

# SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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### Co-Op PLANNING APPLICATION

The Co-Op has submitted a Planning Application – Application Number 20/0982/FH

Proposal Planning application for ground floor rear and side extension, creation of service yard and plant area, alterations to front elevation shopfront and creation of 10 parking spaces to rear of site.

Conversion of existing first floor residential use to 1 x 1 bedroom flat and 1 x 2 bedroom flat.

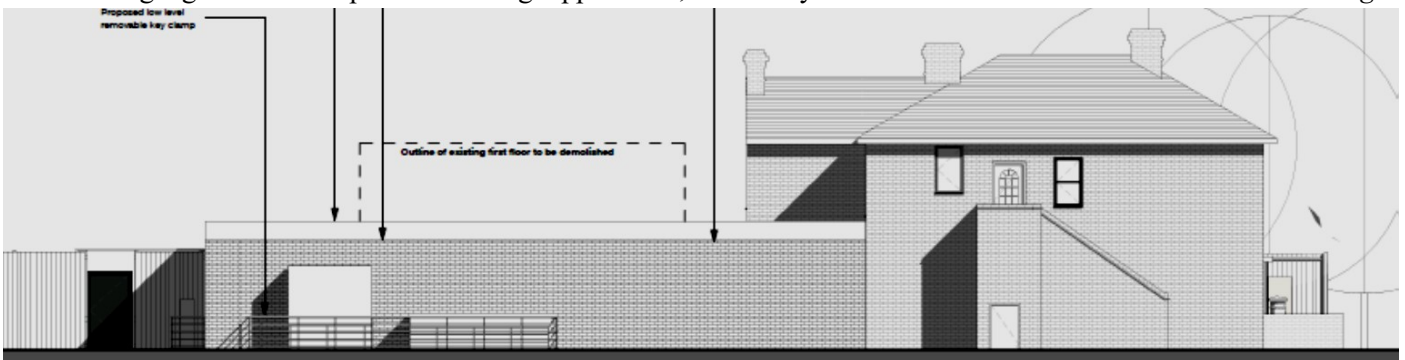
To view all the planning documentation, go to

<https://folkestonehythedc.force.com/pr/s/planning-application/a1n2o00000328FfAAI> where you can also make a comment. Comments are requested by Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The new signage will be a separate Planning Application, which is yet to be submitted.



*Nigel*



### SELLINDGE Co – Op

Hey ladies and gentlemen!

We hope this news finds everyone well. These are the plans for our refit so shouldn't be much longer.

We have a stock take on Thursday 13th August. The shop will **NOT** be open as early as usual due to being unable to complete with current government guidelines. We are hoping to be finished by 10am but until the day we are unsure. We are still adhering to the current government guidelines on social distancing and face masks. We have been told by the Government (like all shops) that staff do not need to wear a mask, however whilst on shop floor we will be doing so to protect ourselves and customers.

We would like to thank all our customer who have been fabulous and complying.

Please continue to remember some illnesses are not visible and be kind and respectful to other and our staff.

Please add our Facebook page "Sellindge food store" for more updates.

Team Sellindge Co-op



### PLAY AREA

Work on the play area on the Village Green started a bit late, but should be completed very soon. There is also seating around the green.

Hello everyone, your Parish Council hopes you are keeping safe and adhering to the instructions on social distancing, and now the need by law when and where you need to wear a face covering. At the time of writing this there is no news on when we can open the Parish Council Office to the public but as soon as this is allowed we will let you know. Your Chairman continues to hand out dog poo bags, if you contact him on his mobile which is 07710 260 751, he will then arrange to leave some on his garden wall at an agreed time for you. Also now you can pick up a bundle of Dog Poo Bags from a patio chair in the front garden of 3 Trust Cottages in Moorstock Lane where Cllr Fursdon lives. No need to contact, just come and collect, but please just take one pack. Thank You.

As Clerk I attend the office from time to time and pick up emails, also working from home has kept things going; tree work in the Old Burial Ground has taken place on a couple of trees that need care and attention, a claim for the damaged bus shelter in the Church layby has been submitted, but trying to obtain quotes and get replies while people work remotely is taking time; while comments on any planning applications continue to be submitted, after Councillors have looked at the plans on line from home.

Some of you will have seen the application submitted by Gladman Ltd, your Parish Council did send them an email stating they did not support the consultation, but as we know this went ahead. Your Parish Council has submitted a detailed comment on the application, we have also asked for the application to go to the Planning Committee at Folkestone and Hythe District Council.

The Local Plan or Core Strategy as it is also known, is taking its next steps and this is the Examination in Public; your Parish Council has asked for an opportunity to speak, while this has been confirmed, there is no date set.

While your Parish Council cannot stop further development in Sellindge, your Parish Council can put forward strong ideas and objections so that we can get the most for the village.

The Village Green was to be closed from 6<sup>th</sup> July for the installation of the play equipment and other items, this was delayed for a week or so, and should be opened in early August; once re-opened your Parish Council urges you to respect the area and pick up after your dog as dog faeces can, in serious cases, cause blindness and other long term sight problems.

When the play area is eventually opened, please note that the advice from government is: ensure you have wipes with you to use before and after use, do not monopolise the pieces of equipment if others are waiting to use it and definitely remain socially distanced.

Even though the office is closed, if you do have a problem that you think your Parish Council can help with, just email me – the Clerk – at [clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk)

If it is something that your Parish Council can help you with, every effort will be made, or if we cannot help then we can pass you on to some-one who probably can.

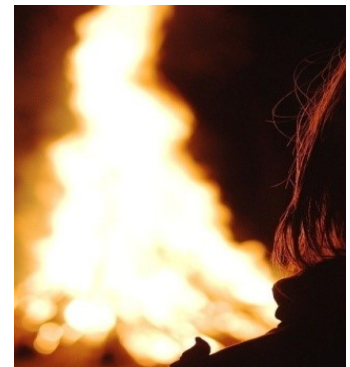
From Your Parish Council Clerk – Linda Hedley

## BONFIRES

Please avoid having bonfires while the coronavirus guidelines are in place.

Smoke from bonfires contains chemicals which can harm health, irritate lungs and cause problems with breathing / asthma and cause problems for people that are already suffering from COPD. There may well be quite a few people in the Village who are very anxious about Covid-19.

Please be considerate of your neighbours. Bonfires can put people's health at risk.





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## FROM YOUR FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Jenny Hollingsbee and Susan Carey, Ward Councillors for North Downs West, F&H D C

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The District Council has been working with retailers to get our shopping areas in towns ready for the easing of lockdown and to encourage people to shop in safety. We've also been coping with the large numbers of people who've descended on our coastal areas to enjoy the summer weather. Not everyone has behaved well and we're sad to report that people have left litter and damaged the tables in the Folkestone coastal park with portable BBQs so these have now had to be banned.

Our play areas are now re-open with extra cleaning to help keep them safe to use. Public toilets are now also open across the district. The best place to find information about council services as they return to normal is our website [www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) but if you get stuck then we are always happy to help.

A new stage has been reached with Otterpool Park Garden Town with a delivery statement published on the council's website bringing together work done by the company set up to deliver the project and the council as the local planning authority. Otterpool Park is intended to take the majority of the houses and employment sites needed in our district over the next 30 years. Jenny is one of two councillors (the other is Rebecca Shoob) appointed to the board of the Otterpool Park Development Company together with two senior officers from the District Council and three independent directors Dinah Roake, Luke Quilter and Sally-Anne Logan.

We can also report that the challenge to the District Council about the planning permission granted for Princes Parade on the seafront at Hythe was dismissed by the High Court with the claimant ordered to pay costs of £5,000 to the council. We hope that we can now provide the new leisure centre to replace the ageing Hythe swimming pool as well as new housing and a public park. By the time you read this, Hythe Swimming Pool will be open and following social distancing guidelines.

We'd like to remind everyone that there is a planning application, 20/0627/FH/CON, for land between the A20 and M20 off Main Road in Sellindge that is currently out for public consultation. You can see the plans and comment on them via the council website. Jenny has also 'called in' the application so that it will go to the Planning Committee for decision by Councillors and not be delegated to officers. An officer report will go to the committee, representations can be made and the subsequent debate will be webcast.

The pandemic has put a large hole in the council's income from council tax, business rates, car parking income and other fees from reduced economic activity. We've also had extra costs for our support of the community hubs that have done such good work. There has been extra funding from the Government but it is far from sufficient to fill the gap. It's an unprecedented situation and we'll keep you updated on the plans as they develop, Sellindge neighbours the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and there's a public consultation on its draft management plans for the next 5 years. You have until 07 September to give your views.

See [www.kentdowns.org.uk](http://www.kentdowns.org.uk) for details.

Finally we'd like to draw to your attention the free tuition by Invicta Academy for children in Kent this summer for pupils from Key Stage 1 to 4. We know some of the people involved in this project and wish it well.

More details at [www.Invictaacademy.com](http://www.Invictaacademy.com)

Susan Carey and Jenny Hollingsbee

### SELLINDGE SPORTS and SOCIAL CLUB –

Although the Club is completely closed with no clubs or groups meeting at the moment.

From July 4<sup>th</sup> the Bar and Kitchen opened, with all the new Covid-19 guidelines in place, with Social Distances, so space is limited so please phone to book a table for food or drinks to be able to sit inside.

We would hate to disappoint with the new opening times →

We have new Bar Menus for eating in or outside in our new outside eating area.

We are still offering the Delivery service on Friday's and Sunday's within Sellindge.

We will be following all recent guidelines in regards to COVID 19. Please call 07876 794 323 to make advance order or 01303 812 437 during delivery times, you can also PM us.

Please let any elderly neighbours who would be interested in hot food but may not be on facebook aware.

Sunday afternoon delivering between 1pm and 5pm

Friday Evening delivering between 4pm and 8pm

**Sellindge**  
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

**OPENING HOURS**

Monday:	3pm - 7pm
Tuesday:	3pm - 7pm
Wednesday:	3pm - 7pm
Thursday:	12pm - 9pm
Friday:	12pm - 9pm
Saturday:	12pm - 9pm
Sunday:	12pm - 6pm

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**FROM YOUR KCC COUNCILLOR** Susan Carey, Elham Valley Ward. [susan.carey@kent.gov.uk](mailto:susan.carey@kent.gov.uk) 01303 670 561

Online remains the best place to check on the latest situation with KCC services at [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) but if this is not an option for you then ring 03000 41 41 41 in office hours or contact me. Over 6,000 KCC staff were able to switch to homeworking and a surprising number of services were able to continue without staff needing to be in offices. We have been looking at whether we can continue this as it means we can release office space, save travel time and reduce both congestion on our roads and carbon emissions.

More services are restarting or increasing. Weddings and civil partnerships recommenced on 04 July. Country Parks, their carparks and toilets are also now open. 12 libraries opened on 13 July including Ashford and Folkestone for a 'select and collect' service and free use of the computers and wifi (bookable in advance).

Household Waste Recycling Centres are now open 7 days a week and the number of slots has increased from 20,000 to 32,000 with bookings available up to a month in advance with a limit of two bookings per month to share availability fairly. The booking system means we can control the numbers on site to ensure social distancing without causing big queues of traffic outside. The Folkestone HWRC is very busy with typically over 90% of slots booked so you may find it easier to get a time you want at Ashford.

During lockdown KCC needed to get PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for a whole range of our own staff as well as social care and healthcare partners. Between 03 April and 26 June, we provided nearly seven million individual items of PPE. Our procurement staff did an amazing job at a difficult time. We now have a 12-week supply of PPE so are well provisioned for the immediate future.

Our social care role is often overlooked but remains the biggest part of the spending we do on your behalf. This work has continued and the Government has asked us to take on new responsibilities in working with the care sector to control the spread of the virus.

KCC has also been involved in the creation of a vast temporary mortuary (fortunately not needed), creation of test centres and arrangements for local lockdowns should they be needed. We have also been operating an advice service for businesses and putting together plans to help Kent's economy recover. All this and more has cost a considerable amount of money and despite Government support of about £77m there is a big shortfall in funding. There will be an emergency KCC budget in September and you can give your views at [www.kent.gov.uk/budget](http://www.kent.gov.uk/budget)

Throughout all this, work has continued on important long-term projects. On 16 July I took a paper to full council that outlined how KCC could reach net-zero carbon emissions for its own services and buildings by or before 2030. KCC will also be adopting the **Energy and Low Emissions Strategy** which aims to do the same for Kent by 2050 in line with Government policy. I am optimistic about both these targets as so much has already been achieved in reducing our carbon emissions and improving our environment in Kent. Also watch out for our solar panel scheme which should be launched by September and aims to get a big discount for Kent residents by using our joint buying power.

**HI KENT** – Due to Corona virus I will not be doing the hearing aid batteries until further notice. If people ring me on 01303 813 228 only on clinic days between 1.45pm & 3.45pm (August 11th).

Phone will only work on clinic days. I will arrange a time for them or a neighbour to pick up batteries Mary Devine



### **SELLINDGE U13's FOOTBALL TEAM**



Sellindge U13's football team would like to say a big "Thank You" to Taylor Wimpey who have provided sponsorship for the kit, and a special thank you to Thomas from Taylor Wimpey who provided the contact details we needed to make this possible.

The team still needs new players so if you know of any year 7 or year 8's (from September), boys and girls living close by then please ask them to contact us via our Facebook page or contact our coach Graham on 07772 037 995.

We currently have players from Sellindge, Smeeth, Ashford and Folkestone, so if you know of a player who is not getting a regular game with their current team then tell them about us, we have the coaches (FA trained and all DBS checked), we have the ground (and social club servicing tea, coffee and bacon sarnies), we have the funding for new goals (thanks to a FA grant) and now a new kit (thanks again Taylor Wimpey) - we just need more players!

### **SELLINDGE FC SATURDAY TEAM**

Sellindge FC Saturday team are a newly formed adult team, we are looking at strengthening our squad for the forthcoming season in the Ashford Saturday League. All new players from age of 16 and up are welcome, or if you know of anyone interested in playing Saturdays let them know. The team is currently training on a Sunday morning at the Sellindge Sports and Social Club to meet the team and take part in one of our training sessions.

## A NEW FUTURE FOR St MARY'S SELLINDGE

Bishop Rose has given permission for St Mary's Sellindge to become the first "Festival Church" in the Diocese of Canterbury. This means that Sunday services and daily prayer are not required to take place in the church building, however the church will be used as a focal point to celebrate key festivals in the year – which the Bishop describes as "to be done with a real sense of occasion". For many people in Sellindge, the times of celebration at Christmas and Harvest, as well as the Remembrance services, have been the times in the year to attend St Mary's, and we hope to encourage more of the community to come together to celebrate and mark these points in the year as a village.

The church is still available for weddings, baptisms and funerals, and we plan to open it as a space for prayer and reflection and to explore both the building and the story of Sellindge reflected within its history.

The Stour Downs Parish worship team are developing further ways to offer fresh expressions of worship in other locations within the community more centrally within the village. When it is possible within or after Coronavirus restrictions, we are looking to launch a Café Church in Sellindge.

The vision for the future includes plans to look to reorder the church building as a community space, re-imagining how it is used to offer a venue for local groups, the arts, and other gatherings, as well as space for the wider Stour Downs Parish to use for church events and provide space for a parish "hub" and office. The history, character and sacred space for worship will of course be retained. By offering this space for the community, we hope to "reconnect" the church building with the community, which may overcome the physical separation and distance from the village centre that has become more marked with increased development well away from the location of St Mary's.

In our new pattern of worship after our phased return to worship within our buildings following "lockdown", Holy Communion is celebrated in other locations within the Stour Downs Parish each Sunday.

Thanks must also go to the Parish Council in Sellindge who are supporting us in a plan to transform the churchyard space, which includes developing a wildlife area for the community to explore and enjoy. We are also exploring how the Church Room might be used to benefit the community.

As the first Festival Church in The Canterbury Diocese, Sellindge is now on the map as a beacon to explore new insights into new ways of doing and being church for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

We look forward to the next phase in the long history of St Mary's Church and the village of Sellindge.

*Blessings*

*Rev Chris*

### Services for August in the Stour Downs Parish

*In these uncertain times, the PCC of the Stour Downs Parish has planned for a phased return to worship within our buildings alongside live-streaming services. The planned services may be subject to change in line with updated risk assessments and further guidance.*

**Week 1 and 3- 9:30 am at St Mary's, Smeeth**

**Week 2 and 4 - 9:30 am St John the Baptist, Mersham**

**Week 5 – 9.30am at St Mary's, Sellindge**

Online live (and recorded for viewing later) at

<https://www.facebook.com/Stour-Downs-Parish-275026813134319>

**OR BY PHONE:** dial the number shown below and enter the Room number followed by the hash key and then PIN followed by hash key when prompted.

**Dial: 0333 0110 945**

**Room number: 15371271#**

**PIN: 1030#**

*The churches of St Mary's Brabourne, St Peter's Monks Horton and St Mary's Smeeth are open in the daytime as a place for quiet individual reflection and prayer.*

**Morning and Evening Prayer is posted each day at 9am and 6pm on our Stour Downs Parish Facebook page.**

If we can be of help in this difficult time, including providing a parcel of grocery essentials if you are struggling, please contact Di Dawson on **01303 [813398/cirrus.five@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:813398/cirrus.five@yahoo.co.uk)** or The Rectory on **01303 470 791**