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Westerham Town Council's response to the Sevenoaks District Council draft Local Plan has been submitted. The full response can be found on our website at

<http://www.westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk/our-town-our-future-4/>

A hard copy is available in the Town Council offices if preferred.

New Public Toilet on Fullers Hill, Westerham



L – R – Cllr Alan Jowett, Cllr Helen Ogden, Member of the public, Cllr Holman, Chairman Cllr Alan Wesley and Cllr Le Breton

At a time when hundreds of Council run toilets are being closed, Westerham Town Council recently opened new public toilet facilities following community demand and visitor need as confirmed in local consultations.

The old toilets – which were over fifty years old – were irreparable and a modern facility was needed to serve the community for the future.

The bespoke toilet which cost £46,000 also includes baby changing facilities and has been funded by the Town Council together with its share of the Community Infrastructure Levy charged on recent housebuilding in the Town.

The toilets are cleaned twice daily and externally monitored by CCTV.
No charge is made for the usage, so it costs not a penny to spend a penny in Westerham!

The Town Council has received many positive comments about the new facilities.

Westerham Cream Tea with Entertainment



Westerham Town Council organised a Cream Tea and entertainment event at the Congregational Church on Thursday afternoon 23rd August.

A big thank you to Sam Gravett from Event Prep Cooking for donating a cream tea for 45 attendees and to all the lovely volunteers for their help. Entertainment was provided by Phil Raymond and a great time was had by all.



A new bridge for King George's Field



The bridge across the River Darent, providing access to King George's Field from the town's Darent Car Park, served the town well for many years. Unfortunately the main structural beams had become rotten and the bridge needed to be replaced. Westerham Town Council has used some of the Community Infrastructure Levy received from new developments in the town to replace the bridge. The new hardwood bridge has steel beams and solid foundations, to meet the standards required by the Environment Agency and planners. It's an attractive addition to the playing field and should serve us for many years to come.

A Fabulous new playground for Crockham Hill!



The playground sited in the corner of Crockham Hill War Memorial Playing Field was over 30 years old and badly needed replacing. The Trust that manage the field, worked with the school children, parents and community groups to



design a new playground facility. The final design by Playdale Playgrounds was chosen by a group of local Crockham Hill Mums to provide challenging and fun play opportunities for a wider age group and for both able and disabled children.

Once the playground equipment had been chosen the Trust faced the task of raising £46,000 to fund the project. The Trust contributed, together with grants from Westerham Town Council, the local Kent County Council member Nick Chard, Crockham Park Ltd, Crockham Hill CIC and Airfast. The Trust applied to Biffa Award for a grant of £28,000. Westerham Town Council was delighted to be the 10% third party contributor to secure this grant.

The playground had a formal opening on Tuesday 11th September, attended by 30 school children from Crockham Hill Primary School, who came to try out the new equipment.

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

October

8th Council
11th Planning and Development
25th Planning and Development

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 a schedule of 2018 meetings. You can also follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/WesterhamTownCouncil