

## Actions/issues over the summer - (not exhaustive)

1. EGM held in June to sign off the AGAR which was submitted within the deadline.
2. Met with PC Marshall to discuss speeding, thefts and ASB in the area. She agreed to attend some of the Speedwatch sessions and will try to arrange a mobile unit to be utilised at hot spots. Reported some items 'dumped' from a vehicle in Oldfield. The vehicle had been stolen in Tunbridge Wells and the items were returned to the owner.
3. A few councillors have joined the new healthy walking group, arranged by a local resident with TMBC. This has proved useful to listen to issues and suggestions not usually heard as they are not on social networks.
4. Ann-Marie and I met with the school to arrange plans to deliver the new youth club in Peters Village as the Community Centre was unable to accommodate the group. Youth Clubs will be: Tuesdays, Village Hall 5.30 -7.15 for 12-17 yrs and Thursdays, All Saints School, 6.00 -7.15pm 8-11 yrs
5. Ann-Marie and I have completed First Aid at Work, Food Safety and Allergen training
6. Cllr Miles has completed Food Safety training.
7. Cllrs Bell and Miles together with Ann-Marie and myself attended the Winchester House Open day and made some good contacts with other agencies and local councils.
8. Cllr Bell and myself met (via Teams) our new KCC Highways Lead, to review our Highway Improvement Plan. They have agreed:
  - a. To investigate again to drop curb in line with the opposite side on Knowle Road. However, there could be an issue with servicing cables/pipes being too close to the surface to allow for ground works.
  - b. To investigate potentially upgrading the existing warning signs and installing school time 20 wigwags around All Saints School.
  - c. Raise csm with maintenance to look into the signage at the corner of Knowle Road j/w Pilgrims Way. P&A to look into the enhancement of the existing 20mph and potentially looking at the extension of the existing 20 as the Environmental TRO is in place which may mean this is more suitable for the extension now. Could P&A also look into the reduction of the speed at the top of Pilgrims Way from a national speed limit down to a 40mph. PC previously discussed with KCC and this potentially has merit.
  - d. Raise a maintenance enquiry to check the priority sign on Knowle Road is correctly attached to the post as it frequently spins to face the wrong direction. And check all signage along the road.
  - e. Look at potentially increasing the DYL on Knowle Road.
  - f. Look to get approval to use village sign on Village Road at the entrance to Wouldham.
  - g. Discuss with P&A the installation of flashing warning lights on lampposts near the crossing island on Village Road
  - h. Any new bollards needing replacing along Hall Road will be the more visible 'flecta' ones
9. A Youth Consultation took place to identify how the young people want their club to involve. As well as the usual requests, there were some really inciteful ideas which will be taken forward by Ann-Marie.
10. CCTV has been serviced
11. RoSPA inspection has been carried out and action list produced. This has been forwarded to the Handyman and contractors for quotes.
12. Rosemary Bell has kindly agreed to sign up as our Volunteer Co-Ordinator for the Community Coach. We met with the Head of Service from Compaid to investigate different ways to increase usage so

that the service is not lost. Residents in Eccles have now been included, this does not include Aylesford. Trips to Leeds Castle and Rochester Cathedral are nearly fully booked.

13. We have been awarded £3000 to develop a Community Group Directory which Andrew Kennedy is arranging
14. We have been awarded £300 from Board Member grants towards equipment for the new youth clubs.
15. A list of volunteers who have been very supportive over the year has been submitted to KCCLlr Andrew Kennedy to be invited to his annual Carole Concert.
16. Due to the lack of meeting space for KCC Highways, Wouldham Village Hall has been able to facilitate their team meetings, which will hopefully give them a greater insight into the issues around the area.
17. Cllr Yard attended the Peters Village AGM and responded to questions raised at the meeting.
18. Traffic survey has been completed for Peters Village/Hall Road and has shown a HUGE increase in traffic. Further information is being sought from the company to understand the various statistics.
19. Cllr Yard and I delivered letters for KCC to ask for cars to not park on Knowle Road when the combine needed to come through. Although there were some disgruntled residents, the majority happily obliged which will build a better relationship with the local farmer. In fact, he called to say that he was harvesting locally and it may be very dusty. So, I was able to put out a notice warning residents in advance.
20. Cllr Miles checked the Common and looked at the boundaries where she could and all seemed OK.
21. I met with TMBC to inspect the area along the river behind Trafalgar. TMBC have removed some of the tree suckers and will continue to check the lifebuoys. They will monitor the outflows for reed encroachment and liaise with the Environment Agency if necessary.
22. Vagrant around the recreation ground. Cllr Miles and I cleared his belongings and stored them in the security cabin. He was picked up by the Police and released with no apparent support. He did come back to collect his property, but I raised a safeguarding concern with the Police and Community Warden as he appeared to be 'hanging' around the playground too often. There was also a concern over his own vulnerability. The Community Warden did have a look for him, but was unable to make contact. He seems now to have moved on.
23. Cllr Britchfield raised an enquiry regarding the maintenance of the footpath along to Borstal. I have arranged to meet the contractor mid-September to see how he can gain access.
24. Cllr Yard has continued to monitor the grounds maintenance contract, keeping a diary of work carried out.
25. Cllr Yard has investigated where the HGVs are coming from. The current ones appear to be emanating from the Vistry development. We also have received a complaint about the grass cutting on their estate. I have spoken to the Head of Customer Service who is looking into the cutting schedule and will ensure the drivers are aware not to drive through the High Street.
26. Cllr Miles and I have continued to 'trim' the Tramway footpath to keep the growth down.
27. Cllr Miles has regularly re-filled holes dug in the rec by animals and has continued to monitor illegal metal detecting damage.

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