector Bull then introduced us to the control and incident centre (old call centre) where 999 calls are taken and directed to the appropriate dept. Most of these calls, 96%, are answered within seconds, but 101 calls take longer to answer. This is because it depends on the number of 999 calls being received. From these calls the crime figures are assimilated

The last presentation was the break-down of crime into categories.

Exploitation—Slavery

Abuse—Child and Sexual

Violence—Domestic, GBH

High Harm Crime

Terrorism –including Scams

Nigel Burke, the Divisional Commander for Dover and surrounding area gave this speech and, having just moved from the Met (6 days ago) was concerned about crime, drug related, moving out to the Home Counties especially with Kent having the Port of Dover.

More information will be passed to us with dates for further meetings.

Eddy

Information provided by: PCSO Tiller, Tonbridge and Malling Police

Crimes of note:

- 02/09/2019 – Minibus stolen from Wouldham School.
- 02/09/2019 – Criminal damage to vehicle, paint poured over vehicle.
- 12/09/2019 – Bellway Homes, Plant stolen and vehicles broken into.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- I have been made aware of a vehicle driving in an Anti-Social manner around Peters Village. I will be speaking to the driver of the vehicle and advising accordingly.
- I have been made aware that there is lots of “reporting” on community Facebook pages, I would remind residents that all reports of Anti-Social Behaviour and Criminal activity needs to be reported via 101 or online in order for it to be dealt with effectively.

Items of good work:

- I continue to patrol the area on a regular basis, speaking to local residents and those working in the area.



**Kent
Police**

For more information about policing in your area, visit www.kent.police.uk

To report a non-urgent crime online, visit www.kent.police.uk/contactus

Peters Village S106 Bus Contributions

As discussed at a meeting between KCC Public Transport, Arriva, Tracey Crouch MP, TMBC Councillors, the KCC Member and local Parish representatives on 24th May 2019, KCC has been working with Trenport to develop an alternative, and in our view more sustainable, proposal for the expenditure of Phase 2 S106 monies from the Peters Village Development.

The following note outlines the proposal put forward and requests a collective response from the 155 Working Group on whether it:

- a) Supports the alternative proposal and as such the progression of a revised planning requirement through a Deed of Variation (DOV) or;
- b) Wishes to retain the delivery of the new Eastern Bank service as per the current planning requirement.

Current Peters Village S106 Phase 2 Planning Requirement:

The current planning requirement, detailed in a DOV dated 16th December 2016 requires the following:

- A new East Bank service running from Peters Village via New Court Road, Eccles, Aylesford Village, Station Road, Hall Road and A20 London Road to Maidstone.
- The service to be hourly and operate between the hours of 7am and 7pm on Mondays – Saturdays.
- A peak period extension to Snodland Station to coincide with direct train services to and from London.

The above is to be funded by Trenport through a contribution of £204k per annum for a period of 3 years.

KCC Public Transport are deeply concerned that the implementation of this proposal is likely to take away patronage from the (currently commercial) Arriva 155 bus service. In this event, there are concerns that upon the exhaustion of developer funding (after the 3 year period) that neither the current 155 service, nor the introduced Eastern Bank service will be commercial propositions, potentially leading to the loss of any bus service for the villages concerned. In this event, KCC would not be in a position to fund a replacement service. KCC Public Transport are also concerned that the current DOV does not include the provision of evening journeys. As previously advised, KCC Public Transport are currently funding the evening service on the 155 on the understanding that this would cease once the S106 from Peters Village comes into affect. If the currently proposed DOV solution is introduced, this would not provide evening provision and as such this facility would be lost.

Alternative Proposal for use of Peters Village Phase 2 S106 Monies:

As a result of the concerns detailed above, KCC Public Transport has been working with Trenport on an alternative proposal for the use of the phase 2 developer funding. In our view, the alternative proposal provides the best prospects of a sustainable commercial operation for Peters Village and surrounding villages in the longer term, whilst potentially allowing for a number of the operational

concerns in relation to service 155 to be addressed. Subject to confirmation of costings, the proposal is as follows:

- To utilise funding (£204k per annum for three years) to deliver an improved 155 bus service, with an enhanced frequency of broadly every 30 mins (with some variations in peak periods).
- To retain evening services as per the current tendered provision.
- To provide a peak time shuttle between Peters Village and Snodland Station to connect with direct trains to and from London.

The proposal, which has been agreed in principle with Trenport, has the following advantages:

- There is no direct competition with the commercial 155 service, providing better prospects for more sustainable public transport provision for Peters Village and surrounding villages in the longer term.
- Evening journeys are retained, something which would not be possible under the current DOV solution.
- Buses on the 155 will no longer interwork with other services, improving reliability.
- KCC would have a greater ability to manage performance of the 155 through KPIs, contract management meetings etc as the agreement with Arriva would incorporate a contract monitoring and performance regime.
- All villages in the local area would benefit from enhance levels of service (the current DOV will see no improvement in service level for Burham and Wouldham).

An outline timetable has been included with this note for information.

Broadly hourly:

Maidstone – Ringlestone – Forstal Road – Aylesford – Eccles – Burham – Knowle Road – Hall Road – Peters Village – Hall Road - Wouldham HS – Borstal – Chatham

Chatham – Borstal – Wouldham HS – Hall Road – Peters Village – Hall Road - Knowle Road – Burham – Eccles – Aylesford – Forstal Road – Ringlestone – Maidstone

Broadly hourly:

Maidstone – Maidstone West Station – London Rd (A20) – Station Road – Aylesford – Eccles – Court Road – Peters Village – Court Road – Burham – Pilgrims Way – School Lane – Top of Wouldham HS – Borstal – Chatham

Chatham – Borstal – Top of Wouldham HS – School Lane – Pilgrims Way – Burham – Court Road – Peters Village – Court Road – Eccles – Aylesford – Station Road – London Road (A20) – Maidstone