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224.	Sports Field	
224.1	Review of the month's Sports Field Inspection Sheets Clerk advised that there are no new issues to report.	
224.2	To review quotation for the removal of a bush/tree at the Sports Field Cllrs reviewed quotation for the removal of the large bush/tree located next to the car park and resolved to proceed. Clerk to arrange.	Clerk
224.3	To review quotations for an electric gate at the Sports Field and resolve how to proceed Cllrs discussed and reviewed the quotations for electric gates to be installed at the Sports Field as an idea to deal with the anti-social behaviour at the Sports Field in the evenings. Cllrs resolved not to proceed at this time due to the very high cost of installing these.	
224.4	To review storage container quotations and resolve how to proceed Clerk advised all quotations now in. Cllrs reviewed and resolved to proceed with quotation 1 of a 10ft new container from Qube Containers. Clerk to arrange.	Clerk
	8.36pm Cllr Davies left the room and returned at 8.39pm	
225.	Policing	
225.1	Crime Figures Between 21:00 on Wednesday 2nd of October and 05:00 on Thursday 3rd of October in Pitt Road. A group of men damaged a Mercedes parked in the road. A stone dented it. Crime Report No. 46/168573/24 - Posted 07/10/2024	
225.2	On Friday 11th of October between 14:30 and 15:30 in Charlesford Avenue. Somebody damaged a windscreen of a vehicle parked in the road. Crime Report No. 46/173275/24 - Posted 14/10/2024	
225.3	On Sunday 13th of October around 23:40 in Ashford Road. Somebody stole a generator from outside a bus, parked in the road. Crime Report No. 46/174136/24 - Posted 15/10/2024	
225.4	On Tuesday 15th of October between 15:00 and 15:30 in Bell Way. Somebody smashed a window at a residential property. Crime Report No. 46/175951/24 - Posted 19/10/2024	
225.5	On Friday 18th of October around 15:20 in Cayser Drive. Somebody smashed a window of a vehicle parked in the road. Crime Report No. 46/177417/24 - Posted 21/10/2024	
225.6	Between 12:00 on Saturday 12th of October and 12:00 on Sunday 13th of October in Lenham Road. Somebody stole fruit containers from the front of a residential property. Crime Report No. 46/181694/24 - Posted 28/10/2024	
225.7	Between 16:00 on Friday 25th of October and 09:00 on Saturday 26th of October in Ashford Drive. Somebody stole Halloween figures from a community art project display. Crime Report No. 46/182079/24 - Posted 28/10/2024	
226.	To receive an update on the Joint Village Hall Project Cllr Clark advised that this is moving forward, a design has been agreed and we now await quotations for the design.	
227.	To review CCTV quotations and resolve how to progress Due to Cllr Pink sending his apologies Cllrs resolved to move this item to the next agenda. Cllrs resolved that this project need to progress ASAP.	
228.	To review and receive feedback from Village Fete event Clerk, Cllr Clark and Cllr Clarke reviewed the Village Fete based on feedback from residents. Overall the event was very well received with a lot of positive comments. There were a few recommendations for improvement which Cllrs will take on board for future events	
229.	To consider and approve the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2023/2024 Cllrs considered and approved the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2023/24. Cllrs noted the comment re the asset register. Clerk advised that the notice of conclusion of audit has been posted on the website and notice boards.	
230.	To provide feedback from and discuss Annual Clerks Conference and Annual Finance Conference Clerk provided feedback from both conferences. Overall there were some useful speakers present and it was a great networking event. Signed _____	

231.	To discuss and resolve whether to accept and implement the NALC National Salary Award 2024/2025 Circulated prior to the meeting, Cllrs discussed the NALC National Salary Award 2024/25 and resolved to accept it. Clerk to action necessary changes and implement.	Clerk
232.	To resolve whether to hold a December Parish Council meeting Cllrs resolved to hold a December meeting. The next Parish Council meeting will therefore be the 16th of December 2024.	
233.	To receive feedback from Ward Cluster meeting Clerk attended half yearly meeting with local parishes, KCC, MBC and Kent Police. Local issues discussed and updates received. Clerk highlighted issues of ASB and in particular catapulting.	
234.	To receive feedback from Clerks meeting with Leeds Castle and KCC in relation to A20 traffic island Clerk met with KCC and Leeds Castle representatives to discuss the possibility of a traffic island on the A20 to help pedestrians cross the A20 more safely. In order for a traffic island to be installed there must be a footpath that it can join on both sides of the road, currently there is no footpath on the Broomfield side of the road. KCC investigated the possibility of diverting and extending the existing footpath that comes out near to the Broomfield Road Leeds Castle entrance. Unfortunately the groundworks to enable this are very extensive and costly. It would also mean removing a large number of trees, bushes and shrubs on the Leeds Castle grounds as there is not enough space along the road for a footpath. Clerk will continue to speak to KCC re other options.	Clerk
235.	To receive feedback from Roundtable meeting with Helen Whately Clerk provided feedback from meeting whereby issues such as antisocial behaviour were raised. The entry/exit system was discussed and other local Parish issues.	
236.	To discuss Maidstone Borough Councils Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document Maidstone Borough Council has published the Regulation 18b version of its Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document, which sets out the preferred policy approaches to meeting accommodation needs and the reasonable alternatives being considered through the DPD. There are no sites identified or allocated at this stage, MBC are seeking views on the spatial strategy approach before committing to identifying sites. Cllrs are however aware of a couple of sites in or around our Parish that have been put forward to Maidstone Borough Council as possible sites. Comments by Cllrs will be made once we are able to do so in relation to specific sites. Cllrs would encourage residents to review the Development Plan Document. Consultation Response Forms and all supporting materials will be available on the Council's webpage at: https://localplan.maidstone.gov.uk/home/gypsy-traveller-development-plan-document Cllrs discussed and resolved to complete the consultation response forms online. Clerk to action.	Clerk
237.	To receive an update on the Reverse Santa Event Cllr Clark, Cllr Clarke and Clerk advised Santa will be visiting on the 13th of December and preparations are well under way. A Facebook Event page has been set up (go to the Parish Councils Facebook page for details) so that residents can be kept up to date with arrangements. Details have also been placed on noticeboards.	
238. 238.1	Residents' concerns ASB – catapults, eggs, Sports Field – Clerk spoke to PC James Phillips in relation to the reported ASB in the Parish. PC Phillips is very proactive and does follow up reported crimes but he can only do that if they are actually reported to the Police! We are finding that although incidents are voiced on social media they are not being reported to the Police. Cllrs appreciate that it can be tedious however it is very important that you report everything, no matter how small. PC Phillips has sent the following message... "Please be reassured that Kent Police will do as much as possible to safeguard victims and tackle offenders however this begins with reporting all matters of concern to us. You can report emergencies by calling 999, any non-emergency matters can be reported by calling 101, via our 'Live Chat' system on our website, via an online crime report or by visiting our station on Palace Avenue, Maidstone. The Maidstone Neighbourhood Beat team are working with communities around Maidstone to deal with anti-social behaviour and criminality but we need your help to report all crimes and anything that is a concern, the more reports we receive, the more we can do."	
238.2	Dog fouling – this is still a massive issue around the Parish, if you catch someone committing this offence please report them. If you see dog mess in a public area you can report it using the following website and Maidstone Borough Council will attend and clear it. https://self.maidstone.gov.uk/service/report_dog_mess Signed _____	

238.3	Stolen Secret Stitchers art project – Cllrs are saddened to hear of the theft of this art project. If you have any information please do contact the police. The post-box toppers spread a bit of joy and put a smile on everyone's faces, it is such a shame that a small minority ruin this.	
239.	Any other information	
239.1	Maidstone KALC Meeting held on 30/09/2024 – minutes circulated to Cllrs before the meeting.	
239.2	EU entry/exit system The EU Entry/Exit System (EES), which was supposed to start in November 2024, has been put on hold. Although the EU has cancelled the November launch date for the EES, it has not set a new start date. More details can be found at the following link https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/eu-entryexit-system	
213.	Items for next agenda	
213.1	To receive an update on the Joint Village Hall Project	
213.2	To review CCTV quotations and resolve how to progress	
213.3	To review and approve draft budget for 2025/26	
214.	Parish Council Meetings The next meetings of the Parish Council are scheduled for Monday 16th December 2024. The meetings will take place at Broomfield and Kingswood Village Hall, Gravelly Bottom Road, Kingswood ME17 3PX from 7.30pm. Cllr Clark closed the meeting at 9.19pm Signed _____	