

## SCENIC NOTES – 25 March 2026

**Present:** Cllrs Sharp (AHS)(Chair), Castro (JC), Melville (JM), Alesi (MA), Martin (AM)

**Apologies:** Pett (AP).

**Matters Arising:** Not one key handed in.

Action: Suggested clerk sends a form round to check who is a keyholder and response be required even if its 0. Send receipt

**1. Notes of last meeting** of 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - agreed as a true record

**2. Xmas Lights Actions – Budget £ 4 – 5,000**

- Parade light bulbs arrived – arrange a date in warm and dry weather to install
  - The lamp posts that have not previously been used for motifs need a special switch / socket within lamp-post – Streetlights to install £ ????
  - Gala Lights to repair 4 motifs (as Streetlights can't repair) need a quotation £ ????
- 17 were up this year, 19 are not broken and 4 broken = 23  
If we repair the 4 we have enough for the extra 6, if not we need to buy 4 more motifs (£250 - £500)

Brow of the hill – decision not to add to the 2 lamp posts there as that would require closing the brow of the hill to install. There are 6 lamp posts going down the hill towards Cranbrook, 2 on church side 4 on the other side.

Load testing of all the lamp posts (done every 3 years due 13.11.2027).

KCC tested lampposts in November 2024 and lasts until 13.11.2027

Invoice from KCC 20.3.25 shows they charge £25 per lamp post. 17 were tested = £ 425

**Action:** Suggest we load bear test the 6 down the hill towards Cranbrook. £150 + VAT. We could, budget willing, test a few more down station Road for next year.

- Order additional motifs, brackets, connectors etc.
- Apply for licences etc late Summer / Autumn 2026
- Street Lights appointed to install motifs w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2026

Report for 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 Full council.

### 3. Youth Club

WiFi – Telecom. JT contacted JM yesterday to say it wasn't working.

**Action:** Recommend clerk contacts Telecom and enquire whether they can fix it and if not investigate a different supplier.

Youth Club: Including years 7+ now (10 / 11 years + ).

Current advertising - Posters around village are there. There are FB posts. School.

- Antenna for SEHT radio installed beside the Youth Hut. In the event of an emergency SEHT could be based inside the building and a cable to the radio comes through the wall.

Unobtrusively installed so no inconvenience to any other user of the Youth Hut.

- water heaters are going into the toilets to provide hot water.

#### **4. Summer Fete**

- SCEG are running a Summer fete on 27th June.

**Action:** Suggested we send a rota round to see if cllrs are able to man a stall on the day

#### **5. KCC Grant for SEHT**

£600 from KCC received courtesy of cllr Brian Black

#### **6. Parade Toilets**

We are still waiting for MBC/KCC to provide survey to ensure the building is in a fit state to be taken over.

**ACTION:** clerk / AS contacted KCC cllr B Black to see if we can get a contact to get the survey done – need to chase

#### **7. Display Boards** - Ongoing project.

**ACTION:** JM and AHS review display material for pilot board for the Community Centre.

#### **8. Surrenden Field** – Budget £5,000 MBC Grant + £7,250 General maintenance

Playground equipment - being researched + possible grant applications.

JM met with one company who had given some good advice. £47,000

Most equipment on right side is good, except area with nothing – possibly add spinning bowl  
Multi Play Unit is looking tired and roundabout needs upgrading.

All matting needs maintenance.

New play items proposed were shown and discussed.

Wheel chair accessible items etc need a staff member for safety so has been sadly ruled out.  
Sail / Canopy for shade on left of the play area.

**Action:** meet with 2 more companies to see what else is available and discuss options at next meeting to be able to prepare a report for full council.

#### Pavilion – Budget £27,500

Design to be tweaked, then sent to Hanson and see how price has increased from quotation 2 years ago. Also quotes needed for internal works.

**ACTION:** Once above is completed, advise Full council & submit permitted development application.

Budget – there is also £21,000 allocated to Projects not used this year.

SPC have reserves of £79,119.50

In April there will be CIL allocated

Some underspend that will go into General reserves too

Note: If projects are £60,000+ including VAT, have to put out to tender

#### **AOB**

Skate Jam booked (date?)

Peter Rabbit (Hazlitt theatre group) booked on Surrenden Field 19<sup>th</sup> August.

T 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 nominations for volunteer Award will be emailed out to us for discussion and recommendation.

Potential Defib at Surrenden on Pavilion. MA will do a report.

**Next Meeting:** Teams 1<sup>st</sup> April for Volunteer Award nominations. Then 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm