



**MINUTES OF UPCHURCH GENERAL PURPOSE AND
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19
OCTOBER 2022 AT 19:30PM IN UPCHURCH VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Rosewell (Chairman), Cllr T Ripley (V Chair), Cllr P Denny,
Cllr G Lewin, Cllr H Boakes

Officer: Clerk, Nina Henley

Apologies: None

External Apologies: None

1. To receive apologies for absence

There were no apologies received for absence

2. To receive declarations of interests and lobbying

There were no disclosures of interests and lobbying

3. Elect a chairman of the new combined committee

Members resolved to elect Cllr Rosewell to the position of chairman

4. Elect a vice chairman of GPC and Planning Committee

Members resolved to elect Cllr Ripley to the position of vice chairman

5. Minutes

There were no past minutes to approve

6. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present

7. Planning

22/504151 Land View Poot Lane, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent MR9 7HL

<https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RH2N6CTYL1700&activeTab=summary>
No objections

22/504607 90 Chaffes Lane, Upchurch, Kent ME9 7BH

<https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=RILNQPTY16R00&activeTab=summary>
No objections

Notification of Appeal Lodged with the Planning Inspectorate Proposal:

Outline application for up to 74no. dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point. (All matters reserved except for means of access). Location: Land Off Otterham Quay Lane Upchurch Kent

Cllr Rosewell to attend the appeal hearing

8. Paddock and Recreation Ground

- I. Grant for Woodland trail discussed and agreed to go ahead. Clerk to contact contractor and get individual quotes for woodland trail equipment and large play equipment. Report to next Full Council meeting.

- II. Paddock / Four Gun Field Bins were discussed. It was agreed for the clerk to carry out a full assessment of this subject and update full council or GPC&P whichever meeting is soonest following receiving all information.

9. Allotments

Clerk to look into an update of the allotment management system and report to FC
Noted

10. Burial Ground and Churchyard

Clerk to look into an update of the burial management system and report to FC
Clerk, Cllr Denny and Cllr Boakes to carry out new area planning as early as is practicable.
Burial ground noticeboard to be installed.
Burial ground user guidelines to be posted in the new noticeboard.
Noted

11. Highways and Street Lighting

UPC requested highway gutter and gully maintenance work to be carried out. See Appendix 1 reply from KCC Highways Dept
UPC request to KCC for urgent Horsham La road intersection marking maintenance following communication from resident. It is noted that KCC Highways attended to the issue within a week.
Noted

12. Footpaths

Cllr Denny reported a collapsed wall in Bishops Lane. Clerk has forwarded information to the management company for action.
Noted

13. Environment

A number of occasions of dog fouling have been noted in Chaffes Lane. The area has been reported to KCC and SBC concerning the maintenance of this area. Clerk to update
Noted

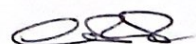
14. Items to be considered for inclusion on the next GP and Planning Committee agenda

- i. Parking issues surrounding the Upchurch Recreation Ground when sporting events are taking place.
- ii. To consider UPC installing a flagpole, full discussion including location.

15. Date of next meeting

16 November 2022
Noted

16. Meeting closed 8.32pm



Appendix 1

Dear Mrs Nina Henley

Thank you for your enquiry dated 12/10/2022 Ref 659028


We have adopted a new risk-based proactive approach to maintaining over 250,000 highway drains across the county and we now aim to cleanse all highway drains on a countywide programme every 2 years.

Our approach considers many factors attaining to various risks across the highway network such as road hierarchy, speed limit or whether it is a known flood zone. These factors combined will produce individual risk weightings for every asset which in turn will influence the frequency in which drains are cleaned, these frequencies being 6 monthly, yearly or every 2 years.

The Street-The Poles Upchurch Kent will be attended as part of the countywide programme detailed above and doesn't meet our service level agreement for additional cleansing at this time.

In the meantime, if you are concerned that flooding might present a risk to highway safety or cause internal property flooding, please do not hesitate to contact us on 03000 41 81 81.

Yours Sincerely


Drainage Team
Highways, Transportation & Waste