

sites for development received during the consultation.

The key issues raised and any changes to the Local Plan will be discussed at Council Meetings in December and then formally submitted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate end of the year. The Public Examination will be set for next Spring.

Of particular interest will be the creating of a buffer zone between Stour Park and Blind Lane.

Barrey Road/J10A - The ABC/KCC Joint Transport Committee has been informed that the cost of traffic lights at the junction of Barrey Road/ A2070 will be reduced from £675,000 to £275,000 if the work is carried out as part of J10A. A decision will be issued on J10A in December by the Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling and it is hope that the traffic lights will be included.

Other issues important to look out for in the Secretary of State's decision is the type of surfaced used on the motorway (I have argued for the "low noise" surface).

The Traffic Regulation Order to close Highfield Lane has been agreed and it is hoped that the Lane will be closed before and construction work starts. The construction work is expected to start in February 2018 and there is a risk that "rat-running" will start along Highfield Lane / Kingsford Street during construction.

Cllr Fletcher explained that the S.106 agreement regarding Stour Park states that land must be released for a turning circle, the land owners are, however, not willing to release the land until construction of Stour Park begins. There is a stand-off at present.

AE350 - The footpath from Cheesemans Green Lane to Orbital roundabout was due to reopen on 16 October 2018. The landowner is required to keep the footpath open and clear of vegetation, please report any problems with the footpath including photos where possible.

HGV Lorry Parking - ABC now has the power to clamp first time lorry parking offenders in Orbital Park and Ashford Business Park in Sevington. This is an important change in the law which applies only in Ashford. Previously the law only permitted the Council to clamp persistent offenders. It is hoped that puts an end, once and for all, to illegal parking by lorries in these areas. Please report any lorry parking in these areas to parkingcustomercare@ashford.gov.uk

Council Tax - Recent BBC News coverage raised the important issue of a council tax discount that is available to those people who have been officially diagnosed by a registered medical practitioner as being 'severely mentally impaired' (SMI). Those diagnosed don't have to pay the tax and two-person households, where one person is a sufferer, qualify for a 25% discount. This is an important discount and I am keen to ensure that everyone is aware of how to apply to the council for it.

Please visit www.ashford.gov.uk/apply/, scroll down to 'Severely mentally impaired discount application form' and complete the form from there.

Report from Community Warden

The Community Warden reported that during the previous week he had attended the nursery in the Village Hall to assist with road safety.

The school harvest festival had taken place and was very well attended.

There is no vicar at present.

There have been reports of an emu out of the farm land in Blind Lane, this is being kept at the farm in blind Lane and has a habit of getting out.

The Community Warden had received an email reporting a Mitsubishi Shogun having been stolen.

There have been 2 garden thefts, 2 ornamental milk churns from one property as well as the "boxing hares" as reported at the last meeting.

It was noted that the vehicle from Petworth had been full on Friday evening and also that some burning had taken place on Sunday night.

Planning Matters:

A list of Planning Applications was circulated as Appendix A with the agenda, those requiring a response were:

[17/01436/AS](#)

Bell House, The Forstal, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 6NU

Single storey part glazed part solid roof orangery extension 2. Same- Listed building

The Parish Council raises no objection

[17/01437/AS](#)

Bell House, The Forstal, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, TN25 6NU

Single storey part glazed part solid roof orangery extension. Same- Listed building

The Parish Council raises no objection

[17/01337/AS](#)

Mersham Sports Ground Stone Green, Flood Street, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 7DE

Proposed clubhouse with parking and bin storage

The Parish Council supports this application

[17/01453/AS](#)

Willow Bank, Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent, TN25 6NS

Removal of condition 4 (archaeological watching brief) of application 17/00433/AS Erection of a two-storey extension at the side to replace the existing garage building and an attached shed on the rear.

The Parish Council raises no objection

[17/01285/AS](#)

Unit 6, Hall Avenue, Orbital Park, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0AA

Installation of a mezzanine floor to unit 6 for storage use

The Parish Council raises no objection

Financial Matters

To approve the following financial documents:

To note/authorise the following:

To note the Parish Council's financial position: The Parish Council has a bank balance of: £37,027.53

To authorise any payments including the Clerk's Salary and the Litter picker's Salary

The following payments were authorised:

Cheque	Payee's Name	Reason for Payment	Amount	Notes
501814	T Saint	Litter Pickers Salary – October (Mersham)	£ 116.13	
501815	I King	Litter Pickers Salary – October (Sevington)	£ 93.60	
501816	HMRC	PAYE	£ 32.80	
501817	T Block	Clerks Salary (October)	£ 401.52	
501818	T Block	Litter picker, nets, clips etc	£ 47.02	

A budget over expenditure and financial statement had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

To discuss and agree action re: JPF

Cllr Turley and Paul have agreed an action plan, copy attached.

Expenditure was agreed for swing seats (£120 +VAT) and goal nets, clips etc .

It was agreed that if the 2 small rockers cannot be repaired the primary school will be asked to consider

something to replace them with.	
<p>To consider registering community assets</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would register the following as community assets: The Tithe Barn, Church, Bakery, Shop, , telephone box, sports field, bus stop, millennium green and village hall.</p> <p>The trees next to Rectory Close and on the JPF were discussed, the Clerk will look into getting a Tree preservation Order placed on to these trees.</p>	TB TB
<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The residents of Park View have placed large boulders outside of their house on the edge of the road, if these are hit by a vehicle, the residents will be responsible. This is a Highways issue and is illegal.</p> <p>The opening of Quarry View is to be held on Wednesday at 2.30pm.</p> <p>A resident had reported that the carer for Mr King follows him in a car. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Forstal and ask them to confirm that Ian is capable of carrying out the duties for which he is employed unsupervised.</p>	TB TB
<p>The next meeting was confirmed as Monday, 20th November 2017, the Clerk would like any items for the agenda by Friday 10th November, please.</p>	All
There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed at 8.35 PM.	