

PLANNING

Planning Applications Received:

SE/05/02736/FUL Recreation Ground, Main Road, Knockholt: Sports changing facilities
SE/05/02804/FUL Northview, Old London Road, Knockholt TN14 7LU: Retention of stable building, hardstanding and access road.
SE/05/02833/FUL Coolings Nurseries Main Road Knockholt TN14 7LJ: Replacement of various existing garden centre buildings with a single new structure and extension to existing barn
SE/05/02839/FUL Grove End, Harrow Road, Knockholt TN14 7JT: Two storey rear extension with single storey porch extension to front
SE/05/02955/FUL Ivy Dene Main Road Knockholt TN14 7LG: New detached dwelling house with attached garage & double garage for existing dwelling
SE/05/02818/FUL Blueberry Farm Blueberry Lane Knockholt TN14 7NH: Barn conversions to 5 dwellings
SE/05/03018/FUL Knockholt Tennis Club, Main Rd, Knockholt TN14 7LG: Erection of floodlights to 2 courts
SE/05/03100/FUL Woodbine Cottage, Main Road, Knockholt TN14 7LH: Erection of first floor bedrooms over an existing kitchen and study to side and extension to the rear kitchen.
SE/05/03099/FUL Westmount, Pound Lane, Knockholt, TN14 7ND: Demolition of existing bungalow, rebuild new detached bungalow as per plans
SE/05/03082/FUL Tanglewood, Rushmore Hill, : erect hardwood conservatory to blend with host building
SE/05/02833/FUL Coolings Nurseries Main Road Knockholt TN14 7LJ: Replacement of various existing garden centre buildings with a single new structure and extension to existing barn (Amendment)
SE/06/00028/FUL Rosede, Old London Road, Knockholt TN14 7LU: To form a pond for conservation of wildlife. (Renewal of SE/01/00266)
SE/06/00041/FUL Woodside, Old London Road, Knockholt: Single storey front extension

Planning Applications granted:

SE/02/01917/FUL Ringfield, Main Road, Knockholt TN14 7JE: New 2 storey residential house and basement
SE/05/02333/FUL Coolings Nurseries Ltd., Rushmore Hill, , TN14NN: Extension to existing greenhouse
SE/05/02425/FUL Oaklands, Pound Lane, Knockholt TN14 7ND: First floor extension
SE/05/02507/FUL Omaha, Harrow Road, Knockholt TN14 7JU: Side, one dormer to ensuite in new loft extension
SE/05/02069/LDCEX Land at Blueberry Lane, Knockholt: An existing use of land as residential garden land (Granted for private recreational and amenity use by the owners of 2 Singles Cross)
SE/05/02507/FUL 3 Waylands Close, Knockholt TN14 7JG: Renewal of SE/01/02309 white UPVC Victorian feature conservatory to rear of property.
SE/05/02736/FUL Recreation Ground, Main Road, Knockholt: Sports changing facilities

Planning Applications Refused:

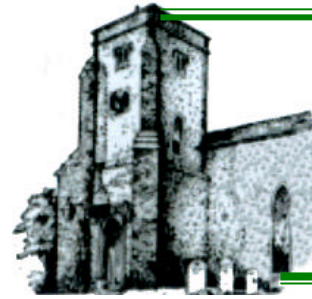
SE/05/01693/FUL 2 Waylands Close, Knockholt, TN14 7JG: Erection of first floor side extension.
SE/05/02243/CONVAR Dalcrest, Rushmore Hill, Knockholt, TN14 7NJ: Removal of agricultural occupancy condition No 4 from decision notice SE/87/00855/FUL
SE/05/02839/FUL Grove End, Harrow Road, Knockholt TN14 7JT: Two storey rear extension with single storey porch extension to front.

Planning Appeal dismissed:

SE/05/01641/FUL Deo Juvante, Pound Lane, Knockholt TN14 7ND: Erection of first floor extension with associated works

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**Parish Precept I increase well below inflation
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HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY

We urge you all to take the time to read the enclosed letter and fill in the questionnaire regarding the housing needs survey. The letter explains all and please do request extra copies for anyone you know who may have lived in the village and would like their views to be taken into account. This is your chance to have your say about the future of our village.

Are you ashamed of your village?

The days when our village was well-kept and we were proud to enter the 'best-kept' village competition seem to be long gone.

Have you noticed the litter and rubbish in the hedgerows and lying around on the pavements gutters and roads? Please take another look and help us to be proud again. Pick up the litter and take it home or put it into one of the bins provided. We are also surprised that we again have to remind parishioners about the dog fouling which continues to trouble us. Again, please clear it up and put it in the bins provided for the purpose.

Let's try to be the cleanest village in Kent.

Gas Leaks

The Parish Council have been told of a smell of gas in several locations around the village. It is important that all such locations are reported to TRANSCO without delay and whilst we are happy to pass on such reports it does seem sensible for parishioners to ring TRANSCO immediately on the freephone number 0800 111 999

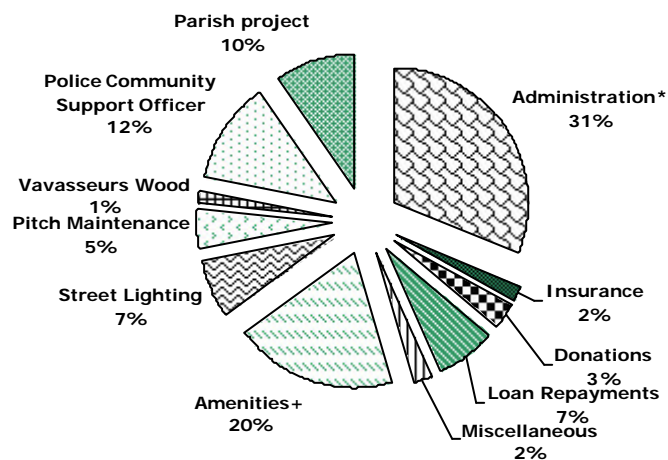
Parish Precept Increase well below inflation

The Parish Council have been able to hold the precept for the year 2006-2007 to a rate well below inflation – in fact the increase in the amount is just 1.4%. The total for the precept for the coming year amounts to £35,430 which is just a little more than 70p per week for each parishioner. Although we know that this is a small part of your whole council tax bill we also know that every little helps.

We continue to manage the spend carefully and yet have achieved a great deal in the past year and are planning to do yet more in the coming year. The services from the Police Community Support Officer and the Speedwatch scheme are included in the precept and we are continuing to look at other services of benefit to our community. In the coming year we will be continuing to look at the provision of sports facilities and will also be examining the feasibility and requirement for further support of children and youth in the village.

The chart below gives an outline of the way in which the precept is made up:

Knockholt Parish Precept 2006-07



* 'Administration' covers salaries, fees, subscriptions, rentals, stationery, newsletters, web site maintenance and training.

+ 'Amenities' encompasses highways, hedging, mowing, pond maintenance, playground equipment replacement and maintenance, dog bins and Speedwatch

Letts Green Pond

There have now been two working parties at Letts Green Pond and the area has been opened up once again after getting badly overgrown with brambles and reeds in recent months. In November a group of volunteers arranged by the West Kent Countryside Agency, worked in awful conditions and made significant progress in removing reed from the pond, and much of the bracken on the eastern bank. The following week another working party continued the project and a dead tree near the road was cut down and some diseased lower branches of another were cut back and burnt. The tree on the island was also cut back as this has been the main cause of the low water level in recent years.

More work needs to be done and a regular working party will be needed to help control any future overgrowth and to help with replacement planting. The recently donated bench will soon be installed at the site.

If any Parishioner is willing to come forward to help with this project please pass your name to the Clerk.

Sport and Leisure

The Sport and Leisure Committee have held informal meetings with Orpington Football Club, Knockholt Tennis Club and Knockholt Cricket Club, the main point of interest being the proposed new changing facility for which planning permission has been granted.

The Tennis Club have applied for planning permission to install floodlights around two courts which would enable use of the courts during dark winter evenings up to a cut-off time of 9pm. This would enable youth coaching in the early evenings. Your council is very concerned to ensure the provision of appropriate, high standard and well maintained sporting amenities for the village. Any questions regarding these developments should be directed, in the first instance, to the clerk.

Police Matters

An independent report regarding the introduction of PCSOs in Kent provides positive reading and is available to any interested parishioner. Our PCSO and the community officer, Jon Wilkinson, will be holding monthly surgeries on each Saturday alternately in Knockholt and Halstead – look for further information on the notice boards.

Telephone contact with the community police should be by dialling 01732 771055 temporarily whilst permanent numbers are changed.

We are pleased to report that the Speedwatch scheme is to recommence using new equipment. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact the clerk.