

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Judging by the steadily rising quantity of planning applications which come before the Planning Committee there is an increasing interest in this topic and we thought we should outline our involvement. Firstly, it is important to understand that our role is to carefully assess and comment upon each application based upon our understanding of the current planning regulations and our detailed local knowledge. Our comments are then submitted to SDC Planning who take note of our observations, but it is their sole responsibility to decide upon each application.

Our planning committee consists of four members who between them have over 100 years total residence in the village and hence can legitimately say that they are very familiar with the area. There is extensive coverage of the planning regulations available on line and we would also suggest that applicants consider approaching SDC for pre-application advice (for which a fee is payable). In addition, when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, we would remind applicants that they are welcome to attend our planning meetings, where they have the opportunity to present and discuss their applications before the formal meeting gets underway (but cannot comment once this is in progress).

It is the aim of the committee to treat each application on its merits and take into account a variety of factors (for example the impact on the street scene and the degree of bulk in the Green Belt) so that we do our best to retain the essential character of the village whilst recognising the wishes of residents to improve their properties.

RECENT MAIN ROAD CLOSURE

For residents who may not have seen our message on Knockholt Grapevine, KPC and Cllr Gary Williamson acted promptly to investigate the road closure by Homefield which caused so much disruption and irritation. This resulted in Thames Water being fined for failure to comply with agreed procedures together with a considerable time overrun!

DOG WALKERS

We have had reports from concerned residents that a minority of dog walkers are leaving their bagged up dog mess on the floor or hanging from trees around the village. Please be respectful of other residents and take your dog mess home with you to dispose of or dispose of in the dog bins around the village!

ANNUAL VILLAGE CLEAN UP

We have had to postpone the annual village clean up until Government restrictions allow but we would like to take this opportunity to thank those residents who regularly patrol their patch clearing up litter. Your efforts are much appreciated and make a noticeable difference.

SPEEDING

We have prepared a detailed case based upon the official road accident statistics to support our application for a visit by the Safety Camera Partnership van which automatically photographs all those exceeding the 30mph limit. We have suggested two possible locations and now await their reply. We have also purchased a 3rd Speed indicator device which is awaiting installation.

CRICKET CLUB NEW PAVILION

As you will have seen from a previous insert in the newsletter, Knockholt Cricket Club have been fundraising for the replacement of their now almost derelict pavilion. They are now approaching their target, although we are told further donations would of course be welcome! In the meantime Sevenoaks DC have now granted planning permission and the Parish Council are pleased to confirm it supported the application to build a new pavilion which has a pleasing design and will be situated much nearer to the Village Centre. The Club are proceeding with a view to completing construction in time for the commencement of the forthcoming season in May assuming the Government relaxes COVID-19 rules by then .

NHS DONATIONS

Following on from posts on the Knockholt Grapevine from resident Caroline at Roxburgh, Pound Lane, there has been a great response of donations for the NHS staff that are currently working around the clock, under enormous pressure due to the pandemic.

These donations make such a massive difference to the NHS staff and are greatly appreciated so please keep donating what you can to the box on Caroline's doorstep (Roxburgh, Pound Lane TN14 7NA) so she can continue making the weekly trip to the hospital to deliver. Items needed are; Instant hot chocolate / hot drinks

Individually wrapped snacks (e.g. cereal bars etc)

Fizzy drinks or flavoured soft drinks, satsumas & bananas, lip balms, hand creams, face wipes, face creams

Thank you Caroline!

DANGEROUS PARKING

There are still serious safety concerns regarding the continuous dangerous parking in the Village, particularly on the Pound. Vehicles are still parking too close to the Pound Lane junction, making it extremely dangerous for cars pulling out of Pound Lane. We are looking at options to stop this dangerous parking but in the meantime we ask residents to please refrain from parking dangerous-

KNOCKHOLT HELP

Just a reminder to vulnerable or self isolating residents that the Knockholt Help service is still available to help with shopping, collecting medication, posting letters or even just a phone call or chat!

Phone calls are taken between 9am and 1pm, Monday to Saturday. Contact details;

Telephone: 07523 147273

Email: knockholthelp@gmail.com

FREIGHTER DATES

Cancelled until further notice due to Covid-19

PLANNING

FULL DETAILS AVAILABLE ON KPC'S WEBSITE.

Applications Received

20/03245/FUL LINWOOD MAIN ROAD KNOCKHOLT TN14 7NT
Demolition of existing buildings & erection of replacement dwelling.
20/03261/FUL LAND NORTH OF CHERRY TREE COTTAGE KNOCKHOLT TN14 7LH
Demolition of single storey garage and plant room. Conversion of existing outbuilding to provide two bedroom dwelling erection of single storey extension, creation of garden utilising part of existing garden land serving Cherry Tree Cottage and use of existing access.
20/02965/LDCPR BOWMANS ORCHARD BURLINGS LANE TN14 7PF
Erection of a swimming pool and pool house.
21/00192/CONVAR 19 BOND CLOSE KNOCKHOLT TN14 7NB
Variation of condition 2 (materials) and 3 (plans) of 20/03382/HOUSE Part single, part two storey side extension, single storey front extension, front canopy, single storey rear extension, alterations to existing roof, new finishes to external facade and alterations to fenestration. Formation of vehicle access with amendments to materials and drawings.
21/00217/HOUSE LITTLE RASCALS POUND LANE TN14 7ND
Upgrade of existing orangery roof.
21/00117/HOUSE HIGH CROFT MAIN ROAD TN14 7NT
Proposed new dormers to existing roof

Granted

20/02762/LDCPR HAVENWOOD RUSHMORE HILL TN14 7NS
Certificate of Lawful Use (proposed) for the permanent stationing of a caravan for use as a residential annex
20/02904/HOUSE AMBLESIDE HARROW ROAD TN14 7JT
Double storey rear extension, single storey side extension, part infill extension at the front and conversion of garage.
20/03107/FUL SITE OF ANTIQUE HOUSE HARROW ROAD TN14 7JT
Demolition and clearance of fire damaged two storey dwelling and replacement dwelling., roof-design of previously approved scheme 19/03429/FUL
20/03265/LDCPR LEYMILL MAIL ROAD TN14 7TE
Proposed single storey side extension & garage conversion.
20/03283/LDCPR ABERDEEN HOUSE MAIN ROAD TN14 7JD
Demolition of detached garage & erection of a detached building for use as a games room and home office.
20/03382/HOUSE 19 BOND CLOSE KNOCKHOLT TN14 7NB
Part single, part two storey side extension, single storey front extension, front canopy, single storey rear extension, alterations to existing roof, new finishes to external facade and alterations to fenestration. Formation of vehicle access.
20/03483/CONVAR 13 BOND CLOSE TN14 7NB
Variation of condition 2 (materials) and 3 (approved plans) of 20/00788/HOUSE for single storey side infill and conversion of garage, new flat roof to existing house and garage, alteration to fenestration with amendment to the materials and alterations to the internal layout, reducing the size of one of the front windows and adding a window on 1st floor and straighten out north facing wall increasing the width at the rear.
20/03539/FUL KNOCKHOLT CRICKET CLUB MAIN ROAD KNOCKHOLT TN14 7LG
Replacement pavilion.
20/03496/LDCPX COOLINGS GREEN AND PLEASANT MAIN ROAD TN14 7LJ
Confirmation that the land that has been used as a nature trail/zoo, ancillary use to garden centre is lawful.

Refused

20/03130/FUL LAND NORTH EAST TO BEECHES FARM BURLING LANE TN14 7FF
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 8 dwellings with 16 parking spaces.
20/03644/LDCPR MARINERS LODGE OLD LONDON ROAD TN14 7JW
Demolition of existing two-storey rear extension, and formation of a new two-storey rear extension with associated internal and external alterations.
20/03645/LDCPR MARINERS LODGE OLD LONDON ROAD TN14 7JW
Demolition of three existing rear-facing dormer windows, and formation of a new dormer with associated internal alterations.
20/03512/HOUSE CHINE FARM HOUSE MAIN ROAD KNOCKHOLT TN14 7LG
Single storey extension to rear. Roof and fenestration alterations. Landscaping and drainage works. Internal alterations.
20/03752/HOUSE THE WILLOWS 2 SINGLES CROSS COTTAGES BLUEBERRY LANE TN14 7NH
Demolition of existing outbuildings: erection of single storey side extension.
20/03523/HOUSE LAVENDER COTTAGE DEERLEAP LANE TN14 7NP
Modifications to roof over original house and previously constructed two storey extension to facilitate conversion into two bedrooms. The roof alterations will include clipped gables on both sides together with pitched roof dormers to front elevation and a box dormer across the rear.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

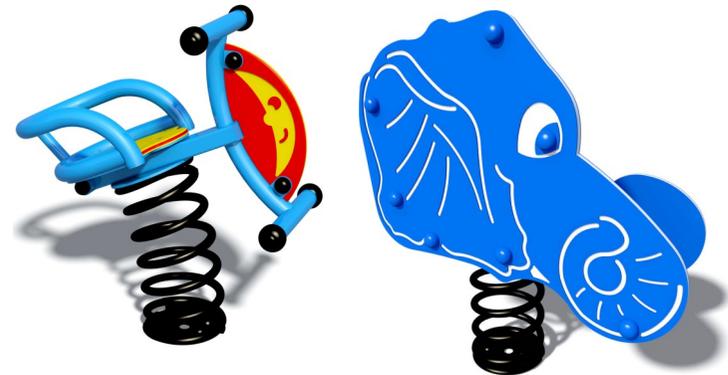
Unfortunately Annual Parish Council Meeting, usually held in April in the Village Centre is now unlikely to take place due to the lockdown so we propose to publish a summary report of our activities over the last year for inclusion with the next newsletter .

LYCH GATE REPAIRS

As this structure is dedicated to the those Knockholt villagers who gave their lives in WW2, the Parish Council is responsible for its upkeep. The pointing on the brickwork facing the road required some extensive repair work and local resident Marco Williams generously offered to organise and pay for both the materials and labour involved. The work has now been completed and we are very grateful for this generous donation.

PLAYGROUND

The Children's Play area is currently open for all to enjoy and we are happy to announce that we have recently purchased 2 new pieces of equipment, due to be installed at the beginning of May.



BOLLARDS

Additional wooden bollards have been installed at both Chapman's Green and Randles Lane to prevent further destruction of the grassed area by inconsiderate vehicle parking.