

Town Councillors 2015-2019

NAME PARTY

EASTERN WARD

Cllr E T Waite	Liberal Democrat
Cllr A S Clayton	Liberal Democrat
Cllr Mrs P C Walshe	Liberal Democrat

KIPPINGTON WARD

Cllr A Eyre	Conservative
Cllr R J Parry	Conservative
Cllr R L Piper	Conservative

NORTHERN WARD

Cllr Mrs R E Parry	Conservative
Cllr P E Towell	Conservative
Cllr M Canet	Liberal Democrat

ST JOHNS WARD

Cllr M A Chakowa	Conservative
Cllr R M C Hogarth	Conservative
Cllr S G Raikes	Conservative

TOWN WARD

Cllr N J L Busvine OBE	Conservative
Cllr E Parson	Conservative
Cllr O Schneider	Conservative

WILDERNESSE WARD

Cllr S L Arnold	Conservative
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i.e. To contact Councillor Piper, the email address would be:
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Functions & Facilities Provided By Sevenoaks Town Council

Precept

The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for the financial year 2015/2016 is £803,102 equivalent to £88.69 per Band D house.

- ALLOTMENTS
- ARMED FORCES DAY TOWN SUPPORTERS
- BETHEL ROAD BURIAL GROUND
- BRITAINS COMMON
- BRITAINS LANE WOOD
- BUCKHURST LANE PLAY AREA
- BUS SHELTERS (*Dartford Road x2, St John's Hill x3, Bradbourne Vale Road x1, London Road x4, Seal Road x1, Tonbridge Road x1*)
- CHRISTMAS TOWN CENTRE ILLUMINATIONS
- CIVIC FUNCTIONS
- CONSULTEES (*Planning, High ways, etc.*)
- FREE SUMMER CONCERTS/ VINE BANDSTAND
- GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- GREATNESS PARK
- CEMETERY
- GREATNESS RECREATION
- GROUND & PLAYGROUND
- HANGING BASKETS
- HILLINGDON RISE PLAY AREA
- HITB (HOUSE IN THE BASEMENT) YOUTH CAFÉ
- HORSE TROUGHS (*Old Police Station, Rheinbach Gardens, St Boltops Road*)
- INFO-PODS & DIGITAL
- DISPLAY SCREENS
- THE GREEN, HILLINGDON RISE
- JUBILEE CLOCK (*Old Market House*)
- JUDD'S PIECE
- JULIANS MEADOW & PLAYGROUND
- KIPPINGTON MEADOW LAND AT:
- LETTERBOX LANE
- LITTLEWOOD
- TONBRIDGE ROAD
- LITTER BINS AND GRIT BINS
- SPORTS PITCHES
- MARKETS
- MIDDLEINGS WOOD
- MILLPOND WOOD
- MOUNT CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN
- ORBITAL NO 8 BUS
- PLANTERS (*The Shambles, Dorset Street, Pembroke Road, London Road, Buckhurst Lane*)
- PONTOISE CLOSE OPEN SPACE & PLAYGROUND
- PUBLIC TOILETS (The Stag, The Vine, Lower St Johns)
- RALEYS CAR PARK
- RALEYS & KNOLE PADDOCK
- RHEINBACH GARDENS
- SEVENOAKS COMMON
- SEVENOAKS COMMUNITY CENTRE – *Available for hire – meetings, conferences*
- SEVENOAKS TOWN PARTNERSHIP
- SEVENOAKS YOUTH COUNCIL
- STAG COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
- STREET LIGHTS IN SOME UNADOPTED ROADS
- THE POUND
- TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES / CHAMBER – *Available for hire – meetings, conferences*
- TWINNING WITH PONTOISE AND RHEINBACH
- UPPER HIGH STREET GARDENS
- VARIOUS PUBLIC SEATS,
- VINE GARDENS (*including Public Toilet*)
- VINE CRICKET GROUND & PAVILION (*including Tea Kiosk*)
- VINE CAFÉ
- VINE WASTE
- VINTAGE BUS
- WAR MEMORIAL
- WHITE HART BEECHES
- WOODSIDE ROAD OPEN SPACE



From Sevenoaks Town Council for the Community of Sevenoaks

January 2016

Message from the Mayor of Sevenoaks, Cllr Stephen Arnold

2015 is behind us and we now look forward to a New Year. The coming of Spring and the anticipation of summer does perhaps allow us to think of warm days and taking advantage of outdoor events with families and friends. If 2016 weather is as kind to us as last year - and I am thinking of the days when Sevenoaks Town Council provided and supported community events and activities - I will be a very happy Mayor in 2016.

Now in the eighth month of my term, I can honestly say that despite some rather interesting travel and bad weather distractions (sorry, I do have a preoccupation with weather) I have lovely memories of events attended and organisations supported. I am always impressed with the numbers of people who, despite their family and job responsibilities, give time and commitment to a wide range of community ventures, charities, clubs and organisations across the district.

Since becoming Mayor in May, I have hosted four very successful charity events with further events planned in 2016. I must also mention my Civic Service held at St Nicholas Church in June. The Rector, Revd. Canon Angus MacLeay and his team are always so very welcoming and I would like to thank them for a very memorable civic and community service.

In June, The Town Council, with the help of Kent Police Band, held the annual Help for Heroes charity concert at the Community Centre. The Mayor's Cocktail Party at the National Trust's Knole was held in July with proceeds from the evening's silent auction and raffle going to the Rockdale Care Home in Sevenoaks. The Rockdale charity was again supported in October with a feast of wonderful choral singing at the Stag Theatre with local choirs Quorum and Kemsing Singers.

In November, a well attended Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening was held in the Town Council chamber with local producers Biddenden Vineyard and Winterdale Cheesemakers providing fine examples of complementary wine and cheese. I was very pleased the evening benefited Demelza Kent, a 10 bedded hospice providing hospice and care services to life-limited and life-threatened children and young people. Demelza also benefited during the three day Vine Food Fair in December - receiving 50% of Santa's Grotto proceeds – and a raffle at the December Christmas Council.

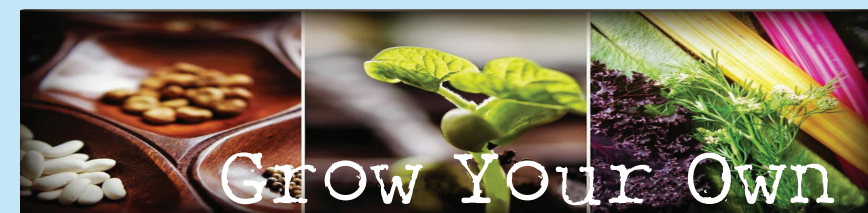
At this point I must thank sponsoring organisations for providing donations and also to the many people across our community who generously attend the Council's events and charity functions. Their support and goodwill in buying raffle tickets and attending local community events is very much appreciated.

In 2014, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of war, a special service was held in August at the Sevenoaks War Memorial. As Deputy Mayor at the time, I remember meeting relatives of the fallen - who had travelled from all over the UK to attend the Memorial Service – and listening to many stories of sacrifice and comradeship. I mention this as in 2015 we continued to remember our brave men and women at the Remembrance Sunday Service in November attended by hundreds of local residents, dignitaries and representatives from local churches and organisations. I so enjoyed the magnificent parade by local young people representing our cadet forces, brownies, cubs, guides, scouts and schools.

We remembered our Service men and women at the VE Day Service in May and VJ Day Service in August and also in November, the Town Council held a short service to remember those fallen and buried in Commonwealth War Graves at Greatness Cemetery. Working closely with the War Graves Commission, it is comforting to know we continue to commemorate and honour the men and women who gave their lives for our Country. If you are able to visit the cemetery, War Graves are very distinguishable by their cream/white colour with a headstone of Portland Stone.

As we say farewell to 2015 and in my case to the many events and organisations attended, I can report that our town and community is thriving and from my own experience, clubs, societies and churches are generally well supported and attended. As Mayor it is a privilege to be able to meet with so many local people and share in their enthusiasm for our town. It is also a privilege to be a member of a Town Council that continues to work hard for a hard working community.

May I on behalf of Sevenoaks Town Council employees and councillors wish you a very Happy 2016.



BRADBOURNE VALE ROAD

ALLOTMENTS

PLOTS TO LET

PLEASE CONTACT SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL
ON 01732 459 953 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Saturday Markets  **Wednesday Market**
High Street & Bligh's Meadow  Buckhurst Lane



New £100,000 Buckhurst Lane Play Area.

In the previous edition of the Town Crier the Town Council stated that it was seeking funds to provide this exciting new play area. The new Buckhurst Play Area will be situated in the Environmental Park adjacent to Sencio. There is currently some play equipment on site.

We are pleased to now report that the funding from this has been achieved from Town Council funds (as part of the Community Investment Plan), Cory Environmental Trust, contribution from CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy on planning applications) and Sevenoaks Round Table.

Subject to weather enabling good ground conditions for work on the new Buckhurst Play Area it is hoped that the new play area will open for Easter 2016.



Sevenoaks Town Council to provide free bus pass for 11 – 18 year olds

Since opening the House in the Basement Youth Café three years ago the Town Council has been researching methods of enabling young people to use public transport to attend the facility.

With the introduction of the No. 8 bus service and the partnership of Go Coach the Town Council is able to introduce its own free bus pass for the No. 8 bus for 11 – 18 year olds. Bus passes can be obtained from the House in the Basement Youth Café.

The bus operates Monday – Saturday and circulates the town on an hourly basis.

Refurbished public toilets on Vine Gardens

The Town Council is pleased to report that two toilets on the Vine Gardens have been refurbished. Both are accessible and unisex. One of the toilets is larger to enable wheelchair access and to comply with DDA requirements.

Wellbeing Show and Presentations

Wellbeing Show Presentations

Free Entry
Saturday 14th May 2016
10am - 3pm

Plaza Suite, Stag Community Arts Centre

Contact osl@sevenoakstown.gov.uk for more info

FRESH, LOCALLY SOURCED PRODUCE AT THE SEVENOAKS FARMERS MARKET



VINE GARDENS,
DARTFORD RD.
4TH SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH,
APRIL – SEPTEMBER.
9:30AM – 1:30PM

COMMENCES 24TH APRIL.



Sevenoaks
Town Council

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TOWN FARMERS' MARKET

Sevenoaks Town Council Talking Money!



£2
per week

What does the Town Council need the budget for?
Sevenoaks Town Council has made public its ambitious **£4m Community Investment Plan to provide new community facilities including a Bat & Ball Centre, new sports and play facilities, continued investment in the Stag, Bat & Ball Station building and the exterior of the iconic Vine Pavilion.**

The Town Council is in the process of disposing of assets to pay for this plan. This is a lengthy process and capital receipts have not been received to date.

Sevenoaks Town Council is also committed to ensuring that current community facilities are refurbished and maintained for future generations in particular the Vine Pavilion and ensure that community funding for voluntary groups who do so much for Sevenoaks is not reduced.

In setting the 2016/17 Budget and Precept the Town Council is mindful of the financial resources required to meet the ambitions of the Community Investment Plan. For this reason a larger than normal contingency figure has been included in the annual budget. The Town Council also needs to make a financial adjustment to address the loss of rental from properties that have been sold.

Where does Sevenoaks Town Council get its money from?

The Town Council's income is generated from:-

1. The Precept paid for by Sevenoaks local ratepayers
2. Income generating activities e.g. community halls, sports pitches, markets, cemetery, Café on the Vine.
3. Service Level Agreements – providing services for other organisations.
4. Rents and leases
5. Obtaining external grants – for Capital Investment
6. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – for Capital Investment.
7. Disposal of Assets – for Capital Investment

Sevenoaks Town Council does not receive any portion of the Business Rates and no longer receives a portion of the Government Support Grant (previously £36,000).

With the exception of public open spaces that do not generate income Sevenoaks Town Council aims to provide facilities that are at least cost neutral and is moving more towards operating income generating facilities e.g. Café on the Vine and the markets.

Sevenoaks Town Council's budget for the Financial Year 2016 – 2017 is proposed to be £1,391,000. The Town Council generates income and grants which total to approximately 30% and the remainder is charged to the Precept which is paid by local council tax payers. The average Band D house in Sevenoaks will pay almost £106 per year or approximately £2 per week.

How will the budget be spent?

The Town Council's budget is spent under the following main categories:-

Function	Expenditure	Income	Net cost	%
Council Admin	382	0	382	39
Public Open Space	263	34	229	24
Planning	31	0	31	3
Community Centre	55	63	-8 (profit)	-1
Council Offices	40	14	26	3
Community Events	43	19	24	2
Youth Café / services	51	44	7	1
IT	22	0	22	2
Democracy costs	19	0	19	2
Professional Fees	16	0	16	2
Grants to Local organisations	73	0	73	7
Cemetery	89	70	19	2
Neighbourhood Dev. Plan	6	6	0	0
Vine Gardens / Café	107	99	8	1
Insurance	25	0	25	3
Markets	56	61	-5 (profit)	-1
Contingency	113	0	113	12
Interest	0	8	-8 (profit)	-1
	1391	418	973	100

Please forward any queries or comments you have on this information to Linda Larter, Town Clerk via townclerk@sevenoakstown.gov.uk or write to Sevenoaks Town Council at the address below.

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