

SCENIC NOTES – 17th JUNE 2026

Present:

Cllrs Castro (JC), Sharp (AHS) and Martin (AM)

Apologies:

Cllrs Melville and Alesi

Absent – Cllr Pett

Notes of last meeting agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

SPC has agreed that it would be more cost effective to purchase new Xmas lights, rather than accept Gala's quote to repair broken motifs.

Election of Chair of this group:

Cllr Martin proposed and Cllr Castro seconded Cllr Sharp to remain Chair.

Agenda:

1. Fete 27th June – requirements for SPC stand

- Time slots as follows: 11am – 12 Setting up Cllrs Wakeford, Melville, McLoughlin and Sharp
12 – 1pm manned by MW, JM, AS and CF.
1 - 2 pm MW, JC and AS
2 – 3pm MW. EH
3 – 4pm MW
4 – 5pm MW
5 – 6pm clearing up MW, BM, JM
- On the stand: Youth Club, Swale LC, Paul BB
- Clerk to check marquee and purchase of new banner (£50) is in progress
- Also being displayed: spare Annual Reports, 3G plans, 2 draft playground plans.

2. Surrenden Field

- Playground update: See JM's report attached + Clerk's info re quotes from 2 contractors so far (Sovereign £70,897 and Pro Ludic ££49K. Sutcliffe still to provide quotation, with a 4th contractor unable to deliver).
- **ACTION: FURTHER QUOTES TO BE OBTAINED FROM KOMPAN AND WICKSTEED FOR FURTHER COMPARISON.**
- **Discussion re reducing costs by possibly delaying sensory path until next year, in order to bring playground within budget, as it was felt that project could become too expensive.**
- Specifications may require tweaking to come more in line with budget.

- Need to check quality of materials and ask if we can visit one of their installations.
- Pavilion update: See JM's drawings on OneDrive.
- Toilet access discussed at length. Feeling was that an external toilet door for casual use was not appropriate. To be further discussed by council.
- Overall cost of building shell likely to be: circa £31.5k + VAT + internals
- This is made up of building itself and 4cm insulation to roof and walls and guttering (£22.788) including demolition and removal of current pavilion + concrete base £8708, leaving around £18k for electrical work and other internals (kitchen, bar and sanitary ware etc – all currently uncoded. All + VAT.
- 10year structural guarantee, though life of building expected to be 40 years.
- **ACTION: AHS TO RE-CHECK DETAILS WITH DESIGN COMPANY AND ASK FOR AN UPDATED QUOTATION.**

3. Youth Club Wifi and Water heaters

- Need to check with Cllrs Melville and Alesi to ascertain specific reason for request to increase wifi capability. Speed test to be requested. PSO to be advised of specific issue so that she can request action from broadband provider.
- Water heaters – electrical connection to be enabled by electrician working on Jubilee.

4. Lamp post load bearing update in preparation for Xmas lights

- Load bearing test to be carried out at end of July but noted that lights need re-housing to ensure they don't get broken (currently stored in air raid shelter).
ACTION: AHS to speak to Clerk about storage and to David George about any Men's Shed materials inside the shelter.

5. Parade Toilets

- **ACTION: Clerk to be asked to photograph the toilets and email to KCC Cllr Brian Black, to assist him in trying to expedite survey, so that we can take them over.**

6. Display Boards

Ongoing, but to ask JM whether the prototype is nearing completion.

7. MBC Assets list

- Clerk has list to be discussed with EFSG.
- Group studied map and discussed the pockets of land delineated.
- Need to check community assets in case they're out of date. **ACTION: AHS**

8. AOB

1. Swale L would like to do a community event Skate Jam on 19th August from 10am till 3pm. Noted that at 4pm on the same day on Surrenden Field there is a 'Peter Rabbit' show. Group recommends advertising posters for both events are distributed, as one could lead on to the other.
2. Clerk and Caretaker are undertaking a street furniture check.

3. JC reported that there are overhanging branches needing urgent attention from opposite the Parage to Chestnut Avenue. **ACTION: AHS to ask Clerk to report to Kent Highways.**

9. Next meeting: Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7.30pm

JM's report:

Surrenden Playground:

RG & I have met now with 3 companies - [Proludic](#), [Sovereign Play](#) & [Fawns](#)

Proludic & Sovereign have replied with a basic ideas design quote.

Initial Design Ideas

Fawns replied with 'we are unable to help'.

RG & I are to meet with one more provider before we can bring quotes to the scenic group for discussion.

Surrenden Pavilion:

I have done quite a lot of work on the planning application for the new pavilion - [Planning Application](#)

We need to get the planning app in to MBC, and amend the quote from the building supplier.

I believe the Lamp post testing is to be carried out end of July.

Note from Clerk:

1. Playground - Sutcliffe Play came today and will bring forward a proposal.
2. Street furniture - we manage "benches, memorial benches noticeboards etc" around the village. We need to do a check see if anything needs maintenance / replacing. I will ask Paul to do one in the next month and report back to scenic
3. Surrenden Pavilion - Council need to approve the final design and then get three quotes - if over £50,000 need to go out to tender.