

GUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear All,

This is to provide you with an update on various items within the parish.

Department for Transport - Inland Border Facility

GPC continue having regular meetings with HMRC usually fortnightly.

The SDO has now been approved. The next stage is the finalisation of the CMP (Construction Management Plan).

Galliford Try has been on site completing early works – security fencing, grass cutting, completing some surveys, and protecting hedges for nesting birds. They have also been working with Colas on the fast-track road to ensure both projects are communicating. You will also have noticed the construction works that are happening now next to B&Q. This is the construction of the 100 meters of new road that will provide access and exit for the IBF facility.

Many residents have highlighted the upset being caused by the state of the walking path (Roman Road) Your comments have been forwarded back to HMRC and they are aware how important this is for residents that like to walk in our lovely village. GPC have also managed to obtain an up-to-date site map of how this development will look on completion, this is due to be communicated to residents by HMRC.



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Proposed Dover SPS Border Control Point

Email from DEFRA:

Following a period of stakeholder engagement (31 January 2022 to 14 February 2022), Defra are looking to submit a proposal for the temporary change of use of warehouse to a Border Control Point under the Town and Country Planning (Border Facilities and Infrastructure) EU Exit Special Development Order 2020.

The engagement period for The Special Development Order for the DEFRA site at Bastion Point in White Cliffs has now ended. They are now working on the submission to the LUHC for the sign off the SDO. Recruitment and training of up to 200 Port Health staff is currently underway and work is continuing around the refurbishment of Bastion Point.

Dover Fastrack: Dover Fastrack - Land to the north of Dover and to the south of Whitfield, Kent – DOV/20/01048 (KCC/DO/0178/2020).

The contractor for this development has been appointed - COLAS. Construction will commence on the fast-track link road between the B&Q roundabout and Dover Rd in Guston very shortly. A ground-breaking ceremony took place on 2nd March and was advertised in the local press.

You will have noticed the tree works that have been carried out on the Dover Road, the chopping down of many trees have taken place and we are informed this is a requirement to allow the pinch points on this road to be widened, therefore allowing the new bus through. GPC is extremely disappointed over the number of trees that have been cut down and we have already asked what KCC will be doing to replant and establish new trees.

Naming of this new road is going through consultation and the proposal from KCC is:

***Mercury Way –
in reference to commerce, communication and travellers which would be appropriate for a road
that will provide a quick link between Whitfield and Dover.***

GPC has responded to this consultation as we felt this name had no relevance to our village history. We have since been informed that as lorry drivers from other countries will need to locate this road for the entrance of the IBF, the road name needs to be unique and dis-similar to any other road name locally.

A Public Exhibition will be held in Guston Village Hall on Tuesday 26th April 2-6pm. We are encouraging all residents to attend and ask questions at this event.

Cllrs have raised questions concerning the vehicles to be used on this route:

1. How many electric buses have been purchased?
2. Will these buses be used from day one of commencement?
3. What is the total cost of the project?
4. How much from Homes England (Central government) and how much from DDC?
5. Residents have concerns about the level of lighting on this new road

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Proposed Solar Park - Greentech Energy

Greentech provided a comprehensive presentation in the parish council meeting in March detailing the proposal and introduced the site plan. The development of an additional solar farm in Guston/East Langdon will be named Chalkpit Solar Farm and if planning permission is granted will provide renewable energy for 7250 homes.

Greentech is a German based renewable energy company which has more than 300 power plants under its management and operation, with offices in the UK, Italy and Greece.

The team were initially responsible for our first solar farm in Guston before it was handed over to another company.

Residents were encouraged to come to the public exhibition in Guston Village Hall on 22nd March in order to ask questions and obtain more detailed information. They explained the benefits of the construction and that there will be no cost to the taxpayer. Sustainable energy. Biodiversity and open grassland meadow to be planted plus additional new hedgerows and shrubbery. Diverse species of planting.

Guston Green

This park is a dog free zone and is protected by a public spaces' protection order. There are at least 3 signs at the entrance to this park. Regardless families continue to allow their dogs to exercise on this space that is provided for children to play. GPC have contacted DDC, and we are expecting patrols and fixed penalties can then be applied to these owners.

Guston Village Hall

It would be extremely helpful to the Trustees that run the hall if hirers could make sure that cleaning requirements are adhered to. This is a COVID safe hall and is cleaned regularly. However, hirers are expected to clean after a hire, including the bathrooms. Please take your rubbish with you there is no contract in place for commercial rubbish disposal.

A Defibrillator has now been installed on the external wall. It is in a locked cabinet. To use – ring 999 and they will give the code to open the box.

Guston Village

Noticeboard – this has been delivered and is awaiting installation next to the bus stop in the same site as the old board. It will be larger and have the capacity to advertise parish events, information and notices more clearly.

A new commemorative Jubilee bench will replace the old seating and act as a lasting remembrance of Queen Elizabeth II for present and future residents.

Burgoyne Heights

Lighting –Burgoyne Heights have been without adequate lighting for over 8 years and GPC has been continuously fighting to achieve a better result for these residents that are living in

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the dark. DDC have now secured a £140,000 bid for funding from a Capital Programme and works are expected imminently.

Noticeboard – has been delivered and is awaiting installation next to the bus stop in the centre of the estate.

Jubilee Bench – this has been ordered and installation approved by Annington Homes – to be sited at the small park near the School.

Jubilee Celebrations – being managed by residents who are looking at providing an event, all residents are welcome to attend. Grants are being obtained to provide funding. Further information nearer the time.

If you have not done so already, please could I urge you to sign up to receive regular updates via the Guston Parish Council website. This will mean that you will receive an email when any news information is shared and will help you to keep up to date with any changes in your community.

Happy Easter.

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