

Agenda Item: 9

Report to: Full Council

Date: Wednesday 20th January 2021

Subject: Contribution to the local community

Summary: A report on the contribution the council has made to the local community over the last three municipal years.

Decision required

To note the contributions the council has made to the local community over the last three years.

At the November Full Council meeting it was asked for a report to be prepared listing the contributions the council has made to the local community over the last three years.

2018/ 2019

Full Council	Community Centre Committee	Events Committee	Sports Park	Planning, Highway & Environment Committee
Responded to the	Finalise details for the	Community Ice Rink	Took the café back	Successfully lobbied Kent

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Local Plan.	community centre extension.		inhouse at the sports park.	County Council and Arriva buses to amend the bus timetable in accordance with West Malling train times, so that more buses from Kings Hill now connect with the trains from West Malling Station.
Undertook Community Survey 2018.	Easter Egg Hunt at community centre.	Remembrance Service	Upgraded CCTV cameras.	Running of the allotment site.
Made two defibs available for public use in cabinets outside the community centre and the sports park.	Organised a summer concert - <u>rejected</u> .		Worked with KHFC to install new fence and dug outs around pitch 1.	Lobbied for Waitrose pedestrian access.
Lobbied the doctors surgery with regard to the appointment system.			Delivered play areas at the sports park with s106 monies.	Responded to Phase 5 planning applications.
Lobbied LPT for a skate park.				Filled up salt bins on Kings Hill and arranged a

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				salt bag by Discovery School.

2019/ 2020

Full Council	Amenities Committee	Planning, Transport & Environment Committee
Lost General Power of Competence	Work on a community cinema – rejected.	Keep Clear signs on the Ashton Way/ Tower View roundabout (grant funded).
Waitrose Pedestrian Access.	Painting of Anson Avenue play area undertaken.	Lobbied KCC regarding landscape maintenance on phase 1 and the removal of the waste bags for the communal landscape maintenance.
S106 wishlist for Broadwater Farm	Noticeboard provided to Lords Walk Association for Phase 1 – grant funded.	Formulated a list of S106 requirements for phase 5.
Liaised with the police regarding anti social behaviour at Halloween.	Halloween Event at community centre.	Lobbied for a Stop sign at the Queen Street/ Fortune Way entrance – this junction did not meet the required criteria.

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LPT Phase 5 Appeal- public meeting.	Santa run at the sports park.	A letter was sent to Liberty Property Trust regarding their bridleways and wildlife after a resident attended a meeting with this issue.
Looked at increasing revenue at SP and CC and made relevant decisions.	New management at the sports bar.	Lobbied local MP with regard to mobile phone coverage on Kings Hill.
Liaised with supermarkets regarding the parking restrictions that were imposed in their car parks.	Communal shed for allotment holders – grant funded.	Councillors reviewed the TMBC parking review for Kings Hill.
Responded to the local plan consultation.	Rotavator for the allotments sought so plots can be rotavated – grant funded.	Highway Improvement Plan created for the parish.
Reregistered expired assets of community value and registering some new ones from the new phase 3 development.		Lamppost analysis on phase 1 but no monies to proceed.
Nominated a local charity for the KALC Community Award.		Liaised with LPT regarding parking issues in Queen Street.
School Council meeting with pupils from Kings Hill School so they could see how a parish council meeting works.		
Local poster campaign for vehicle idling		

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with local schools.		
Remembrance Day		

2020/2021

This municipal year COVID restrictions have been in place and the parish council have had many discussions and challenges regarding governance, co-option and its financial situation, which has dominated council business.

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Agreed to fund a furlough scheme for the sports park staff who fell into the required criteria.	Replaced the taps at the allotment site.	Met with KCC regarding Highway Improvement Plan.
A working group was set up including members of the public to respond to the Amber Lane planning application.	Obtained grant funding for the allotment site to fix the perimeter fence where there had been break ins and to fix the car park fence.	Liaised with residents regarding complaints regarding Blaise Farm, had a site visit.
Working group set up to review the emergency plan. This has not met yet.	Purchased tarpaulins for the allotment site to help with empty plots – grant funded.	Recruiting for Speedwatch – to take place in January.
Investigations into the sports park lease and the possibility of a third party managing the sports park.	Investigation into community payback scheme to help with landscape maintenance.	Recruiting for Tree Wardens – to take place in January.

Responded to Broadwater Farm consultation.	Arranged for the cleaning of the play areas and risk assessed so that they could re-open in light of COVID. D	Responded to Government Planning Consultation.
Stopped shooting as a method of pest control at the sports park.		Liaised with residents and TMBC regarding bonfires at the back of Glenton Avenue.
Liaised with Rev M Montgomery to help with the Remembrance Service as the Church ran it this year due to COVID.		Responded to the Kent Rail Strategy Consultation.
		Set up a climate change working group – to meet in January.

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Date: 11th January 2021