



## **BEKESBOURNE-WITH-PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

June 2025 Agenda Pack

### **Agenda Item 5 External Reports**

#### **5.1 County Councillor Reports**

### **Councillor Lee Castle**

**Little Stour & Adisham Ward - Canterbury City Council (07875402888)**



### **May 2025 Update** [lee.castle@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:lee.castle@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk)

In May, the major focus was the Gladman application for The Hill site, which went before the planning committee. I attended alongside the Parish Chairs of Littlebourne and Bekesbourne, as well as two experts from the action group, to deliver a strong critique of the proposal. The meeting was very well attended by local residents—thank you to everyone who came. The committee deferred its decision, pending further information from the applicants. On reflection, this was a positive outcome, as I suspect Gladman will make minimal changes to the application. Please stay alert for updates when it returns to committee.

May also saw the annual mayor-making ceremony. Congratulations to Keji Moses, our new Lord Mayor, and to Steph Jupp, who has been appointed Sheriff.

I'm honoured to have been promoted to the Cabinet at Canterbury City Council, taking on the portfolio for Property and IT. I'm excited to serve the wider district in this role.

Throughout March and into May, I've been handling a wide range of casework across the ward:


- In **Wickhambreaux**, I've supported a resident with a planning issue and continue to pursue progress on a longstanding enforcement case.
- In **Adisham**, I've been working on council housing concerns involving dog fouling, anti-social behaviour, and historic fly-tipping. The Housing team is assisting with these, and we're monitoring an ongoing enforcement issue.
- I've arranged a meeting with the Head of Planning to discuss the closure of Chaucer Road (the Barracks cut-through) and will request a press release to update residents.
- In **Littlebourne**, I continue to monitor an active enforcement case.
- In **Stodmarsh** and **Bekesbourne**, new planning applications are being tracked, and in **Bekesbourne**, I'm also assisting residents with footpath concerns and station lighting.
- **Wickhambreaux Parish Council** has worked effectively with the council's Localities Team to increase signage and enforcement in fly-tipping hotspots. Following **Bramling's** similar success last year, we're seeing improvements. Fly-tipping remains a challenge in rural areas—thank you to everyone who reports these incidents.
- In **Patricxbourne**, I helped a resident with a parking issue and discussed ongoing efforts by the river group.

I recently met with Roger Lithgow, our new Community Warden for Little Stour and Adisham (also covering Sturry Ward). He has been very active locally. We discussed support pathways for vulnerable and isolated residents, as well as upcoming community events to raise awareness of his role.

In **Littlebourne**, I've reported faded road markings near bus stops. I've also flagged several signage issues across all the villages—thank you to County Councillor Mike Sole for helping escalate these to KCC Highways. Please continue to use the KCC website to report local concerns.

As always please don't hesitate to contact me with any issues.

## 5.2 City Councillor Reports



### Councillor Mike Sole's monthly report

Kent County Councillor : Canterbury South  
Canterbury City Councillor : Nailbourne

*Working for you all  
all year round*

This is my monthly update for **May 2025**.

Firstly, I was delighted to be re-elected to KCC with an increased vote share and larger majority. Thank you for your support. There has been a significant change in the administration at KCC and the Liberal Democrat group that I belong to is now the official opposition with 12 councillors. There are also 5 Green, 5 Conservative and 2 Labour councillors, but with 57 councillors Reform are now running the council.

The only KCC meeting that has taken place so far was the AGM where the new leadership was appointed. At this meeting I challenged the new administration on their decision to no longer fly the Ukrainian flag or Pride flag during Pride month, but it was confirmed that neither will be flown again.

In an unusual move many KCC meetings due to take place in June have been cancelled and we are still awaiting confirmation on some committees, but I hope to serve on the Growth, Economic & Communities Committee, Kent & Medway Fire & Rescue and the Flood Risk Management Committee.

During May I attended annual parish meetings in **Petham, Wickhambreaux, Womenswold, Thanington** and **Barham** where I was able to speak to many local residents about my role, local government reorganisation and changes at KCC. I also attended the usual monthly meeting of **Thanington** Parish Council Council and Canterbury City Council annual meeting.

I was really pleased to hear that KCC have now agreed to fully fund the accessibility bus stop improvements by The Firth Trust in Barham that I have been campaigning for.

I held a very good councillor surgery in Barham with the KCC Community Warden and Kent Police. I was good to see so many people and I am following up on the issues raised with me. I also had a separate meeting with Cllr Lee Castle and the KCC community wardens that cover both Nailbourne and Little Stour & Adisham. Unfortunately, the other areas of my KCC division are still without wardens.

I've had a couple of meetings with group of residents in Bekesbourne and Bridge to discuss various issues – if I can help with anything, please get in touch.



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**Agenda Item 8 Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council.-**  
None

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**Agenda Item 9 Any updates from representatives from external groups (if any)**

To be given at the meeting.

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**Agenda Item 10- Highways Matters**

**10.1 20mph limit at Patrixbourne**

No Updates

**10.2 Any new matters to raise**

**10.3 Speedwatch**

No updates

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**Agenda Item 11 Finance Matters**

**11.1 To note June payment schedule & approve any new payments.**

**June Payment Schedule**

**Payments Made Since the last meeting as per financial Regulation 6.8 iii.**

Date	Type	Payment	Amount
None			

**Payments Due for Approval:**

Recipient	Detail	Amount
N. Purcell	June phone bill	£10.00
Hugo Fox Ltd	Website fee	£23.99
N. Purcell	May HP Ink Subscription	£9.99
N. Purcell	June Salary	As Per Salary Slip

**11.2 S106 Funding (Updates, Recreation ground, Playground Quotes)**

Three quotes have been obtained for new equipment, all of which with supporting visuals will be presented and discussed at the meeting.

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**Agenda Item 12 Planning**

**12.1 To Receive Updates on previous consultee responses**

None

**12.2 To Discuss any new applications**

None

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**Agenda Item 13 Allotments**

**12.1 Any Updates**

None

**13.2 Any new matters to report**

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**Agenda Item 14 Correspondence**

None

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**Agenda Item 15 Kent Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (*any updates*)**

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**Agenda Item 16 Next Meeting Date**

14<sup>th</sup> July 2025

At the Pavillion.