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Policing

Crime figures and Police report –

Kingswood & Broomfield Crime Figures - 19th September 2015 to 19th October 2015

2 Crimes reported – 2 x 14/10/2015- Burglary dwelling and theft– Chestnut Drive
0 case of Anti-Social Behaviour reported

Leeds- 1x Criminal Damage (Under £5000), No ASB nor is there anything else of note.
Sutton Valence & Langley- No crime of note, No ASB nor is there anything else of note.
Ulcombe- 1x Burglary, No ASB nor is there anything else of note.

PCSO Maybank informed Councillors that he has been to the school during peak times to monitor the parking and has requested uniform officers to attend to advise parents of their poor parking etiquette.
He also reported that there were a regular group of youths at the Sports Field that had been found smoking cannabis; this had been reported to parents of the youths.

Councillors thanked the officers for emailing updates of the traffic situation on the M20 last week when on 3 consecutive days it was closed due to accidents.

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Approval of Minutes

143.1 Minutes of the Planning Meeting held 21st September 2015
These minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by Cllr Baker.

143.2 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 21st September 2015
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Actions & Outcomes

Actions outstanding:-

121.4 – Amend Financial Regulations, and 121 - Check if PC has legal liability for tenanted land.

Cllr Tandy queried an historic action regarding the uncapped well in a verge in Pitt Road and the potential danger to road users and wildlife and proposed that the PC write and request that the landowner take measure to re-cap the well which is located on a verge at the side of the road. This was agreed by all.

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Kent County Council - County Councillor - Maidstone Rural East - Jenny Whittle

Apologies received but the following items were reported:

Paul Carter gave evidence to the Transport Select Committee last week - link below - calling for funding for a solution to Op Stack - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-34530008>
The Government has at long last identified the need for a solution to Op Stack as a top priority and Highways England has been charged with taking this forward over the next year.

KCC heard last week after much wrangling that the green light has been given to expand the Weald of Kent Grammar School by providing an "annexe" in Sevenoaks. Cllr Whittle has also agreed to establish a working party that will publish recommendations for increasing the number of children on free school meals attending selective schools in Kent.

Cllr Whittle attended a difficult meeting of the Maidstone Joint Transportation Board last week. It is clear that the Borough Council has not earmarked developer (S106) contributions from the Sutton Road developments for a Leeds Langley relief road, despite this having been identified as a priority by both councils. Congestion (waiting times) in the borough is forecast to increase by over 40 per cent over the next 16 years if nothing is done to improve the transport infrastructure.

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Maidstone Borough Council – Ward Councillor - Gill Fort

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	Apologies received but no report.	
	The Clerk has emailed Cllr Fort to request that she pursue the determination of the outstanding planning application for Oaklands and also the TPO application for the footpath to the sports field.	
147	<p>Finances</p> <p>147.1 Responsible Finance Officer's report- Payments were agreed and ratified. Cllrs O'Neill & Lovell will authorise payments via BACS. Report retained on file.</p> <p>147.2 Bank reconciliation –July 2015 was agreed and signed by Cllr Darling – retained on file. It was agreed to hold an F & GP meeting to discuss the precept budget for 2016/17 on 2nd November, this would be preceded by a staff review</p>	<p>Cllrs O'Neill & Lovell</p> <p>Clerk</p>
148	<p>Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>Cllr Baker reported that the meeting at MBC on 7th October had been very productive and it had been agreed that Designscape would submit the Regulation 15 documents to MBC by Friday 23rd October. This would then enable MBC to commence their public consultation. It was hoped that it could be possible to hold a public referendum in January/February 2016.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to contact Designscape to ensure that they had all the information required to submit the Regulation 15 documents by Friday.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
149	<p>Sports Field</p> <p>The play equipment is now in place; the Levercrest area is dismantled but still needs some holes backfilled. The fencing is almost complete but requires three additional posts which John Baker will collect from Jacksons to save time and then complete the installation.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a Sports Field meeting on 2nd November to discuss budgets for 2016/17.</p>	
150	<p>JPG</p> <p>Cllr Hoy – apologies received, but his report on the JPG meeting held on 7th October has been previously circulated.</p> <p>Councillors requested that the JPG minutes are circulated to councillors.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
151	<p>Minerals and Waste Consultation</p> <p>Cllr Hoy reported that he had looked at the consultation website for the KMWLP as requested and concluded that there are no proposed changes that will adversely affect our parish.</p>	
152	<p>Permissive Footpath to Sports Field</p> <p>The clerk had been advised that the outcome to the planning application would be concluded by 12th October, but has now been advised that the application submitted may be insufficient for the work that is required and a meeting has been arranged to meet Planning Officer Nick Gallavin on Tuesday 20th October at 2pm.</p>	<p>Cllr Baker & Clerk</p>
153	<p>Pedestrian Crossing</p> <p>Apologies received, carry over</p>	
154	<p>Kingswood Pre-School</p> <p>Apologies received, carry over.</p>	
155	<p>Peter Pease Close (PPC)</p> <p>An application has been received by Orbit for the purchase of a one bedroom property in PPC; however the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signed _____</p>	

applicant does not have the required local connection but currently resides in Bearsted. Orbit is requesting that councillors consider allowing this property to be purchased outside the S106 agreement as it has been empty for some time now.

Councillors agreed unanimously that they felt that insufficient time had passed since the property had become available to agree to the S106 being disregarded. They requested the Clerk to ascertain what publicity had been used to advertise the vacancy locally and to offer Orbit the advertising facility of the Parish News.

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Queen's Birthday Celebrations

The Clerk has contacted the Chairman of the Village Hall committee who has advised that there are no plans currently for any celebrations to mark the Queen's birthday in 2016.

Cllr Clark reported that any events do not require official support, not even extra insurance for a street party.

The Clerk was requested to ask the Primary School if they were planning any special events.

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MBC Consultations

157.1 Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

Councillors discussed the Local Plan and requested the Clerk write in response to the public consultation about the following points and wished to include their concern regarding the lack of communication and consultation and the Parish Councils unanimous lack of confidence in the Local Plan; including the following points:-

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Employment development at Woodcut Farm at J 8.

Land at the Stumps included as a candidate for a traveller site, no information has been previously received.

Land adjacent to Charlesford Avenue candidate for traveller site, no information has been previously received.

Chartway Street – existing traveller site with potential for expansion, no information has been previously received.

Housing site options – land adjacent to Charlesford Avenue; land at Kingswood, no information has been previously received. Land at Old Forge, Chartway Street; Highland kennels, Chartway Street is out of the parish boundary but could affect Kingswood and no information has been received previously.

Councillors also question the consultation period of only four weeks when regulations clearly state that a public consultation must be no less than six weeks. Councillors have grave concerns regarding the extensive development along the Sutton Road and the lack of contingency from S106 allocations towards improvement of road infrastructure which has a knock on effect to the single track routes through this parish.

CPRE have copied all councils into a letter addressed to Rob Jarman, Planning Manager, MBC questioning the 4 week consultation when regulations clearly state that the consultation must be not less than six weeks. 157.2 MBC Parish Charter – Item to be carried over.

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Reports

158.1 JPG Meeting 7th October – Cllr Hoy

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Any Other Information

159.1 KALC - General Meeting, Saturday 21st November at Ditton Community Centre.

159.2 KCC is asking for comments on Council Tax and is requesting responses from local parishes.

159.3 First Rescue Training is offering training sessions for a Community Public Access Defibrillator

159.4 Headcorn Children's Centre – Drop in Networking Lunch – 22nd October

159.5 Annual Meeting of ACRK – Tuesday 10th November at Barham Village Hall, 2pm. Anyone interested in attending?

159.6 KCC formal consultation on the future of In-House Service on the future of its Older Person's Care Homes. Proposal is to close the Dorothy Lucy Centre, Maidstone on 31 March 2016.

159.7 Letter – resident requesting that their daughter be allowed to litter pick within the parish as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award.

159.8 KALC – Community Awards Scheme 2016 - will be run again in conjunction with KCC

Cllr Clark

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159.9 KALC – Finance Conference – 22nd October – the Clerk will be attending
159.10 Councillors requested the Clerk to extend their thanks for the work carried out by the Locum Clerk, Christine King during the Clerks absence recently

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Items for next Meeting's Agenda

1. CCTV costs and installation – Cllr Baker
2. Pedestrian crossing in Gravelly Bottom Road – Cllr Friend
3. Kingswood Preschool – Cllr Friend

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Parish Council Meetings

The next full Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th November 2015 at The Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood at 7.30pm.

There was no further business, Cllr Baker closed the meeting at 10.35pm

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