

REPORT FROM SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL



Where does the time go, only a few weeks to Christmas! let's enjoy the colours of autumn first. But just to reassure you all, your Council has been working away in the back ground even through the full and partial lockdowns.

The office

You are now welcome to come and collect dog poo bags from the from the office again, or if you want to report an issue or ask for advice, either myself or the Chairman can help in most cases. If we are not sure we can point you in the right direction.

Planning

The Taylor Wimpey development is continuing; however, I am aware that since Tom has left we don't have the same amount of good communication with the site manager and I have been made aware of a few problems and will be looking into this.

Churchyard

The Church yard is now classed as closed; with your Parish Council now responsible for the maintenance. It has taken a long time to get this resolved; the delays were many and varied but your Council is now in a position to start working on the programme to maintain it. It is hoped that before long there will be access for people to the Churchyard with mobility problems, via a new path that is being considered.

Jubilee Garden

You will see that Jason has managed to start on the 2012 Garden and this will be extended over time and this will make the junction colourful and bee friendly

Talking of being bee friendly do please let me know what you think about having some different sized/shaped planters in the village. Send an email or drop in to the office.

Your Council is at the time of year when we are looking to agree 2022/23 budget, if you have any ideas on what you think may be a project you would like to see taken forward, again, do pop in to the office to let me know or email me. The deadline is 31st December for any suggestions.

Sellindge Lees.

This has not yet been handed over to the parish Council, the site manager, David Bradley and myself walked round Phase one, during August and agreed some work that required to be carried out, as far as I am aware this has not yet happened; so, watch this space. As your Clerk, I have been informed that there is now another new site manager, so will liaising with him.

Newsletter

To those of you who replied to Robert's questionnaire, thank you. The results of the questionnaire were that some people wanted to continue having a paper copy but also to have it on line as well. During the debate at the Finance Committee it was decided that we should ask residents that if they wish to have it delivered residents should register with the council office; this will mean that we can keep costs down, by only printing the actual number we need, but still have both paper and on-line available. Therefore, do register as quickly as possible, so that we can start looking at delivery at the beginning of next year.

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Items that were debated at the November meeting included:

The flashing Speed sign in Barrow Hill

During many emails your Council has been informed by the Kent County Council (KCC) that the flashing speed sign will not be replaced like for like. I was sent an up to date document from KCC on how to request traffic calming measures. There are quite a few hoops that have to be jumped through now.

The first of which is are speed surveys, so this has been requested.

Your Council is also looking at alternatives as well, for instance; refuge in the middle of the road, as well as different types of flashing signs and the lowering of the speed limit.

However, the police have to agree anything that is proposed as any contravention that is required must be possible to uphold in the legal sense. Be aware that your Council is not ignoring your concerns and never has.

Casual Vacancies

With the resignation of Robert, we now have another casual vacancy; but we were already two short; so if you feel that you could have a positive impact and would like to get involved with the community in a more active role do get in touch with the Chairman or myself for more details

Planning Applications

The Planning application for CoolFruit in the Otterpool Quarry site was debated and the Council voted to object to the application, they have also asked for it to be considered at the Planning Committee rather than be delegated to an officer.

The next meeting of your council is Tuesday 14th December starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall, if you are attending remember, that there will be a chance to stay on after the meeting to enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

From your Parish Council Clerk

Linda Hedley