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This Issue:

- How and where to report issues
- **Update on Great Chart Playing Fields and Pavilion**
- Extension progress at the **Environment Centre**

Important Dates

- Parish Meetings 2nd Monday of the month
- Pop Up Café 16/12/2020 -**PCC Matthew Scott to attend COVID-19** permitting



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020

IMPORTANT MEETING UPDATE

The Parish Council usually meets on the second Monday of the month to discuss local issues and to make decisions. But these are unprecedented times we are living in and because of this *The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexible of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("the 2020 Regulations)* came into force on 4 April 2020 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/392/contents/made

The regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May next year. The regulations also remove the requirement to hold annual meetings. This means that the current Parish Council chair and all other committee chairs will remain in position until next year.

Dates for meetings will be announced once they are agreed and agendas and minutes will be posted to the website and social media as per usual practice. If you wish to receive an invite to these meetings please email theclerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk to be sent the joining instructions.

For more information on agendas and minutes, and the original planned meeting dates, please also visit our website:

www.greatchartwithsingleton-pc.gov.uk

Current planned meeting dates:

09 November 2020

14 December 2020



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

As usual, much has been happening across the Parish since the Summer newsletter was published. We've summarised the best bits below:

Newsletter: We've gone A4 for this issue. Any feedback on the layout or content is always welcomed. This is your newsletter, we want you to enjoy it.

Website: Our new website at

www.greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk is now up and running with all the latest news and updates on it, along with all the information we are legally required to display to the public. Again, it is still new and being added to, so feedback is welcome. Please be aware that our old website will cease to function in December. Please update any bookmarks you may have.



COVID help: We had the most amazing group of volunteers in the early months of lockdown who on a daily basis went shopping, ran errands and were a friendly face or voice for those who were unable to leave their homes. We are so grateful to them for giving up their time to help their neighbours during such a difficult time.



If you are required to isolate over the coming months, there are a number of schemes still running to help out. But if you can't access them for any reason, please call the parish office. We would never knowingly leave a resident stuck.

With regards to the Parish Office, it remains closed for drop in visits, but if you wish to visit the Clerk then please call or email and an appointment can easily be arranged.

Pop-Up Café: There is still no confirmed date for the next Pop-up Café. We continue to follow the latest guidelines and hope restrictions will be lifted so the Pop-Up Café can return soon. We did have Police Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott booked to attend the December Café, so if we are able to run that session we will—please keep an eye on our website and social media for latest updates.

Hoxton Close – 20 mph: The Parish Council has allocated funds for the implementation of the 20-mph speed limit starting from Hoxton Close to Cuckoo Lane. KCC officers are currently working on the Active Travel Scheme which takes priority over other projects. Officers will be able to refocus on other schemes once the Active Travel Scheme is completed.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Street - Consultation: A consultation has recently closed to review the proposed traffic calming measures on The Street and the junction of Singleton Road with Ninn Lane. Each household in Great Chart received a letter along with the plans and feedback form. Comments will be discussed at the November council meeting, then fed back to KCC for the next steps.

Zig Zag Yellow Lines at John Wesley School:

We are really pleased to say that KCC agreed to join up the existing Zig Zag yellow lines at John Wesley school. The proposal will go under consultation with residents in the next few weeks.



Footpath by Great Chart School: By the time you read this newsletter, the footpath that runs behind the school should be closed for resurfacing. This is the result of years of campaigning by the Parish Council to improve the footpath and encourage more people to use it to walk to school.



Play parks: As you have probably already realised, our play parks reopened on 4th July in line with government guidance. There are signs at all of the parish owned parks asking people to follow social distancing to help slow the spread of COVID-19 whilst allowing our children to enjoy themselves in the fresh air.

Speedwatch: Kent Police have carried out speed checks along the A28 and Knoll Lane. Those caught speeding have received warning letters and continued speed checks will take place over the coming months.

Logo: The Council are putting the final touches to their new logo. They plan to unveil the final logo soon, but take a look at page 7 for their proposed ideas.

Upcoming events:

Scarecrow Trail: The Parish Council have organised a scarecrow trail as an alternative to the traditional trick or treating this year. There may still be time to follow the trail and vote for your favourite.

Remembrance services: Unfortunately the usual ceremony will not go ahead this year due to COVID-19. The occasion will still be marked in an appropriate way, and a noticeboard at the war memorial will give details of ways you can pay your respects.

Christmas & New Year: Although it seems a little early to mention, our next newsletter will not be until 2021. So we hope you have a happy, socially distanced, Christmas and New Year.



MEET YOUR COUNCILLOR

Each newsletter we introduce you to one of the councillors that make up your Parish Council—you may well recognise their faces already. In this issue Janet Sullivan is answering your questions. She is one of the councillors for Singleton East.

1) What is your name and what roles do you hold in the Parish?

My name is Janet Sullivan and I am the Parish Councillor for Singleton East Ward. I am a Governor at John Wesley Primary School. I'm also the secretary for the Great Chart Playing Fields Association and have a place on the council's Staffing and Planning committees.

2) Tell us a bit about yourself.

I was born in Yorkshire and moved around the country throughout my life. I have lived in Singleton since 1990, my children were born here and attended Great Chart School. I currently work for the NHS.



3) Why did you become a Councillor and what do you enjoy most about being a Councillor?

I became a councillor because I really liked the area I lived in and wanted to promote how nice it was to other people. I wanted to help improve the local area and protect it from over development.

5) What do you personally think is the most important part of the Council's work?

I think the most important part of the Council's work is to listen to the people within the area and try to achieve what the community wants.

6) What do you feel is the Council's biggest achievement to date?

I personally was really pleased to see the crossing installed on Tithe Barn Lane. I used to cross that road every school day with my children and it was dangerous. The crossing will hopefully make the road a lot safer for today's school children.

7) What do you personally want to achieve as a Councillor in the future?

As I mentioned, I love the area I live in. I walk around it all the time and it is beautiful. I want to protect it, especially after the recent lockdown – we were so lucky to have so many beautiful places to walk in without having to get in the car.

8) What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy walking in my spare time. I used to take my children out on their bikes around Ashford all the time when they were younger, now I take my grandchildren out and about. I'm a regular visitor to the play parks with them.



OUR NEW LOGO

The Parish Council is in the process of designing a new logo. It has been a discussion item at recent meetings as we would like to produce something that is easily recognisable as ours, and which represents our area and community.

What do you think about the two proposed colour schemes, and which would be your favourite font? Let us know which you would prefer at TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk





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YOU ASKED - WE'VE DONE

We have received a number of requests for improvements over the past few months, and we have either given guidance on who to report them to if they are not the Parish Council's responsibility, or we have sent Peter and Rob our Parish Stewards out to fix things.



A wasps nest was reported to us after a swarm attacked on Cuckoo Park. Pest Control were able to remove the nest within 24 hours.

A litter pick was organised around Buxford Meadow. Local Parish and Borough Councillors, along with Council staff were amongst those giving up their free time to clear the area of cans, bottles, crisp packets and the standard shopping trolley!





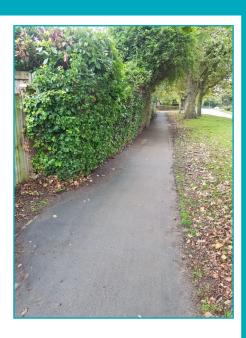
We have fitted our latest noticeboard next to the bus stop on Kirk View/ Imperial Way. The only one left to install now will be on the Chilmington development.



YOU ASKED - WE'VE DONE



The overgrown footpath along Tithe Barn Lane was given a good tidy up making it easier for everyone, especially those using wheelchairs and pushchairs, to use it





The footpath was repaired between Lodge Close and Cuckoo Park after the concrete broke down and bricks came loose

The pathway adjacent to a resident's property was given a good clear out to allow easier access to car parking







SINGLETON ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Singleton Environment Centre seeks to be a truly sustainable venue

- Owned by Ashford Borough Council
- Leased by Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council
 - Operated by Singleton Spaces

The Centre was built and aims to operate with reduced effects on the environment and increased sustainability in mind.

The biggest project on the go at the moment is all the work on the extension. All the containers have now been delivered and are slowly taking shape, along with the grounds around them. The pictures below show the progress that has been made and completion is scheduled towards the end of November.













Once finished the extension will consist of the Brisley community room, education rooms and an office for the Centre manager. It also means that the Repair Café will be the only users of the space they currently share. For further updates keep an eye on social media and

https://www.singletonenvironmentcentre.org.uk



REPAIR CAFE

Have you got old furniture that needs a new lease of life? Or an old radio that doesn't work anymore? Don't bin it, bring it to Singleton Environment Centre where the Repair Café can fix it for you. The Café operates in the afternoon between one and four, on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Currently repairing

80%

of items

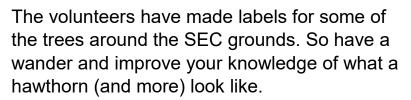
Repair # Recycle # Reuse



The Repair Café volunteers have been busy at work repairing many different items. In fact, due to demand they are often running additional sessions, so keep an eye on their Facebook page, or the Environment Centre page to see when the extra sessions are running. Whilst the extension works and social distancing is still ongoing, the volunteers have installed a slide to drop off and pick up your items from the main entrance path.











GREAT CHART PLAYING FIELDS AND BUXFORD PAVILION

It was all change at the Great Chart
Playing Fields Association AGM in June
2020. After years of service, Peter Barker
stepped down as Chair and we give our
thanks for all the work he has done for
the Association. Geoff Darvill is the new
Chairman and four new trustees were
added to the Association, including the
Parish Council. This means that the
Council can become more involved in



the management of this area on behalf of the local community.

There was also a change in treasurer as Paula Cowperthwaite took over from Yolanda Barker, whilst also taking on a newly created role of Bookings Officer as there are plans in place to open the Pavilion as a bookable hall once the current COVID restrictions start to lift.

Currently the Pavilion and the Playing Fields are used by our resident football club, Pilgrims FC, but in 2021 we also plan to hire out the Pavilion for events such as clubs or parties. The Playing Fields will also be available for hire, but the football pitches must be protected for Pilgrims FC to continue playing there, so activities will be restricted - and unfortunately that





means an end to the Playing

Fields hosting car boot sales.

There is a now a website at www.greatchartplayingfields.org.uk

and once the hall is open for hire, you will be able to book through this website, call 01223 427407 or email

bookings@greatchartplayingfields.org.uk



GROUP REPORTS

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the majority of the groups who operate in the area are not currently running. We look forward to hopefully hearing about their re-opening plans in our next newsletter.

Happy Days with the Green Gym

It has been a productive summer for the Green Gym, helping out at the Singleton Environment Centre. As we came out of lockdown, it was great to be able to meet up with everyone again (at a distance!) and get out working. Due to the coronavirus we had to make some changes and we weren't able to run the Green Gym in its usual format, travelling to different work sites. But there has been plenty of hedge cutting, tree trimming, weeding, making reptile refuges, to name but a few activities, to keep us busy at the Centre.

So we've had plenty of sunshine and healthy outdoor exercise whilst keeping the grounds of the Centre looking their best.

Surely what a boost for our mental wellbeing to keep meeting every Monday in these challenging times.

Peter & Sophie Ashford Green Gym



Work on the compost and allotment area is in progress and the base for the container roof garden is prepared







HILLCREST ALLOTMENTS

GREAT CHART ALLOTMENT SEEKS HELP TO DEVELOP ENVIRONMENTAL AREA

Hillcrest Allotments in Great Chart has been a great success and currently has all its 35 plots fully tenanted with, at the time of writing, a waiting list of nearly 20 people.

We do have one project, however, where we are actively seeking help from parish residents. In the south-east corner of the site, the allotment has an extremely large environmental area that features an impressive pond. Unfortunately, our current environmental expert is working abroad and cannot therefore contribute to the upkeep of this area.

The project aims to create a fenced off area depleted in nutrients to allow native UK wild flowers to be grown in abundance. To do this, existing weeds are being allowed to grow out of control and are then cut down in the autumn. This process should eventually mean that the soil has less nitrogen and is therefore able to support a traditional flower meadow.

At the same time, the pond remains a blank canvas.

What we would like to do is create an area that is suitable to attract local wildlife and be an attractive area for both plot holders and visitors to wander around. Volunteers would be asked to work in concert with our environmental manager, implementing his preferred scheme.

The area in question is at the lowest end of the site and is often quite boggy in winter, therefore unsuitable for fruit and vegetable cultivation. Nevertheless, for local fauna and flora, this is a haven. Frogs, for example, love the damp; and their presence is vital to control the allotment's slug and snail population.

Hillcrest is also home to common lizards and slow worms not to mention grass snakes.

If you are interested in helping, please contact the parish clerk by email at: TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk



REPORTING

Although at the Parish Council we are always happy to take reports of something damaged, missing or overgrown, sometimes we do not hold responsibility for the affected area so it needs to be reported to the relevant authority. It will also be resolved more quickly if it is reported to the correct authority first.

We appreciate that the multiple layers of authority can be confusing, so our website has a handy summary of what should be reported where. This can be found at:

www.greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk/Reporting 30646.aspx

Ashford Borough Council is responsible for:

- Environmental Issues
- Housing and Community
- Animal Issues
- Street and Bin Issues
- Food and Hygiene Issues
- Planning and Building Control
- Council Tax, Business Rates, Benefits and Support





All of these can be reported on their website at www.ashford.gov.uk/report or via their **Your Ashford** app which has this logo in the app store.

On the app you can also

- Report environmental issues (e.g. fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, etc.)
- Check recycling and refuse services
- Report missed bin collections
- Make payments online (e.g. Council Tax)
- Find your local councillor
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For more information call 01233 616923



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CLUBS & GROUPS

Beavers—Thursdays 5:30-7 pm at GCVH, boys and girls aged 6-8 Cubs—Fridays 6:30-8 pm at GCVH boys and girls aged 8-10 ½ Contact Jill Lane 01233 641773/ 07799 886549 jillmlane55@gmail.com	Wednesdays 4:15-5:15 pm at SVH Fridays 4:15-5.15 pm SVH Contact: Izzy Hammond - singleton2ndrainbows@outlook.com			
Scouts—Mondays 7-9 pm at GCVH boys and girls aged 10 ½ -14 Contact Dave Gathern 01233 633966/ 07961 202097 Over 14? We also run an Explorer Group	1st Great Chart and Singleton Guides Mondays; 6:30 - 8:30 pm at SVH Contact Laura Bowtell 07534 404445 gcsingletonguides@gmail.com			
Ashford Concert Band Thursdays 7-8:30 at John Wesley School Visit www.ashfordconcertband.co.uk contact info@ashfordconcertband.co.uk	Dream Dragons Theatre Wednesdays 7-10 pm at SVH contact 01233 668767 or www.dreamdragons.co.uk			
Paek Ma Taekwondo Tuesday 5.30pm-6.30pm Beginners 6.30pm-8pm Advanced Thursday 6.30pm-8pm Juniors SVH 8pm-9.30pm Seniors Master Geoff 6th Dan -07836 621060	St Mary's Great Chart & Singleton Sunday services 9:30am at St Marys in Great Chart;11am at St Mary's in Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close Administrator- Libby Varley Tel 01233 620371 Email office@stmarysgreatchart.org Web www.stmarysgreatchart.org			
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Abbreviations: SVH-Singleton Village Hall—GCVH-Great Chart Village Hall				



USEFUL INFORMATION

Allotments	Dog Warden
Parish Clerk – 01233 616923 <u>TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk</u>	Colin Leek – 01233 330340 – colin.leek@ashford.gov.uk
Litter/Overflowing bins/ fly-tipping: streetscene@ashford.gov.uk	Mobile Library Knoll Lane: Thursdays 15:50-16:05 Coronation Drive: Saturday (fortnightly) 10:55-11:25 Aske's Court Friday 14:55-15:25

Emergency Contacts

Emergency Services 999 For non-emergencies police **101** or You can also text 'Police' to **60066** if you're deaf or hard of hearing

Environment Agency General Enquiries 03708 506 506

Floodline 0345 988 1188 Environmental Incident Reporting 0800 80 70 60

UK Powernet General Enquirers 0800 029 4285

Power cut **0800 31 63 105** Gas Leaks **0800 111 999**

South East Water 0333 000 0001 (during weekdays & working hours only)

Kent County Council/ Enquiries/ Social Services 03000 414141

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