

Minutes of the “virtual” meeting of the Westbere Parish Council held on **TUESDAY 28 JULY 2020 at 6pm.**

Background to this “virtual” meeting:

Regulations enabling town and parish councils to lawfully conduct virtual meetings by video and telephone conferencing until May 2021 have been published. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4 April. The legislation allows for virtual meetings if required up to May 2021.

This meeting was held using Zoom as a virtual hosting platform. Agendas were posted on the village noticeboards as usual and also to the parish council’s website. This clearly explained that members of the public are still able “attend” a parish council meeting either online or by telephone but to do so will need to contact the Clerk for details of the meeting link or phone number and the PIN code for access to enter.

Present: Parish Councillors: Tom Hopkins (Chairman), Stephen Laws, Sylvia Harlow, Karen Williams, Maria Morcom and Kathy Wilson.
Canterbury City Councillor Georgina Glover.
Clerk to the Council, Amanda Sparkes.
No residents.

1. The Chairman’s opening remarks and apologies for absence

Cllr Hopkins welcomed everyone to the meeting, this being the fourth virtual meeting that the parish council has held since coronavirus lockdown. He commented that although the lockdown restrictions are easing the virtual meetings will continue.

No members of the public had asked for the PIN to join in.

Apologies for absence were received from KCC Cllr Alan Marsh and CCC councillor Cllr Louise Harvey-Quirke.

2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

All councillors agreed that the Minutes of the last meeting held **23 June 2020** were a true record of the meeting. (NOTED that these will be signed by the Chairman by post after the meeting.)

4. Chairman’s Report and Councillors’ Reports

Cllr Tom Hopkins

Cllr Hopkins advised he has been busy at work. He also commented that the parish council has received a volume of email traffic since the last meeting.

Cllr Morcom

Cllr Morcom advised she had nothing to report.

Cllr Laws

Cllr Laws advised that he had nothing to report not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Cllr Williams

Cllr Williams explained that since the last meeting she had photographed the three salt bins in the village that had been graffitied and sent these to CCC Cllr Harvey-Quirke as agreed at the last meeting. However Cllr Harvey-Quirke then learnt that these bins were gifted to the parish council so it is the parish council responsibility to remove the graffiti.

Cllr Harlow

Cllr Harlow advised she is still tending to the book library regularly. People are taking books to read and replacing them, so it is being used as intended.

She has tried to remove graffiti from the salt bins, but was unable to. The Clerk has sourced special graffiti removal materials on line, and will now order some. Cllr Williams offered to help Cllr Harlow to do this.

Cllr Harlow commented that she has seen the first peacock butterfly this year. She also commented that the KCC Member reply about the possible lengthening of the Sturry train station platforms is good and she asked that thanks be recorded to the Clerk and Cllr Laws on this progress (discussed and reported later in these Minutes)

Cllr Wilson

Cllr Wilson explained in her role as Chair of the village hall committee, that there has been an issue of cleaning the hall floor to try and alleviate the potential for coronavirus transmission, especially between use by the preschool and yoga. She said she'd attended a demonstration with a cleaning machine and the committee has now bought one at the cost of £2,000.

Cllr Wilson explained that at the beginning of lockdown she'd asked for village volunteers to do shopping for those self-isolating, etc. She said she would now email them to thank them and ask to keep them on the list in case of a second wave.

5. Reports from County and City Councillors

CCC Cllr Georgina Glover report

Cllr Glover explained that some 100 or so city council staff had been moved during COVID-19 to other jobs to help with the coronavirus response. She did not think most members of the public knew this.

With regards to the future of concurrent function funding, a report was scheduled to go to committee on 06 August 2020 but Members asked for this to be withdrawn. There is no date for a new meeting known yet but parishes should hear before budget setting timetables.

6. Adjournment of the meeting

As there were no residents 'present' there was no adjournment of the meeting. Cllr Hopkins explained however that some residents' questions by email will come up on the agenda.

7. Speeding vehicles in Westbere

There has been email correspondence from residents since the June meeting about speeding vehicles in the village. In summary:

Cllr Wilson was contacted on 13 July 2020 about an incident that morning, where a resident was in the village early that morning walking some of my dogs and having a quick catch up with another resident in Church lane, and as they were talking, a parent (Father) of two of the nursery children sped past them. The dog owner had to grab one of her dogs quickly out of the way. The other resident respectfully reminded him that it's a 20 mph limit, and he reversed and hurled offensive and angry abuse at her. The residents felt that it was a really nasty and particularly aggressive incident, leaving a resident tearful.

They both went immediately to the nursery and told them of this.

Cllr Wilson also called into the pre-school to have a word about the situation. They confirmed that they send out messages to parents and 'tell them'. They did comment that they feel there are more speeding motorists going through the village now.

The pre-school finish on 23 July 2020.

Cllr Wilson urges all residents, as you are walking round the village, to keep to the correct side of the road. This is sometimes difficult due to the bends and further afield, along other roads, where walkers have to move from one side of the road to the other in order to stay visible to all traffic. But as a reminder, you should walk towards oncoming traffic, ie keep to the right.

The parish council recorded thanks to Cllr Wilson.

Westbere Parish Council does agree that speeding is an issue, although lockdown has meant less traffic travelling through the village, for example, to the stables or to the pub. Offenders are often delivery drivers on tight schedules. Cllr Hopkins commented that one possibility is to have a traffic survey. However, as the current traffic volume is still considerably less Cllrs felt that it is not the right time to commission one now.

Cllr Williams commented that speeding is prevalent everywhere but it's noticeable in Westbere as the roads are so tight, have inclines, and no pavements. It is difficult to deal with individual cars speeding but the parish council will revisit the highways improvement plan and the possibility of a traffic survey later in the year.

Cllr Wilson drew attention to the stretch of Westbere Lane towards the convent that is dipping badly and is possibly subsiding, although its condition does not stop drivers travelling too fast. The Clerk will log this with Kent Highways and ask that an inspection/road survey be considered.

8. Planning

CCC Planning Committee meetings

The first virtual planning meeting took place on 26 May 2020 and are continuing. Agendas can be viewed online at democracy.canterbury.gov.uk which includes the planning officer's report and recommendation and a link to YouTube where people are able to watch the meeting live. Members of the public can submit a pre-recorded speech, up to three minutes long, which will be played to the Committee and those watching online. Democratic Services will arrange the recordings, which will be done remotely by computer, tablet or telephone. The speaking slots are still limited to three for, and three against the planning proposal. In addition, as always, there are slots reserved for the applicant or agent (but not both), parish council or amenity group, and the ward councillor.

Business and Planning Act

The Business and Planning Act received Royal Assent on 22 July, just under a month since it was first introduced by the government aimed at helping the economy recover from the coronavirus pandemic. A [collection of planning guidance](#) (this link is also given in full below), including an extension of certain planning permissions, has been published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/draft-planning-guidance-to-support-the-business-and-planning-bill?utm_source=Members&utm_campaign=dc9f7f7d95-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_03_15_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206970988f-dc9f7f7d95-323650109&mc_cid=dc9f7f7d95&mc_eid=906058b38f

For example, there are relaxations around the construction hours allowed, and applications that are due to lapse in 2020 will have their time limit extended to 1 May 2021.

A28 Link Road - KCC/CA/0091/2019 - Construction of part of a new road (A28 Link Road) including viaduct between A28 Sturry Road and A291 Sturry Hill and associated on-line improvements. A28 Sturry Link Road, Sturry, Canterbury.

There is no update on the link road.

Village Green status application to KCC for the Two Fields site

There is no update on the Sturry and Westbere Two Fields Action Group submitted application on 08 November 2019 to KCC, for the Two Fields to be designated a Village Green.

The CCC "Our future district to 2040" (virtual conference)

The CCC Head of Planning has advised public consultation for the next Canterbury District Local Plan is now underway. There is an online questionnaire (<https://districtplan.canterbury.gov.uk/>) running to the end of September 2020. CCC also has events lined up with Secondary schools in September 2020. As part of the consultation, CCC held a virtual conference on 20 July 2020 for key stakeholders to debate the issues that the district will face over the next 20 years. The Clerk report of this workshop is attached to these Minutes as an appendix for information. She explained that there were over 80 attendees, and they discussed the issues and challenges facing growth and development etc in the district to the year 2040, and possible solutions to overcome these.

Request to resume tree works notifications to parish councils

At the June parish council meeting the Clerk was asked to email the city councillors with a request that CCC consider the reinstatement of tree works notifications in conservation areas to the parish councils. The Clerk emailed the city councillors on 09 July 2020.

A response was received that gave a link to register for notifications and the Clerk has now registered on this.

Planning correspondence

Information was received on 17 July 2020 from the owners of Russett Orchard who gave an update on their proposals at Russett Orchard:

- They anticipate being granted permission very soon for the new dwelling to replace the existing dilapidated house. The last of the ecological reports, the bat survey, was completed on 15 July and once this has been submitted to CCC, permission should be granted.
- This original plot has been annexed from the rest of the site, and has been sold, subject to Planning Permission, to a family who wish to move into the area.

- The owners of Russett Orchard have retained the rest of the site and wish to apply for Planning Permission for a similar size and type of property, on the "infill" site to the East of the present house, and adjacent to the houses in Church Lane.
- This second dwelling/barn would sit in the clearing of trees, so no trees would be lost, and would still be 17m or so from the boundary with any dwellings at Church lane.
- It is also set well back from the highway and therefore cannot be seen for the street scene.
- This would be the only dwelling they would seek (previously they had been thinking of 3 dwellings.) They now propose 2 in total - the one about to achieve Planning for, and this one on the "infill" area.

The owners have asked if the parish council would support their second application. The following response was sent to them on 24 July 2020:

Westbere Parish Council would like to thank you for the information and keeping us informed.

We welcome the replacement dwelling of the existing house and hope the approval is confirmed soon.

For a second proposed dwelling, please accept the following as a without prejudice comment ahead of a validated planning application:

- The parish council has no problem in principle with an additional dwelling on this site – it is of a sufficient size and suitability to accommodate the proposal.
- It is good to know that there will be no loss of trees.
- Because of the topography of the site with its very steep slope downwards towards Westbere Lane and Church Lane properties there is a concern that the proposals when fully presented must be mindful of increased run off. The use of too much concrete for example would cause issues for gardens and properties of other Westbere residents. The full application to CCC should include details of the landscaping and the materials proposed for the landscaping around the dwelling.
- No doubt your full application will include the proposed elevations and materials for the new dwelling. If we have any comments about them we will include them in our representation to CCC when appropriate.
- We are sure that the highways authority may have a view on the access for its width, the sightlines, and these posed against the speed and volume of traffic on the A28. You may be aware that Westbere Parish Council is leading a call for a reduction in the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph for the stretch of the A28 from Fairview Gardens in Sturry to the Industrial Park at Hersden. If your application is successful this strengthens our call for that, with another dwelling having its driveway as a direct ingress/egress onto the A28.

New applications:

NOTED the following application, which is now in the neighbouring parish of Hersden:

CA/20/01188 - Hoplands Farm, Island Road, Hersden, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 4HQ, Application for approval of Phase 2 reserved matters relating to access, landscaping, scale, layout and appearance for the erection of 74 dwellings, including affordable housing, open space, ecological corridors, play area, allotments, parking, highways infrastructure and utilities pursuant to outline planning permission CA/16/00404/OUT.

Cllr Glover advised she anticipated this application going to a planning committee later in the year.

Notifications:

None this month.

9. Financial matters

The payments totalling £1,849.40 were authorised.

NOTED that the Appendix 3 Finance Schedule will be signed by the Chairman of the meeting and returned to the Clerk by post.

NOTED that when meetings are able to be resumed in person - TO RECEIVE the bank statements and bank reconciliation for March, April, May and June 2020, and TO RESOLVE the signature of a councillor other than the Chairman thereon;

RECEIVED an End of Quarter One to 30 June 2020 income and expenditure report, for information, and noted that this will be uploaded to the website to satisfy transparency regulations.

S101 – one off cut of CB92 public footpath from Walnut Tree Lane to Fordwich Lakes

The footpath from Walnut Tree Lane along the railway line became very overgrown and is usually the responsibility of Network Rail to maintain. The Clerk reported this to Network Rail, however they replied that they were unable to schedule any staff or contractors due to coronavirus. The parish council therefore in June used S101 to undertake a one off cut of the path for a one-off payment. The parish council felt that the COVID crisis makes the work all the more important because of the extra use the route is getting, and the fenced, narrow path is narrowed further by the vegetation - making it even more difficult for social distances to be maintained by those using it. There are no passing places and even if it were practical to wait for someone whose already on it - you cannot see the whole length from either end. At the 23 June 2020 parish council meeting, Cllrs asked the Clerk to contact Network Rail and advise them that in the circumstances the parish council has arranged for cut(s) as a special case to aid social distancing during coronavirus but will not assume the responsibility for future years, when it is expected that Network Rail should resume their own responsibility for the maintenance of this footpath. The Clerk emailed Network Rail on 09 July 2020 to this effect.

A further cut was authorised at the end of July 2020 and the contractor instructed.

Offer from KCC Cllr Alan Marsh for a grant for coronavirus support activities

NOTED that the Clerk completed a grant application form for a grant of £1,250 from KCC Cllr Alan Marsh to mitigate the effects of coronavirus in Westbere. This was approved with Reference Number 20-CA-18 on 30 June 2020 and the Clerk submitted the online acceptance and declaration form on that date to release the funds. Confirmation from KCC that the payment will be paid by BACS has been received. The funding will pay for:

- additional footpath cut(s) required to assist with social distancing;
- the purchase and distribution of facemasks and small hand sanitisers to residents;
- sanitiser, facemasks and cleaning materials for the Church
- a stock of facemasks and sanitiser for the Yew Tree – for both their own business use and to hold as a further stock for residents needing to collect more
- printer inks to print the Chairman's Annual Report as coronavirus prevented the holding of the Annual Electors' meeting
- envelopes to contain everything to all households.
- Signage for social distancing reminders at the footpath entrances in the village.

There have been residents who have written to thank the parish council for the above.

The future of Concurrent Function Funding

Canterbury City Council is considering the future options for the concurrent functions funding from 2021-2022. There is no update at this time.

10. Clerk Report

NOTED that on 23 July 2020 the Clerk completed the National Association of Local Councils survey on the holding of remote meetings and their effectiveness.

The Clerk will now try to appoint a contractor to undertake a Climbing inspection for a large Cypress in the West Churchyard – It is a feature tree and its loss would impact.

KCC Budget consultation 2020-21 review

Kent County Council has issued a public consultation on KCC's spending priorities following the coronavirus pandemic. The consultation runs until 9 August and all of the consultation information, including the link to an online questionnaire, can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/budget.

The media release can be found here: <https://kccmediahub.net/public-invited-to-assist-with-producing-kccs-new-budget745>.

Report incidents to Kent Police

TO NOTE a reminder from Cllr Wilson to residents to please keep the comments and observations coming in to her, but as she cannot report what any resident sees to the police, to log a report with Kent Police themselves too:

It is a simple procedure to report anything on-line. Report to Kent Police at <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Cllr Wilson commented that it is important that we keep the village safe and we keep each other safe. So, no matter how trivial you think something might be, do let her know. It might be of a bigger picture and others might have further vital information. Email: kathrynwilson365@gmail.com

The Clerk will also run this as an article in the next newsletter.

Neighbourhood Watch Association for Canterbury & the Surrounding District – now on Facebook

Cllr Wilson explained that there is a new Facebook page for Canterbury and District NHW, and she felt it would be beneficial to people to join it, especially as coronavirus restrictions are continuing. It is another way to disseminate messages, alerts and scams to residents. The page will be updated regularly as information comes in regarding crime trends, daily police reports, lost / stolen pets, good news stories within our district and relevant community information....plus much more.

Login to Facebook and search 'Neighbourhood Watch Association for Canterbury & the Surrounding District'. There will be 3 questions on joining, simply answer those to be added to the group.

Alternatively, you can find the group by putting this link into your browser.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1581348982030341/1586081564890416/?comment_id=1586251318206774¬if_id=1595688663997275¬if_t=group_comment_reply&ref=notif

11. Coronavirus risk assessments

NOTED that the Clerk has completed Risk Assessments around Coronavirus risks for April, May, June and July 2020.

12. Possible lengthening of the Sturry train station platforms

Westbere Parish Council has had a long desire to try and get Network Rail to lengthen the platforms at Sturry station to avoid train overhang across the level crossing, thereby enabling the barrier down time to be reduced and keep the traffic flowing.

The Network Rail response to the Freedom of Information request regarding the recent lengthening works to platforms at Sandwich train station was reported to the April 2020 meeting when it was agreed that the Freedom of Information request would be followed up later in the year and ask about the final costing information when hopefully Network Rail will have this information to hand.

After the last meeting the parish council wrote to the KCC Cabinet Member for Highways and the KCC Cabinet Member for economic, environment and expansion development to see if they can help further. The KCC Cabinet Member reply has now been received as follows:

Members' Desk Sessions House County Hall Maidstone Kent ME14 1XQ Tel: 03000 419986 E-mail: members.desk@kent.gov.uk

Our Ref: 14637133

Date: 27 July 2020

Dear Amanda

RE: STURRY RAILWAY STATION – LEVEL CROSSING AND PLATFORMS

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2020 concerning problems caused by trains overhanging the level crossing at Sturry station and thus causing extended traffic delays. I know that this has been a problem for some time, and that this issue has previously been raised with both Southeastern and Network Rail. There are a number of elements associated with this issue, which I look to describe below. The existing platforms, being 6-cars in length, are insufficient as you say to meet the regular train lengths of 8-cars or 12-cars which call at Sturry, especially in the peak periods. Selective Door Opening (SDO) enables these trains to serve Sturry by restricting the opening doors to those aligned with the platforms, but this, as you know, is the cause of traffic delays as these longer trains overhang the level crossing.

Extending the platforms in both directions of travel would be much more expensive than envisaged. It is very difficult to put any accurate figure on such a project but given the need to double each platform in length an initial highlevel estimate would put the cost in excess of £1million for each platform. As you rightly point out, while there is no signal in the down direction, the signal at the London end of the Up platform would need to be moved, and this would most likely affect the positioning of subsequent signals along the route. Any signalling project is prohibitively expensive, but this may provide a future solution if it could be included in a wider signalling project.

Network Rail retains the objective of completing the East Kent Resignalling Scheme – phase 3, which includes the section of route between Canterbury West and Ramsgate via Sturry and Minster. At present this scheme is not scheduled for short-term delivery, but if this scheme were to be brought forward to Network Rail's existing Control Period (CP6: 2019-2024), there might be an opportunity to include the required re-positioning of signals in the vicinity of Sturry station. If this could be combined

with a change to the SDO arrangements, whereby passengers were enabled to board and alight from the rear 6 coaches only in both directions (as the newly located signals further along the route on the Up side would permit this), then the platform lengths could remain as they are and the level crossing would be clear of the rear of stopping trains at all times.

You refer in your letter to the separate Sandwich Station Capacity Upgrade project, which has been delivered in partnership with Network Rail to support the 149th Open Golf Championship, now postponed to 2021. Without this project, The Open simply would never have been able to return to Sandwich as the existing station and its access facilities could no longer cope with the numbers of visitors attending. Furthermore, delivery of this project secured a series of three Championships in quicker succession than ordinarily would have been possible, With each Championship bringing in excess of £77 million Gross Value Added (GVA) to the whole of the Kent economy, the Sandwich Station project is thus quite distinct from any other railway project, as it will result in a significant increase in benefits to the whole of Kent's wider visitor economy, boosting the hospitality, retail and travel sectors.

I would therefore recommend that Westbere Parish Council, perhaps with the support of your local MP, writes to the Secretary of State for Transport and requests the inclusion of the East Kent Resignalling Scheme - phase 3 in the planned outputs for the current Control Period (CP6: 2019-2024), to include the proposed re-siting of signals in the vicinity of Sturry as described above. This would, in this event, resolve the present situation.

Michael Payne Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

Cllr Hopkins commented that this reply gives the parish council a clear steer and the councillors asked the Clerk to draft a letter to Westbere's MP Sir Roger Gale in the first instance (and ask him to copy it to Rosie Duffield as MP for Sturry) to see if he will support a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport.

13. Date and time for the next meeting/virtual meeting

There will be an August recess as normal. The next virtual meeting was set for Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm.

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Signed: Cllr Tom Hopkins, Chairman

Date:

Appendix – CCC CDLP virtual workshop 20 July 2020:

Canterbury City Council 'virtual' workshop held 20 July 2020

"Our future district to 2040"

Cllr Robert Thomas, Leader of CCC, and Simon Thomas, CCC Head of Planning, gave a welcome and introduction. The virtual workshop was attended by a good cross section of representatives across the district, with over 80 attendees.

The last plan was adopted in 2017 (looking to 2031) but there is a government requirement to review it every 5 years.

CCC commenced work in September 2019 on its next Canterbury District Local Plan (CDLP) to run to 2040. The adoption target is July 2022.

CCC declared a climate emergency in July 2019.

The CDLP is a document on how to shape and influence our district for the next 20 years and the following main issues will be considered:

- Climate and climate change
- Economy/recovery and economic impact
- Housing Needs
- Businesses
- Health
- Travel and home working
- Facilities
- Leisure

Next steps:

There is an online questionnaire (<https://districtplan.canterbury.gov.uk/>) running to the end of September 2020. CCC also has events lined up with Secondary schools in September 2020.

There will be a consultation early next year to look at the options selected.

Aim of the workshop:

The aim of the workshop is to determine what issues there are for the district for the next 20 years. The key threads are:

1. Improving the health and well being of individuals and communities by:
 - i) Good quality homes
 - ii) Affordable housing
 - iii) Job opportunities
 - iv) The visitor opportunity/economy
 - v) Developing town centre strategies
 - vi) Protection of heritage and natural assets
 - vii) The infrastructure requirement – roads, schools, public open space, etc
2. Climate change:
 - i) Building sustainable communities
 - ii) Sustainable travel – and efficient public transport, and maximising walking and cycling opportunities
 - iii) Planning the layout of new development
 - iv) Efficiency of new buildings
 - v) Water efficiency

The issues and challenges

The workshop broke into separate groups of up to 10 people to brainstorm:

Housing

- The government housing numbers requirement
- Population growth of the district expected to grow by 30%
- To build new homes as 'add ons' or build a large new settlement?
- The infrastructure demands associated with more housing
- Consider the range of housing
- How to deliver affordable housing
- Other local authorities buying up land to relocate housing in the CCC area (but CCC cannot control open market land sales.)
- Migration of people into the district

Employment

- Within the district ideally to reduce the need to travel outside the district
- Jobs for young people
- Funding being made available to re-train
- Economy transitioning to digital
- Renewable energy projects coming into the district – wind farm, solar and now hydrogen
- Retail changes, especially with coronavirus and online shopping increases
- Desire to make city/towns more pedestrian friendly
- Better use of leisure – events, markets, cultural – not just to shop
- The future of the Universities

Transport

- The road network around Canterbury city centre is limiting
- Traffic congestion and pollution
- New hospital location?
- Carbon net zero target
- Modal change is difficult
- Public transport – needs to be better and get more people to use it – there needs to be a joined up approach with the transport providers like Stagecoach, Network Rail and South Eastern
- Walking and cycling – needs more routes and more people to use
- The pricing of Stagecoach/Network Rail/South Eastern needs influencing to make the car a less attractive (cost) alternative
- Park and Ride pricing needs to remain attractive
- Car parking prices – could be increased to encourage the use of public transport?
- Consideration for electric cars and electric charging points
- An Eastern bypass around Canterbury needs to be delivered
- The Sturry link road needs to be delivered – and/or the
- Lengthening of the Sturry station platforms
- Political mindset of Members – fear of not being re-elected – needs political leadership – bite the bullet!
- Needs community support – there could be a marketing campaign to gain community support? This could show visually what community neighbourhoods could gain/look like with changes
- The 2017 CDLP has strategy and ideas and the Transport Strategy alongside it but implementation is the problem
- Problems with a two-tier authority system
- Lack of funding
- Work from home more/more virtual working
- The coronavirus challenge currently, hopefully in the short term, means lesser use of public transport – could be habit forming
- Emphasis on the environment and climate change
- Adverse reactions to projects and proposed changes
- More power for local authorities to do compulsory purchase orders

Heritage and the natural environment

- Balancing the growth against the impacts of this
- Heritage is slipping down the ladder of importance against growth/business growth and the available funding
- Need heritage retained for the visitor economy
- Older buildings are energy inefficient – how to make these more eco-friendly?
- Need to consider coastal and rural areas and communities not just the town centres

Health and well being

- New homes will mean more need
- Need more health facilities and health staff
- Affordable housing needs to be more affordable
- CCC has lots of public open spaces – there is an issue of the high costs of maintaining them in the future, eg woodland coppicing
- There are digitalisation opportunities for health services
- Shortage of health-trained staff

Climate change

- Targets set
- The CDLP influences where new development will go
- Sustainable transport requirements
- Need for energy efficiency of new homes
- Give developers an over-arching target to be 'green' in ways determined by them?
- Redevelopment of existing sites
- Link the redevelopment / extending of existing properties to a requirement to upgrade their energy level?
- More eco-houses
- Electric charging points
- Roof gardens
- Retain woodlands and public open spaces etc as far as possible
- Litter – encourage children/everyone to take their litter home with them