

District Councillor Report – Sellindge 9 April 2024

Sellindge Planning Meeting - confirmed for 18 April 6 30 pm in the Village Hall.

Government Rural Prosperity Fund – Under the previous Administration, £350,000 was received under this fund. I encouraged local Village Halls and Community Centres in the North Downs Ward to make an application and I am pleased to report that Sellindge & District Playing Fields Benevolent Society (£25,000) and Stowting Peace Room (£9,450) have both been successful in receiving funding towards installing Solar Panels.

Otterpool Park - there is no further news on a strategic partner but work is progressing on finalising S106 contributions and other issues.

Stonestreet Green Solar CLP Update – March 2024 - EPL 001 Limited (the "Applicant") continues to finalise its Development Consent Order application and now expects to submit this in late April 2024.

Crosskeys Coaches are planning to run a regular summer bus service from Folkestone West to Folkestone Harbour calling at Folkestone Central, Town Centre/Shellons Street, F51, Harbour Arm. The Operational Period proposed is 20 July –1 September 2024 Time : 10 am – 8pm. Other dates are being considered 14thJune to 14thJuly (Euros) 1-14 July Wimbledon. Please watch this space.

Changing Places toilets - The first of three new Changing Places toilets in the district has been officially opened at the Coastal Park. Similar facilities will soon follow at Radnor Park and Dymchurch. Changing Places toilets are designed to meet the needs of disabled children and adults with complex needs who rely on carer support. Specialist equipment inside includes ceiling hoists and changing tables. The District Council secured £205,000 for the project from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Changing Places Fund under the previous Administration.

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