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SAVE THE DATE

**'Keeping you informed'
Meeting**

24th May 7.30pm, Westerham Hall

'Keeping you Informed' public meeting on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm in Westerham Hall. This will focus only on the various strands of planning activity currently going on which may affect the future of our town. What's going on with Sevenoaks District Council's **Local Plan** - Why is it important - How will it affect Westerham - What's happening with the **Moorhouse** site and the **Covers Farm** sandpit - The **Green Belt**, need for **housing** - What's the **Community Infrastructure Levy**, and what can it be spent on

The Leader of Sevenoaks District Council, Councillor Peter Fleming, will be there and, as following the elections on May 4th, we will have a new County Councillor, Nick Chard representing us on KCC who will be joining us.

Our aim is to share with you what we know, be clear about the things we do not know and when they might become clearer.

It's important that as your elected representatives, we know your views, so that we can represent them as best we can wherever we can as this process lumbers on.

If you have any points you know you'll want to raise - whether you can be at the meeting or not, then do email to the Council Offices office@westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01959 562147 or drop into the Council Offices, between 9.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday.



LED Street Lighting for London Road, Westerham

As part of Westerham Town Council LED street light conversion program we are pleased to advise you that the remainder of London Road street lights have been converted to LED technology over the last few weeks.

As well as using much less energy LED lights are more reliable, and require less maintenance. Roll out of LED technology for the rest of Westerham Town Council owned street lights on main routes (Croydon Road and Hosey Hill) will take place this summer.

London Road is a key road for Westerham therefore the street lights from the High Street end of London Road to Quebec Avenue junction are lit all night. For consistency we have lit the entire length of London Road all night following the LED conversion.

The Environment Agency has made some changes to its Flood Warning service.

Residents are encouraged to register for the service via their website (<https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>) or the Floodline (0345 988 11 88).

New quickdial code for our Area/Parish:

Our Flood Alert Area is called: *Darent Catchment*

You will need quickdial number 217029 to access these messages when you call the Floodline and select option 1.

Our Flood Warning Area is called: *River Darent from Westerham to Sevenoaks*

You will need quickdial number 012631 to access these messages when you call the Floodline and select option 1.

If you have any questions please contact the Floodline on 0345 988 11 88 or the local Flood Resilience Team on ksl_frt.kentlondonandesussex@environment-agency.gov.uk



The Community Safety Unit - (CSU)

The Community Safety Unit (CSU) consists of Council Staff, Police, Community Wardens, Housing Associations and other partner agencies.

Partners meet on a daily basis to discuss Community Safety Concerns, local crimes and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) calls that have come in directly from residents or via agencies including the Police, to help keep the District a safe and fun place to live, work and visit.

The CSU is a great way for partners to address current concerns and have a speedy and effective response to residents of which all are updated. It has great initiatives for residents in rural and urban areas to keep them safe and their belongings safe.

The CSU has timer switches, shed alarms, personal alarms and card protectors to name but a few which are free to residents. To find out more e-mail community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk or phone 01732 227000.

The CSU deals with all aspects of ASB and community safety. If you have a problem that you would like the CSU to get involved with then please contact them.

If life is in danger or a crime is in progress, always call 999.

For non – urgent police matter call 101.

You can give information anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers 0800 555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

May

22nd Annual Council Meeting

24th Keeping you informed meeting – Westerham Hall

25th Planning

June

5th Allotments, Playing Fields and Open Spaces

8th Planning

12th Youth & Community

19th Highways and Lighting

26th Finance and General Purpose



Members of the public are very welcome to attend these meetings. The first ten minutes of every meeting are available for members of the public to raise any issues with Councillors. All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. - except Planning which is held at 9.30 am - in the Town Council Chamber in Russell House. **Visit our website westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk for more information.**