

Open Forum Session

Tandridge Local Committee – Friday 20 September 2019

Question 1: Mr Keith Chaundy:

Resident on Chelsham Road in Warlingham which adjoins a site, which has been owned by SCC since 1934. The site has restrictions on it as a playing field for the schools in the Warlingham and Chelsham area. When he moved to the site 45 years ago it was well used and the buildings were used as changing rooms and a kitchen, however over time the buildings were demolished as contained asbestos at a cost of £30,000 to SCC and they were not replaced. The Headteacher of the school also felt that it was too far for pupils to travel and also had no funding to maintain the site therefore the site had become disused.

Do SCC have any plans for this as it is green belt and next to the cemetery? It is a great shame that SCC did not negotiated with Warlingham Football club who wished to use the land if it had a 25 Year lease and it remains today something of a wreck.

Response from Divisional Member Becky Rush: The use of the land is linked to Warlingham Village School and cannot be released for anything else whilst linked to an educational purpose. She is aware that it is in a bad state of repair and she has been contacted by a local resident regarding dangerous trees on the site, and she has put in a request for this to be looked at. While there is a question mark over the future school situation in Warlingham and the Tandridge Local Plan, which is going to the Planning Inspectorate in October. Until we know the outcome of the local plan, the site must remain for an educational purpose.

Response from Zena Curry: We will take your question and pass to the relevant officers at SCC who provide a written response.

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