**WEALD PARISH COUNCIL**

MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th February, 2025

AT 7.15 P.M. in the Memorial Hall

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs R Wood (in the Chair), Mrs L Harris, Mrs C Beddoe, Mr R Trapp, Mrs R Hewett. Ms Jo Humphreys and Mr S Brennan

Also attending were District Councillors Thornton and Hogarth, the clerk and

fifteen members of the public.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** County Councillor McArthur
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – there was none.
3. **MEETING HELD ON the15th January, 2025** – the Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
5. **VE 80 – Village Events**

In addition to the events on the evening of 8th May, 2025, listed below:

* Lighting of the Village Beacon
* A Laser Show with a VE 80 theme and music
* Entertainment from Weald Panto Group

 On the afternoon of the 6th May a VE 80 Tea Party will be held in the

 Memorial Hall for residents with links to VE Day, either directly or via

 Family members.

 Full details of the above events will be advertised shortly via the Parish

 website and notice boards, the Village Newsletter and social media.

1. **Application for CIL Funding**

It was agreed that the Parish Council should submit a CIL funding application to upgrade the equipment at the children’s play area in the Memorial Hall Field. The last major upgrade took place in 2010. It was also agreed that this application should also include funding for adult outdoor exercise equipment to be sited within the Memorial Hall Field.

Cllrs Brennan and Humphreys will take the lead in preparing a draft submission to the CIL Board, for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting. Applications to the CIL Board are due by 24th March, 2025.

(c) **gov.uk domain and e-mail accounts – an update**

 The clerk advised a gov.uk domain has been established for the Parish

 Council and email accounts opened in name of the clerk and members of

 the Council. The clerk is seeking further guidance on the next steps

 to activate the email accounts.

(d) **Online banking- an update**

 The clerk advised that he now has access to the Parish Council’s online

 bank accounts. Cllrs Harris and Beddoe are in the final stages of

 registering.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Circulated to members.

1. **PLANNING**

Details of current planning applications are available on the Parish Council website.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Meeting adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

The Meeting resumed at 7.55 p.m.

1. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

 Cllrs Thornton and Hogarth briefly updated the Parish Council on the

 latest information on the proposed reorganisation of Local Government as

 it effects Kent.

 Suffice to say, the full impact of the reorganisation is yet to be determined

 but will clearly impact at all levels of local government including Parish

 Councils.

 Sevenoaks District Council will provide on-going advice and guidance to

 all the parishes in its district as will KALC (Kent Association of Local

 Councils) who have set up a KALC Devolution Page which will provide

 updates and upcoming events relating to devolution and local

 reorganisation.

 Kent has been requested to submit its interim plan for reorganisation to

 Central Government by 21st March 2025 with its final proposals expected

 by 28th November, 2025. These plans will be circulated to the Parish

 Council via the channels outlined above.

 The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm