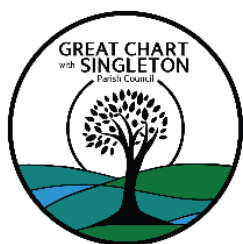


# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

Founded in December 1894



## Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Great Chart Village Hall at 7.30pm MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Barker, Y Barker, D Gathern, McClintock, Sullivan, Tate, Wiffen.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Aniko Szocs (Clerk), Paula Cowperthwaite (Deputy Clerk),  
Cllr Barrett (ABC), Cllr Blanford (ABC), 2 members of public.

Number of Seats: 11

Number of Councillors Present: 7

Number of Councillors Absent: 2

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Herring

Cllr Hallett (ABC) Cllr S Gathern (ABC)

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To hear declarations of interest on this agenda, relating to:

#### 2.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

#### 2.2. Other Significant Interests

None

#### 2.3. Other Interests

Cllr Y Barker – Items 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.8, 12.3.1

Cllr McClintock – Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.8, 12.3.1

Cllr Sullivan – Items 6.1, 6.4, 6.5, 6.8

Cllr Wiffen – Items 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.8, 12.3.1

Cllr P Barker – Items 6.1, 6.3, 6.7, 6.8, 12.3.1

Cllr Gathern – Items 6.5, 6.7

### 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The council resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 as a true record of the meeting.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Sullivan
<b>Vote In Favour:</b> 6	<b>Vote Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 1	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

### 4. Reports from Borough Councillors (maximum of 15 minutes)

#### 4.1. Cllr Bill Barrett – Singleton East Ward

Cllr Barrett is still chasing a final price for the replacement walkway around Singleton Lake.

Cllr Barrett would like to arrange a meeting with the parish council and the management company of the Singleton Centre to discuss what work is still to be done in the area.

Cllr Barrett has donated money to projects at SEC, which will be mentioned later.

He has also been working hard to oversee building of new housing and purchase of existing properties for those on the ABC housing waiting list.

#### **4.2. Cllrs Jessamy Blanford & Alan Pickering – Weald Central Ward**

Cllr Blanford will call in planning application PA/2024/0428 if the officer is looking to approve it, but the chance to call in application OTH/2024/0513 was missed. The abandoned car in the ditch in Great Chart has finally been removed. There was a meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March regarding Hoads Wood which was well attended. The next meeting will be on 18<sup>th</sup> April. It is a complicated issue which the Environment Agency are leading on. ABC have started the call for sites project, and a number of sites have been submitted. A site visit took place at the proposed Waste Water Treatment Works site in Stubbs Cross. It was discussed that if ABC grant planning permission then the Environment Agency may still not grant a permit. The new waste collection contract has now started. There have been significant teething issues but it is hoped that the new routes will settle in soon. The issue of the state of the wooden horse was raised again. Cllr Blanford will again speak with ABC about the management plan.

#### **4.3. Cllr Sally Gathern- Singleton West Ward**

Not present. Report provided at Appendix One.

#### **4.4. Cllr Clive Hallett - Washford Ward**

Not present. Report provided at Appendix One.

### **5. Reports from County Councillors (maximum of 10 minutes)**

#### **5.1. Cllr Charlie Simkins**

Not present. No report submitted.

#### **5.2. Cllr Dirk Ross**

Not present. No report submitted.

### **6. Reports from Committees/Groups**

To receive reports from committees

#### **6.1. Planning Committee**

A meeting was held and minutes circulated. Cllr Wiffen has been invited to attend the ABC planning committee when it discusses the waste water treatment works. Discharge into specific rivers is not a planning consideration but the planning committee can voice their concerns for the Environment Agency to take into account when they consider granting a permit.

The Jarvis application OTH/2024/0513 has been updated to show new allocated parking spaces but these appear to have taken over existing visitor parking spaces and it has since been approved. Cllr Y Barker has contacted ABC about this as it sets a precedent for all future garage conversions across the development, but she has not had a response to date.

The Woodland Rise application PA/2024/0428 will be called in if it is looking to be approved and Cllr Y Barker will speak at the relevant committee meeting.

#### **6.2. Singleton Spaces**

The Centre is attempting to source land for additional car parking, possibly off Chart Road. Cllr Barrett is funding gravel to improve the existing car park and has also donated £200 to the repair café.

#### **6.3. Environment Committee**

The committee have been waiting for the new steward to start before progressing the tree trail project. This should start soon.

There has been a discussion about the issues with purchasing day tickets for fishing at Singleton Lake, and possibly creating an online app to do so.

The committee are looking to organise a gardening competition, with prizes from SEC, for residents within the parish boundary.

#### **6.4. Stronger Communities**

Latest meeting postponed as not quorate, other councillors are welcome to come along to meetings or join the committee.

#### **6.5. Staffing Committee**

The new steward has just started and training is being arranged.

#### **6.6. Great Chart Playing Fields**

A new kitchen is being delivered and fitted. The work will also include refitting the back fire door, and fitting a hatch on the kitchen.

A fence won't be installed around the field as the distance needed between the fence and the water source would take too much away from the fields.

The Association is consulting with Pilgrims to refit the overhead entry barrier, and to sort out the standard of the car park.

#### **6.7. Kent Association of Local Councils- Ashford Area Committee**

No meeting held.

#### **6.8. Parish Council Building**

A meeting was held with a solicitor to discuss possible sites. One site already has an agreed sale in progress and one site has a number of covenants in place which may or may not restrict what can be built there. A new page has been added to the website where regular updates on the progress of the project will be shared.

**Public Participation:** There will be 15 minutes of the meeting to hear public questions and comments.

A member of public noted that the hardcore due to be laid on the Public Rights of Way in Chilmington has been delayed due to the wet weather but it is still due to be carried out. On 19<sup>th</sup> May a service will be held at Great Chart church and the RAF memorial in Kestrel Park to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash. As many of those who attend are now very elderly, this will be the last anniversary event to take place.

Peter New (PN) gave his Neighbourhood Watch report which can be found on our [website](#). He noted the main issues of attacks on livestock and the right of farmers to shoot dogs who are worrying the livestock.

As the weather improves and people visit rural woodlands with car parks, he noted the aggressive entry to cars in rural areas to ransack them.

PN noted the upcoming PCC elections and asked people to vote for the most suitable candidate. PN asked that the issues about night fishing at Singleton Lake should be put in writing to Kent Police asking for their plan of how they will deal with the issue.

There was a discussion about staffing levels within Kent Police and the visibility of officers in the town centre, across the parish, and at parish council meetings.

### **7. Planning Decisions**

The most recent planning comments and decisions were shown to the room and can be seen at Appendix Two.

### **8. Highways Improvement Plan**

The results of the recent traffic survey have been circulated to councillors and show that there is not excessive speeding in the area.

A 20mph roundel will be placed on Hoxton Close. There was a discussion as to whether the proposed location was suitable. It was suggested that KCC officers are invited to a site visit to see the issues for themselves.

A number of extraneous signs around the parish will be removed to reduce street clutter.

## 9. Debate Not Hate

ABC have circulated information on this national campaign. The parish council resolved to sign up to the campaign.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Wiffen
<b>Vote In Favour: 7</b>	<b>Vote Against: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

## 10. Policies and Procedures

To review and approve updates on the following policies.

### 10.1. Policy and Procedure for Handling Complaints

### 10.2. Privacy Statement

### 10.3. Grant Awarding Policy

### 10.4. Health and Safety

### 10.5. Equal Opportunities Policy

The updates have been reviewed and the parish council resolved to adopt the new versions of the policies listed.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Gathern
<b>Vote In Favour: 7</b>	<b>Vote Against: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

## 11. Playing Fields Association

After discussion with a solicitor and whilst the transfer of land ownership is taking place, it was suggested that the parish council agree on a Statutory Declaration of Statement. This is in process and will be brought to the next meeting.

## 12. Finance

### 12.1. Items for Payment

The parish council resolved to agree the items for payment in April and acknowledged the bank reconciliation.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Sullivan
<b>Vote In Favour: 7</b>	<b>Vote Against: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

### Items for Approval for Payment April 2024

Method	Items for Approval for Payment in April 2024	Description	Total Payable	VAT
Bacs	HMRC	Employer Contribution	£2,271.71	
Bacs	Salary	April Salaries	£6,729.79	
Bacs	Kent Pension Fund	Pension Contribution	£2,138.74	
Bacs	ADM Computing	Monthly support contract	£311.90	£51.98
Bacs	Singleton Spaces	Education activities	£1,500.00	
Bacs	Singleton Village Hall	Hall Hire- 04 June 2024	£40.00	
Bacs	Singleton Village Hall	Office rent per annum	£1.00	
Bacs	Rialtas Business Solutions	Alpha Software annual support	£230.40	£38.40
Bacs	Singleton Spaces	Cake stall for Women Together event	£146.50	
Bacs	Zurich	Insurance renewal	£4,781.08	
Bacs	KCS Procurement Services	Photocopier rental	£127.51	£21.25
Bacs	Kent Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	£2,118.00	£353.00
DD	RAC Business	Van recovery insurance	£12.50	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>£ 20,409.13</b>	<b>£ 464.63</b>

**Payment for Information**

Payment Date	To	Description	Total paid	VAT (if applicable)

**Income**

Method	From	Description	Total received	VAT (if applicable)
BACS	Ashford Borough Council	Grant from Cllr Gathern	500.00	
BACS	Ashford Borough Council	Grant from Cllr Barrett	£ 312.00	
<b>Total:</b>			<b>£ 812.00</b>	

Credit card payment items for Information	Description	Total paid	VAT
<b>Account Number:19079376</b>			
Amazon	Hanging chain and hooks	£12.02	£ 2.01
Amazon	Closed for Cleaning sign	£19.51	£ 3.26
Landregistry	Title register and Plan	£6.00	
Applegreen Ashford	Van fuel	£60.10	£ 10.04
Amazon	Violet Acrylic Paint	£6.68	£ 1.12
Amazon	Brush sponges	£9.24	£ 1.54
Amazon	Violet Acrylic Paint	£13.35	£ 2.24
Quickdraw Supplies	White Acrylic paint	£16.52	£ 2.76
MD Carpentry	Ply Wood to display poppy art	£124.94	£ 20.82
Amazon	Sum Up Card reader device	£169.99	£ 28.33
<b>Account Number: 24056805</b>			
Giff Gaff	Mobile Phone top up	£6.00	£ 1.00
Morrisons	Refreshment	£1.30	
Giff Gaff	Mobile Phone top up	£10.00	
Giff Gaff	Mobile Phone top up	£10.00	
Amazon	Hanging chain for Community Fridge	£8.98	£1.50
NALC	AI training event	£39.22	£6.54
Giff Gaff	Mobile Broadband top up	£10.00	
Lily's Social Kitchen	Pop Up Café	£30.55	£5.10
<b>Total:</b>		<b>£ 554.40</b>	<b>£ 86.26</b>



**Great Chart with Singleton Parish NEW**

**Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 1 March 2024**

<u>Confirmed Bank &amp; Investment Balances</u>			
<u>Bank Statement Balances</u>			
31/03/2024	Metro Bank Current Account		93,951.89
31/03/2024	Metro Bank Instant Access		127,687.60
31/03/2024	Metro Bank Credit Card 6934		-406.94
31/03/2024	Metro Bank Credit Card 8589		-116.05
29/02/2024	NatWest Current		100.00
29/02/2024	NatWest Reserve Account		197,050.03 To be reconciled
31/03/2024	Nationwide Business 1 Yr Fixed		184,670.64
29/02/2024	Dudley		110,000.00 To be reconciled
			<b>Please note the sum 712,937.17 will change after reconciling all accounts</b>
<u>Receipts not on Bank Statement</u>			
			<b>0.00</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>			
			<b>712,937.17</b>
<u>All Cash &amp; Bank Accounts</u>			
1	Metro Bank Current Account		93,951.89
2	Metro Bank Instant Access		127,687.60
3	Metro Bank Credit Card		-522.99
4	NatWest Current Account		100.00
5	NatWest Reserve Account		107,050.03
6	Nationwide Business 95 Day		184,670.64
7	Dudley Building Society		110,000.00
	Other Cash & Bank Balances		0.00
	<b>Total Cash &amp; Bank Balances</b>		<b>622,937.17</b>

**12.2. Speed Indicator Device**

One of the SID batteries is in a poor state and no longer holds a good charge. It was proposed that two replacement batteries are purchased, and the costs of an additional SID are looked into.

The parish council resolved to purchase two replacement batteries.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr McClintock	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Wiffen
<b>Vote In Favour: 7</b>	<b>Vote Against: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

**12.3. Grant Application**

**12.3.1. Great Chart Pre-School**

It was agreed that the pre school is a fantastic contribution to the parish.

The parish council resolved to accept the grant application.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr P Barker	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Wiffen
<b>Vote In Favour: 7</b>	<b>Vote Against: 0</b>	<b>Abstain: 0</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

**13. Clerk's Report and Update on Issues not Listed Elsewhere on the Agenda**

The Clerk's Report was shown to the room, and can be seen at Appendix Three.

**14. Events attended**

Cllr P Barker – Finance committee, Environment committee, Waste processing planning application site visit, Various Fridge visits for restock, Poppy painting day  
 Cllr Sullivan - 25 March Planning committee, 2 April staffing committee  
 Cllr Y Barker – Staffing committee, planning committee, stronger communities committee, environment committee, Hoads Wood meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March, Mondays – Community Fridge restock, WI East Kent Federation Annual Meeting at Leas Cliffe Hall Folkestone – I was a speaker (In front of about 350 people) I spoke about MS but also about the community work I am involved with so featured the PC of course, KTN Training – Webinar - Free resources available to communities, charities, local authorities. – 25<sup>th</sup> March, Poppy Making Community Event – 13<sup>th</sup> April, Refer Kent Webinar – 15<sup>th</sup> April



## 15. Correspondence

- A letter has been received from a resident with questions about the proposed parish building project. It was agreed that residents are able to attend both council and committee meetings. It was also noted that there is now a dedicated webpage for the project as well as a piece in the newsletter due to be delivered in a couple of weeks.

## 16. Items for Information or Agenda for Next Meeting

- Statutory Declaration of Statement

## 17. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

The next scheduled Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 7.30pm at Singleton Village Hall**

### Closed session

To Resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

It was moved by the Chair that in pursuance of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following item on the grounds that it is exempt information as defined in the Act.

## 18. Staffing

### 18.1. Temporary Parish Steward

The proposed contract for the temporary steward to cover a training period for the new steward was shown to the room. It has been discussed and supported by the staffing committee. The parish council resolved to approve the contract for the temporary parish steward.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr McClintock
<b>Vote In Favour:</b> 7	<b>Vote Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

### 18.2. Parish Steward

The new parish steward has been in post for two weeks and is working well to date.

### 18.3. Personal Development and Training

The staffing committee were in favour of funding the online Masters course with a tie in clause. The parish council resolved to fund the training course.

<b>Proposed:</b>	Cllr Gathern	<b>Seconded:</b>	Cllr Sullivan
<b>Vote In Favour:</b>	<b>Vote Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

The meeting ended at 21:50pm

Signed as a true record by:

Cllr Wiffen \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Appendix One**

### **Cllr Sally Gathern- Singleton West Ward**

1. Regretfully, I was unable to attend the last Parish Council Environment Committee meeting due to a family emergency, but I am pleased that I was able to support the PC's environment project with a sum from my ward grant. I have noticed that Aspire have started to change their mowing regime, as suggested by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, and plants and flowers will soon be planted, weather permitting!
2. I have been following up concerns expressed by residents about HMOs being licensed in the area and how this impacts local people.
3. I have been contacted by a few residents whose bins were not collected as scheduled. It is regrettable that the new waste collection contract has got off to such a shaky start in our ward but I'm hoping these are teething problems that will be quickly remedied. I will certainly follow up on residents' concerns if this isn't the case.
4. I have been trying to establish ownership of the strip of land by Holt Close and persuade the owner to clear it and properly maintain it. It has taken a lot of emails and a lot of time but I have established that it is the responsibility of KCC and am now working with them to try to resolve the issue.
5. I attended a presentation by Freedom Leisure in which they outlined their plans for the Stour Centre, Tenterden Leisure Centre and Conningbrook Lakes. It was very encouraging to hear their plans and to be able to make suggestions and give feedback about the sorts of services and residents have said they want.
6. I attended a Climate Change meeting at which I expressed concern at ABC's lack of a coherent biodiversity policy.

### **Cllr Clive Hallett - Washford Ward**

Bin collections have been an issue as elsewhere with Suez clearly still finding their feet; contacting ABC by phone has been a problem. Where collections were missed in Washford, days allocated for catch-up collections were given in the "Find My Bin Day" ABC web page and were collected accordingly. Some refuse collections in Singleton South, however, are still outstanding and have been reported to ABC Environmental Contracts & Operations Officer.

Good to see the two dangerous potholes near the Singleton Village Hall entrance were repaired - although from a glance it looks to be a bit of a quick fix which may not last.

Drainage problems at Windsor Court and the responsibility for clearance of the receiving ditch between Longacre Road properties and Windsor Court is still to be resolved.



## Appendix Two

# Planning Comments

## March

### [Planning Application PA/2024/0316](#)

#### **Park Cottage, Park Lane, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN26 1JZ**

Front first-floor extension with an underpass and one-and-a-half-storey side extension with associated alterations.

There were no planning related concerns. The committee resolved to support the application.

### [Planning Application PA/2024/0396](#)

#### **27 Red Tree Orchard, Singleton, TN23 5PZ**

Proposed garage conversion and first floor side extension

There were no planning related concerns. There will be sufficient parking after development. The committee resolved to support the application.

### [Planning Application PA/2024/0429](#)

#### **The Rectory, Ashford Road, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN23 3AY**

Two detached dwellings following demolition of existing garage.

The committee resolved to object to the application for the following reasons:

- The development is outside of the conservation area but is covered by the Village Design Statement which states there should be no building at the top of the hill. As per the last application for this site, the development will 'contribute to the soft erosion of the conservation area, resulting in less than substantial harm to the character and appearance of its setting without public benefit to outweigh this harm'
- The open slurry pit is too close to the proposed buildings
- There is no mention of how waste will be dealt with
- It will increase the number of vehicle movements through the village
- The line of sight needs improving for exiting the site

### [Planning Application PA/2024/0428](#)

#### **15 Woodland Rise, Chilmington Green, Ashford, TN23 8AR**

Proposed garage conversion

In the original development planning application ([12/00400/AS](#)), a number of ABC documents (Ashford Borough Council Local Plan 2030, original and 2019 versions. Pg 29,257, TRA3; Chilmington Green Area Action Plan point 4.9; Chilmington Green Design Code pg 218 Parking Typography) state that the outbuildings on these dwellings are car barns and counted as an allocated parking space, and are therefore not garages.

A garage door has been fitted to the car barn and this has therefore converted it to a garage without the relevant planning permission. This issue should be rectified via application or returned to existing state before any further application can be made as it will affect the parking provision. It is also an issue to be raised with the enforcement team.

If the application is approved then it will remove a parking space and will leave a four bed dwelling with one allocated parking space. If the planning application is approved, a 4 bed house will only have 1 parking space which contravenes TRA3.

The design code also states that parking should be behind the build line of the property, and this is

not clearly demonstrated in the supporting photo.

The committee resolved to object to the application for the reasons for the reasons stated above and would like to call the application in.

### **Planning Application [OTH/2024/0513](#)**

#### **5859, Chilmington Hamlet, Great Chart, Ashford, TN23 3DP**

Non-material amendment to planning permission 18/00207/AS for Reserved Matters approval for the development of Parcel P for 99 dwellings together with associated access roads, footpaths, drainage, car/cycle parking, groundworks, landscaping and infrastructure to allow installation of garage doors to approved carports on plots 58 and 59

In the original development planning application ([12/00400/AS](#)), a number of ABC documents (Ashford Borough Council Local Plan 2030, original and 2019 versions. Pg 29,257, TRA3; Chilmington Green Area Action Plan point 4.9; Chilmington Green Design Code pg 218 Parking Typography) state that the outbuildings on these dwellings are car barns and counted as an allocated parking space and are therefore not garages.

If this application is approved, it sets a precedent for others in the development, and removes that allocated parking space for the dwelling. No alternative parking is shown in this application as a garage would not count towards the allocation.

The committee objects to the application because for the reasons above and would like the application to be called in.

## Planning Decisions

### March

#### **OTH/2023/1726**

Agricultural Buildings and yard north west of Great Chilmington Farmhouse, Chilmington Green Lane, Chilmington Green – Details submitted of conditions 17 (sewage) and 18 (drainage) of planning permission 21/01163/AS

<https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0h8d000002HawHAAS>

**ABC:** Approve **PC:** Support

#### **OTH/2023/1257**

Chilmington Green Development – Phase 2 Infrastructure, Chilmington Green Road, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent – Details submitted pursuant to condition 2 (Materials) of planning permission 21/00840/AS Phase 2 The Avenue

<https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0h8d000002FqShAAK>

**ABC:** Approve **PC:** Not consulted.

#### **OTH/2023/1386**

Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Road, Great Chart, Kent – Details submitted pursuant to Condition 14 (EV Charging) of planning permission 21/01914/AS relating to Land Parcel E5.

<https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0h8d000002FyaFAAS>

**ABC:** Approve **PC:** Not consulted.

#### **OTH/2023/2316**

New Street Farm, Chilmington Green Road, Great Chart, Ashford, TN23 3DL – Details submitted pursuant to Conditions 4 (Drainage), 5 (Archaeology – Part I), 6 (Construction and Transport Management Plan), 15 (Bicycle Storage Facilities), 16 (Refuse),

<https://ashfordboroughcouncil.my.site.com/pr/a0hTw0000002I0rIAE>

**ABC:** Approve **PC:** Not consulted.

## Appendix Three

# Clerk's Report – April 2024

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**Events:** In April the **Pop-up Café** will be held at Great Chart Village Hall between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. I am pleased to say that Ashford Borough Council decided to feature the Pop Up café in their next Ashford For You magazine to promote activities around the borough that helps with well-being.

**The Poppy Craft** event and BBQ will be held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April. During the event with the help of residents we hope to create three different types of memorials, one to remember the soldiers, one for the animals who lost their lives and a white one for peace. These will be displayed at the D-Day Remembrance event on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

**Women Together:** There are still places available on this event. If you would like to attend please book a place on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women-together-tickets-847238131057?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

**Land outside GCPS:** Persimmons have been chased up several times but to date no response.

**Platinum Jubilee Walk path extension:** The Public Right of Way team is awaiting consent from the landowner to be able to proceed with the work.

**Quality Gold Award:** The Panel has reviewed the application and identified several policies that needs to be updated. In the next few months these will be added to the agenda. The Panel has also requested evidence of engagement with residents, but overall confident that the council can achieve the award. .

**Website:** The [Planning page](#) has been updated with more information on the history of the Chilmington Green development. Also there is a new page under [Parish Council](#) dedicated to projects promoting the council's green initiatives.

**ReferKent:** On behalf of the Parish Council I signed up to ReferKent, which will allow us to refer residents to the relevant authority for help.

**Wilder Kent Award:** I signed up the Parish Council for the [award](#) not with a specific project so if you do have any recommendations, please let me know. It would help towards our Environmental Action Plan.

The Environment Committee has agreed to run a **Best Front Garden** competition. If you have any suggestions for categories, please let me know.

**SumUp device:** The Parish Council now has a device to take payments. Thanks to Cllr Peter Barker with the process of selecting the device and setting up.

**Kent SLCC Branch:** I am pleased to welcome Paula as the new Branch treasurer. I have been re-elected as Vice Chair. We also said goodbye to Louise who was secretary for nearly 10 years.

### **Training:**

Please regularly check the Kent Association of Local Councils website for updates on training. If there is anything you feel would improve your role as a councillor, please book a place using their Eventbrite website. When booking a place at an event, please do not forget to select payment by invoice and the invoice to be sent to the clerk. If you have issues with accessing the website please email Laura Dyer at [manager@kentalc.gov.uk](mailto:manager@kentalc.gov.uk) and she will be able to assist you.

**Tabling a motion for Parish council meetings:** If you would like to request an agenda item, please send a motion at least seven clear days before the meeting via [theclerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:theclerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk) with the wording you would like to appear on the agenda. Please note, if the motion's wording is not clear, it could be rejected, or you could be requested to resubmit the motion with better wording.

### **Community Heroes:**

The number of Community Heroes are stagnating. As always, if you can, please promote the scheme with your friends and family. More information can be found on the parish council's [website](#). We are also looking for volunteers to help with the **Community Fridge**. If you know anyone who might be interested, please ask them to contact us for further information.

**National Association of Local Councils:** If you haven't already please subscribe to [NALC's newsletter](#). It has up to date information relating to the sector as well as news about the latest events.

**Reporting:** It is very important that if you see a fault, it is reported to the relevant authority immediately so works can be arranged. It is often confusing to know who to report to so if in doubt you can check the Parish Council [website](#) where all the information you need to know is available. Did you know you can use What3Words to pinpoint the exact location of a fault? You can either access it via [the website](#) or download the app to your smartphone.

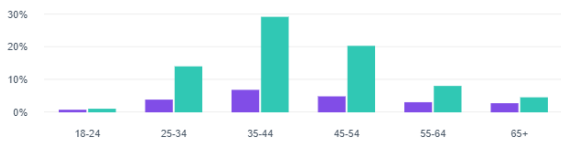
**Social Media:** Please like and share our posts on social media so it can reach a wider audience. If you are on Facebook or Instagram ensure you give us a like and follow us 🙌

# Social Media Engagement Report February 2024

**Audience**  
1,452 facebook followers

## Age and gender

Men 22.50%  
Women 77.50%



### Post insights

Post impressions

**1,606**

Post reach

**1,322**

Engagement

**298**

#### Interactions

11

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- Reactions 12
- Comments 9
- Photo views 30
- Link clicks 7
- Shares 2
- Other clicks 238

# Social Media Engagement report March 2024

### Page overview

[Create a post](#) Last 28 days

#### Discovery

- Post reach 6,021
- Post engagement 548
- New Page likes 0
- New Page followers 2

#### Interactions

- Reactions 218
- Comments 15
- Shares 77
- Photo views 95
- Link clicks 32

#### Other

- Hide all posts 0
- Unfollows 0

### Audience

These values are based on total followers of your Page or profile.

[Create a post](#)

#### Age and gender

Men 22.40%  
Women 77.60%

Age Group	Men (%)	Women (%)
18-24	~1%	~1%
25-34	~5%	~15%
35-44	~8%	~28%
45-54	~5%	~20%
55-64	~3%	~8%
65+	~2%	~4%

#### Location

[Towns/cities](#) [Countries](#)

Ashford	1,171
London	19
Folkestone	15
New Romney	9
Faversham	7