

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 18th May 2015**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Councillors Hardy, Taylor, Savill, Docwra, District Councillor Potter, the Footpaths Officer and the Clerk. PCSO Dave Sadler was present for part of the meeting. 13 local residents were also present for part of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN.

(1) Councillor Savill proposed Councillor Hardy as Chairman for the coming year, this was seconded by Councillor Docwra. Councillor Hardy proposed Councillor Savill as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Taylor.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

(2) The Chairman and all Councillors present signed the appropriate acceptance of office forms, witness by the Clerk.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(3) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Stow and Wilson, PC Lee Munday and County Councillor Clack.

4. ELECTION OF GROUPS

(4) The finance group is unchanged, comprising Councillors Savill, Taylor and Wilson and the Clerk (RFO).

(5) The representative for the Family Activities for Betchworth & Buckland is Councillor Hardy.

(6) Councillor Stow remains the representative for the Betchworth & Buckland Society.

(7) The Clerk is to contact Jean Hurman to determine whether she is willing to continue as the Parish Council representative for Betchworth United Charities.

(8) Councillors Savill and Wilson to remain as representatives on the Village Memorial Hall Committee.

(9) John Foreman agreed to continue as Footpaths Officer.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Jean Hurman	Clerk	asap

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(10) The minutes of the meeting held on 13th April were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(11) None

7. CRIME AND ORDER.

(12) PCSO Dave Sadler reported 3 crimes since 21st April: the theft of tools from a motor vehicle; theft of a box of meat from outside public house; and the theft of the post box from Wonham Lane.

PCSO Dave Sadler left the meeting.

8. OPEN FORUM.

(13) One resident reporting a pothole in Snowerhill Road to the meeting was requested to report this directly to Surrey Highways and to contact the clerk as backup should the response not be satisfactory.

(14) The majority of the residents attending the meeting were present to support or protest the proposed play provision on Goulburn Green. Councillor Hardy reported that the mails (email and other) received from Betchworth residents were evenly split between those supporting a playground and those against. She announced that there would be a public meeting, probably in September, and this would be followed by a for/against petition of Betchworth residents.

(15) One resident in support of the play provision spoke of how the green is very much under-used and would provide a place for children to meet and socialise. It would also help parents new to the village to meet other parents. There was a request to make Betchworth a child-friendly village. It was also emphasised that the play provision would also be used by visiting grandchildren as well as village children.

(16) A few residents from the Walled Garden expressed concern that the current parking problems would be exacerbated with a playground on the green.

(17) A parent in support of the playground acknowledged these fears and requested that parking be taken into consideration.

(18) Councillor Hardy displayed a mock-up of a potential playground. The rustic nature, small scale and lack of concrete was favourably received by the residents.

10 residents left the meeting.

7. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

Footpath Officer's Report.

(19) Litter Pick on April 18th was very successful with 19 volunteers and over 30 bags of rubbish collected. Future litter picks might be more effective if scheduled earlier in the year (late March) and with a later start time of 10am.

(20) As part of a general litter clearance SCC Highways were contacted on several occasions to clear redundant barriers and road works signs. The signs are still there.

End of Footpath Officer's Report.

(21) Councillor Hardy reported that the verges on Old Road from the post office to Station Road have been damaged by contractors and volunteered to speak to the foreman.

(22) It was reported by one of the remaining residents that a load of rubbish opposite Barley Mow was cleared by MVDC within one hour of reporting.

(23) It was noted that Pebble Hill Road would be closed after rush hour on Friday 22nd May to sometime on Saturday 30th May.

(24) The proposal to apply for an Environmental Improvements grant from Planning Infrastructure Contributions to sow wildflower seeds by Weir Mead Farm was approved on the understanding that the Brockham young people make a firm proposal and undertake to sow the seeds and carry out any annual maintenance.

(25) Councillor Docwra had undertaken to review the GACC draft response to the air quality consultation by the Airports Commission. He found the response to be good and robust.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact foreman: damaged verges	Cllr Hardy	Asap
Contact Brockham organisations re: wildflower seeding	Clerk	Asap
Contact MVDC planning re: Environmental Improvements grant	Clerk	Asap
Note of thanks to GACC	Clerk	asap

8. PLANNING

New Applications and Appeals

(26) MO/2015/0620 Mere House, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ
Erection of part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions. No Comment

Results

(27) MO/2015/0274

1 Coombe Cottages, The Coombe, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BT

Erection of two storey side extension

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS: external materials to match existing

Other Matters

(28) Atlantico Car Wash – To note the updates from MVDC Planning, MVDC Environmental Health and the Environment Agency. It was also noted that recently a very large sign had been erected. Clerk to check whether this is allowed.

(29) It was noted that since April 30th and until September 30th a change to the Ockham Stack was being trialled. No increase in aircraft noise has been noticed.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Query Atlantico Car Wash signage	Clerk	asap

11. AMENITIES

(30) Allotments. It was noted that all allotment garden rents have been collected.

(31) Burial Ground. Councillor Hardy agreed to inspect the ivy growing near the wall.

(32) Burial Ground Jubilee Pavilion. It was agreed that the craftsmanship of the seating was below the standard anticipated and accepted the offer from Councillor Wilson to negotiate with Rupert Gibbs.

(33) The following memorial: Portland Stone tablet 18"x12"x2". Inscription: "In Loving Memory of Noel Collins 18 December 1930 21 January 2015" was approved.

(34) The following additional inscription: “Angela Hamar Delevigne beloved Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother 8th July 1912– 30th December 2014 You will always be with us Gaga” was approved.

(35) The following memorial: Portland Stone memorial 2’3” x 1’9” x 3” with base. Inscription: “In Loving Memory of Eduardo Espino Martinez “Eddie” 15th September 1939 7th August 2014 “He laughed often and much”” was approved.

(36) The following memorial: Portland Stone 2’6”x2’0”x3” design Holdenby with plain carved crash helmet. Inscription: “Roger Ernest Bates 06.02.47 – 17.11.11 the best Husband, Dad and Grandad Forever in our Hearts Soul Mates for Eternity – Nicola Brands Hatch Fastest Lap 103.59 – Trevor Bestest Grandad – Rhys” was approved.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Inspect ivy	Cllr Hardy	asap
Contact Rupert Gibbs	Cllr Wilson	Asap
Send memorial approval letters	Clerk	asap

12. COMMUNITY

(37) It was noted that there are still places available on the HeartStart course to take place on June 18th.

District Councillor Potter and a resident left the meeting.

13. FINANCE

(38) The monthly financial summary had previously been distributed.

(39) Council voted to accept the 1 year quote of £343.56 from Zurich Insurance.

(40) The following accounts were approved for payment and cheques duly signed:

1.	Jacquie Sims (Clerks salary & expenses + stationery)	£	557.70
2.	Village Hall – HeartStart course	£	25.00
3.	John Foreman APM Refreshments	£	23.35
4.	Hamilton Room Apr/May meetings	£	35.00
6.	GACC Subscription	£	10.00
7.	Surrey Estate Management	£	764.50
8.	John Foreman – gloves litter pick	£	12.00

(41) It was noted that a grant application for resurfacing the remainder of the church path is being completed.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Accept Insurance quote from Zurich	Clerk	Asap
Notify Came & Co of decision not to renew	Clerk	Asap

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(42) Moores Storage Yard. It was agreed that as the Betchworth residents in proximity to the yard were now content with the running of the yard and the fact that the yard is located in Brockham parish, Betchworth PC would no longer continue to monitor the activities in the yard unless requested to do so by Betchworth residents.

The remaining residents left the meeting.

18. FUTURE MEETING DATES

(43) Next Parish Council Meetings – **Mondays May 18th and June 1st**

(44) Parish Magazine Article June, deadline 18/5/2015. The Clerk wrote an article about the litter pick, the forthcoming HeartStart course, the trueCall initiative and the number 32 bus route.

(45) The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:32pm.

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