

# Chislet Parish Council Newsletter May 2024

## D-DAY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY



Thursday 6 June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever seen. Codenamed Operation Overlord, 6 June 1944 saw around 4,000 ships and landing craft set down about 132,500 troops on five Normandy beaches in an action that would bring about the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

The UK will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings on 6 June 2024 with a series of major commemorations and events across the UK and in France.

One of the ways the anniversary will be marked is by the simultaneous lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. Chislet is one of the local communities taking part. There will be a **short ceremony at 9pm** and the Chislet Beacon will be lit at **9.15pm on 6th June 2024 to** mark the ‘light of peace’ that emerged out of the darkness of war.

The beacon lighting will be held at a **NEW LOCATION**, Chislet Court Farms “chalk pit” on Church Lane (see map below). The Gate Inn will be serving fish and chip suppers on the night.



# CHISLET BEACON LIGHTING

**80** **D-DAY**  
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**6<sup>th</sup> June**

**The Chalk-Pit, Church Lane, Chislet.**

**Formalities start 2100 hrs**

**Lighting at 2115 hrs prompt**

'The Gate' will be serving Fish & Chips on the night (booking advisable)

Everyone welcome, bring a torch. Full details at [chisletparishcouncil.co.uk](http://chisletparishcouncil.co.uk) & Parish Magazine



## **CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2040**

### **RESPONDING TO CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL'S DRAFT LOCAL PLAN: A SHORT GUIDE**

The Local Plan (LP) is part of a series of policy documents which cover how to address housing needs, along with economic, social and environmental priorities in the Canterbury District.

A Local Plan is a legal requirement in law. Without an up-to-date plan a Council can lose much of the control it normally has over planning decisions.

A Local Plan lists specific policies which planning officers and councillors must refer to when making decisions on planning applications. Once in place, Local Plans become part of the statutory development plan. The statutory development plan for the area is the starting point for determining any local planning application, large or small.

The LP sets out a series of specific and technical policies which Councillors must refer to when making decisions on planning applications. Once something is in the Local Plan it is very hard to argue against it at the planning stage. It is therefore vital that the LP is clear, legally enforceable, and reflects the views of residents.

#### **THE CURRENT CONSULTATION**

Canterbury City Council is currently consulting on a new Local Plan to run from 2025 to 2040. There are related consultations on Transport (including a new Bus Strategy), Air Quality, and Open Spaces.

You can find links to all the relevant documents here:

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/latest-consultations/>

The consultations on all policies close at **5 p.m. on Monday 3rd June 2024**. All residents and organisations across the district can respond to the consultation.

#### **HOW TO RESPOND:**

Each resident can only make one response to the Local Plan. There is an online response form which sets out every single policy in the order they appear in the 266-page Local Plan document. This makes the response form quite long-winded to complete. Some of these policies will not be relevant to residents of Chislet Parish.

Each individual can only respond once, so if you were to accidentally click "Submit" instead of "Save" before you have finished, you will lose the ability to make additional comments. One way of avoiding this pitfall is to respond by email, rather than by using the online form. You can either submit general comments, or you can follow the structure of the online form but only referring to those aspects which are relevant to you.

A copy of the questionnaire is downloadable here: <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024-Local-Plan-2040-paper-version.pdf>

Your comments should be emailed to: [consultations@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@canterbury.gov.uk)

Whichever method you choose to use – either completing the Council's questionnaire online or emailing your comments – we recommend that you pre-prepare your responses in a document before submitting them.

Finally, we suggest that it is as important to comment positively on any policies that you support, as it is to object to or propose amendments to those policies which are of concern to you.

It is important that as many people as possible respond to the consultation. This consultation will determine the future rules by which all planning applications are judged. Don't let rural residents be forgotten. Rural residents have a unique perspective on transport and countryside issues. Have your say by **5pm on Monday 3 June.**

## **COMMUNITY AWARD WINNER**



Congratulations to Viv Thompson who was presented with a Community Award at the Chislet Parish Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May for his work as a volunteer litter picker and co-ordinating a team of volunteers. Community Awards are presented to people in the district who have made a real difference to their community.

Viv and his team of litter pickers have now collected 18,000 pieces of litter from our parish's roads since August 2023. They have also cleared a huge amount of historic flytipping from the hedgerows. The group litter pick every Sunday morning covering different sections of road from Heart in Hand Road, through Chislet, up Nethergong Hill to the A28 every week. If you would like to join the Chislet Pickers and help keep the parish tidy please contact Viv on 07860 480506. Viv can provide waste bags and litter pickers for volunteers.

## **SPEEDWATCH IN UPSTREET - volunteers required!**

We are delighted that Kent Police Speedwatch have approved Upstreet as a suitable location for Speedwatch. We now need **volunteers** who are able to spend 1-2 hours a month, on a regular basis, gathering data on traffic speeds through the village. Other locations across the parish, including Highstead, Boyden Gate and Chislet, have been visited by Speedwatch and we are waiting to receive their assessment of which locations will be suitable.

For a Speedwatch Group to work successfully six to eight volunteers are needed. Speedwatch volunteers work in pairs from specific locations which have been checked and authorised for their safety by Kent Police Speedwatch.

Data collected from Speedwatch sessions is collated and provided to Kent Police Speedwatch who then follow up with speeders. If the data confirms consistently excessive speeds in areas within the parish Kent Police Speedwatch are now able to allocate further resources to support Speedwatch Groups, such as speed camera vans.

All equipment and hi-vis clothing is supplied by Kent Police Speedwatch and full training is given to all volunteers by their personnel. In addition, all Speedwatch volunteers are covered under the Kent Police Speedwatch Insurance policy.

If you would like to volunteer for a Speedwatch Group or would like more information please contact: Cllr Sally Appleby or Cllr Sarah Cassidy:

sally.appleby@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk

Sarah.cassidy@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk

## **2024 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Parish Council is starting to consider proposals for submission in the 2024 Highway Improvement Plan (to be submitted September 2024).

We would welcome suggestions from the community to be considered for inclusion in this year's HiP submission.

### **What is a Highway Improvement Plan?**

Several years ago some parish councils raised concerns with Kent County Council (KCC) as they felt rural areas did not have a formal method of requesting changes to the highway network. There was also a history of advice being given to parishes, with no records of any such advice and with staff changes it was felt communities would benefit from keeping requests and related advice in a single record. Consequently, the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) was introduced as a way for parish councils to promote, prioritise and seek advice on their priorities.

Highway Improvement Plans are not used to log maintenance concerns / requests. Maintenance matters (including potholes, blocked gullies, overgrown vegetation and worn road markings) should be reported using the fault reporting tool [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

Once a HIP has been submitted to the Highway Improvements Team, a Community Engagement Officer will review all requests and meet with the parish/ town council to discuss the requested changes and gather more information. It is important for the issue being raised to be fully understood, for officers to be able to consider all options. This stage

is also used to determine which projects may be feasible and which may not be possible due to cost, physical, legal or technical restrictions.

Please be aware that East Kent Highways (EKH) have limited funding for improvements - so any proposals need to take this into account and be economically realistic! The cost of any approved projects is met in full by EKH, at no cost to Chislet Parish Council or its parishioners.

If you have a suggestion which you would like to be considered please use the 'Contact Us' form on [www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk) or email [chisletparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:chisletparishcouncil@outlook.com)

If you would like to see a Hip that has been completed in the past, our 2022 Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) is now available to view on the website [www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk) . We are still waiting for a full response from East Kent Highways as to which of our 2023 HIP proposals have been approved.

**COME AND MEET US AT THE CHISLET SUMMER FAIR**

Chislet Parish Councillors will be running a stall at the Chislet Summer Fair on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon onwards. Come and say hello and let us know what you would like the parish council to do in the parish.