

Seal Parish Council Parish Plan – Updated 2018

The Parish Plan sets out our over-riding priorities to help ensure the Parish is an enjoyable and pleasant place to live. Although the Parish Council has few powers itself we are in a position to influence those who do have powers and to represent the views of parishioners in doing so. We do what we can to help to make things happen that will improve community life for residents. This plan is updated regularly.

SEAL PARISH COUNCIL PARISH PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS 2018	Ideas for Action	Target Date	Group Responsible	Funding Possibilities
<p>Traffic and parking has become an increasingly fraught and difficult issue in the Parish. There have been a number of significant developments within the Parish and more being discussed immediately adjacent at north Sevenoaks and Borough Green.</p>				
To press for wider traffic issues to be taken into account when considering planning applications from neighbouring Councils. To include provision for cycling and walking.	Respond to TMBC proposals for the Borough Green Garden Village and to the Sevenoaks Local Plan focussing on the wider traffic implications	2018 ongoing	Tonbridge and Malling BC Sevenoaks Town Council SDC	N/A
Speed watch – the PC now owns its own equipment	To establish active groups of volunteers to cover the Parish and identify roads to be targeted.	2018 onwards	Parish Council	N/A
Speed Interactive sign– the PC are investigating the purchase a mobile interactive speed sign that can be used in all three wards.	Funding being sought.	End of 2019	Parish Council and Kent County Council	Parish Council and Cllr. Roger Gough KCC Members Allowance.
Speeding in the Parish is an issue throughout the area	To find out from KCC and other organisations eg. CPRE, if there are examples of getting a reduction.	Ongoing	Exploratory ideas from Parish Council	N/A at this stage
Install a priority right of way over the Childsbridge Lane bridge to Kemsing to safeguard pedestrians.	Discussions with KCC not positive. This remains a priority for the PC	Ongoing	Parish Council and KCC highways	KCC Highways/Parish Council
Install an interactive speed sign for traffic coming over the railway bridge from Kemsing	This remains a priority for the PC	Ongoing	KCC Highways	KCC Highways/Parish Council
Extend 30mph speed limit from Blackhall Lane through Godden Green past Sevenoaks Prep School.	Parish Council to discuss with KCC.	Ongoing	Parish Council & KCC Highways	KCC Highways
Lorry Watch is keen to know of specific lorry issues. In Seal village it is agreed that “No HGV” signs are needed on Church Road.	KCC have been asked to consider this.	End 2018	Parish Council and Kent Highways	KCC Highways
Residents in the centre of the village are asking for Permit Parking to be investigated	SDC have been asked to carry out a consultation with residents.	2019	Parish Council, Sevenoaks District Council and Kent Highways	Sevenoaks District Council and Kent County Council
<p>The roads in the Parish are often in poor condition with potholes and damaged verges. Residents are able to report all highway issues direct to KCC 03000 41 81 81 http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem The Parish Council also lobbies on improvements to the PROW network and for cycle routes. Residents can report problems on PROW to 03000 41 7171 8am-8pm Mon-Friday.http://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way</p>				
Overall, the PC will make representations whenever appropriate on improvements to benefit cyclists, walkers and	Work closely with the Greensand Commons project, SDC and KCC to identify improvements	2018-2022	SDC and KCC Highways	KCC Highways

horse riders and connectivity with the wider road and PROW network and to make improvements in routes to schools, village centres and services.	in access to the wider countryside.			
Encourage a walking and cycling route going south from Seal Village through the Wildernesse Estate	Discuss with Wildernesse Estate.	2019	Wildernesse Estate	Parish Council/KCC
Widen the footpath from Childsbridge Lane to Ash Platt to take cyclists.	Parish Council to discuss with KCC.	2019	KCC Highways	KCC Highways
Find co-ordinators to set up local litter-picking groups.	Parish Council to pursue with residents.	Partially under way	Parish Council	Minimal
Crossings on the A25 at Seal Drive and at Letter Box Lane	Parish Council to discuss with KCC	2019	KCC Highways	KCC highways
Encourage reporting of PROW problems direct to KCC	Contact details at the end of PC meeting minutes	Ongoing	KCC	Ongoing

The Parish Council responds to all planning applications and wider policy documents.

Update the Village Design Statements to ensure control over new development and to protect retail/commercial premises.	Villages with the support of Parish Council.	2020 onwards	Parish Council and SDC	Minimal
Pursue suitable site for an English Rural Housing - Affordable Housing scheme.	Parish Council, English Rural, WKHA and SDC.	Ongoing	Parish Council & Housing Associations	SDC & Housing Associations On going
Monitor Sevenoaks Quarry extension to ensure compliance and limit damage to Seal residents.	Parish Council to discuss with SDC and Tarmac.	Ongoing	Parish Council – AM sits on their Liaison Committee and reports complaints.	Nil On going
The Sevenoaks Local Plan	Parish Council to respond	2018	SDC	Nil
The Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan	This is principally around traffic issues but as a neighbour, potential for planning too.	End of 2018	Parish Council	Parish Council

The Parish Council supports and encourages improvement to the wider environment and amenities in the Parish

Achieve an improved broadband service north of A25 on Seal Chart	Parish Council let residents know of opportunities eg Gigaclear, as they arise.	There is an opportunity now to approach Gigaclear for the area north of the A25.	Residents in the area	Nil
Gas Mains to Stone Street	Parish Council let residents know of opportunities	Ongoing	Residents/Gas company	Gas company
Monitor/support local postal and 'bus services.	Parish Council has responded to KCC consultation on public transport and awaits outcome.	Ongoing	Parish Council	Nil
Reinstate a regular police surgery and publicise appropriately. Ensure regular presence of PC	New PCSO Darling appointed	Ongoing	Parish Council & PCSO	Nil
Seal Library carry on supporting and monitoring the use of the library and possible mobile post office particularly	Discuss with library service and post office	On going	Parish Council	KCC support

now both Kemsing post offices have closed.				
Maintain Parish Council notice boards in good order.	Parish Council to initiate repairs and installation.	Ongoing	Parish Council	Parish Council
Active engagement with the Sevenoaks Greensand Commons Project	To support all community consultation and joint working.	To 2022	HLF Greensands Commons Project	HLF Greensand Commons Project
Seal War Memorial Pavilion and Recreation Ground.	To ensure it is well kept and generates an income.	Ongoing	Parish Council	Parish Council
Bitchet Green Cricket ground	New Trust Deed to be set up with leases for the sports clubs.	End 2018 for Trust Deed.	Parish Council, Cricket Club and Football Club	Club and Local Fundraising needed.
Godden Green ongoing pond improvements	Parish Council to encourage local volunteers to take this on. New Duck House to be purchased.	On going	Parish Council SDC and KCC	KCC/SDC /Parish Council
Community Assets	Parish Council to encourage villages to identify community assets	2019	Parish Council with village associations	N/A
Local Community Initiatives	Parish Council will support community initiatives to benefit local residents eg Christmas lights, community activities etc	Ongoing	Parish Council with village associations	Parish Council/Groups and committees.