

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2018**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Wilson, Rogers, Savill, Winter, Higgins, Edwards and Clerk (Marion Hallett).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(249) Apologies were received from District Councillor Simon Budd, Footpaths Officer (FO) and Burialground Caretaker (BC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(250) One declaration was received from Councillor Wilson relating to Agenda Item 8 Garrod memorial inscription (relative).

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(251) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November 2018 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record, noting amendments to draft minutes ref. Title 7 Item 219: noting the Soldier silhouette was commissioned by a Parishioner, and not District Councillor Simon Budd as previously minuted. This being the case, Councillors suggested that The Parish Council should offer to pay for the soldier and find a home for it, and duly thank the Parishioner. Also Title 8: Planning MO/2018/1848 Buckland Garage, Reigate Road RH3 7ED – response submitted from Parish Council.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(252) A combined report on crime figures within Betchworth for October and November 2018 was received and communicated to Councillors. It was also noted that Mole Valley Police will be offering advice on protecting personal possessions in Dorking's Waitrose on 6th December. Councillors queried where members of public should now go, should they wish to speak to a Police officer in person, now that the Police desk at the MVDC offices has gone.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(253) in the absence of a representative from The Poland Trust who had been expected to attend, Councillors discussed the public consultation which had taken place previously in the month regarding a future proposed development in Betchworth. Councillors commented that concerns for surface flooding remains an issue, and despite this problem being addressed by means of a reservoir beneath the road, it is thought that this will lead to clogging at some time in the future.

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

(254) The Clerk read the Footpath Officer's report. In summary: 28 helpers attended a successful litterpick on 17th November, request made for Parish Council to purchase hi-vis tabards and pickers approved following receipt of inadequate number from MVDC; FO to request quotes for tabards with & without a 'Betchworth Parish Council' print on the back. 45 large poppies collected from the area & awaiting confirmation as to whether they will be used again in the future. FO has also requested a new home for the CPR mannequin; Cllr Savill has offered to keep it in a safe place. Play equipment checked on 6, 14 and 28 November and remains fit for purpose.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (0)

No new applications were recorded for November.

Late Applications (0)

Results (2)

MO/2018/1324

Great Brockhamhurst Farm, Brockhamhurst Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AP
Change of use of land for construction of a sand school for private use (30 metres x 60 metres in area with associated post and rail fence).

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MO/2018/1558

17, Barleymow Court, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HF
Erection of conservatory at rear.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Late Results (2)

MO/2018/1040

The Hay Barn (former stables), Wonham Lane, Betchworth, RH3 7AD
Erection of 1 No. dwelling following removal of existing outbuildings.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/1041

The Hay Barn (former stables), Wonham Lane, Betchworth, RH3 7AD
Erect temporary building (lockable ISO container) for renovation work site facilities.
Required for a period of 18 months from installation.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Appeals (0)

Other Matters

(255) Councillor Hardy and Clerk updated those present on the Judicial Review brought by Betchworth Parish Council. Clerk reported that a verbal confirmation had been received from the Royal Courts of Justice that the decision of the Defendant dated 28 December 2018 MO/2017/1935/ECL to grant the Interested Party a certificate of lawful use pursuant to section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 has been quashed, and that the sealed copy of this Order would be posted to the Clerk imminently. Clerk to thank parties who assisted with a successful outcome of this case.

8. AMENITIES

(256) The Goulburn Green play equipment received its annual inspection from Mole Valley District Council and a few minor matters to address were noted; exposed bolts on rear of play equipment; Footpaths Officer to investigate plastic safety caps, monitor soil and grass growth which is exposing rubber matting beneath swing, and check the ability to securely fasten the bin to the ground. Other points noted were fencing which is due to be repaired, and low overhanging trees which are scheduled to be pruned.

(257) Councillors compared quotes for replacing fence posts around Goulburn Green and awarded the work to be carried out by Total Grounds Maintenance. Clerk to instruct accordingly.

(258) Wording for the addition to the Garrod memorial was approved by Councillors. Clerk to inform Funeral Director/Burialground Caretaker accordingly.

9. COMMUNITY

(259) Councillors discussed formulating a response to the GAL Masterplan Proposals. Cllr Winter agreed to draft a response for the Clerk to send on behalf of the Council.

(260) Councillors agreed to support Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) – Clerk to set up subscription & make required donation.

(261) Councillors discussed whether a Rural Parishes meeting should be held sometime in 2019, noting that Betchworth hosted the last meeting in 2017 it would be another Parish's turn to host. Clerk to request discussion at forthcoming Clerk's meeting.

(262) There are currently five public consultation open for response.

- Community Recycling – Cllr Savill
- Libraries and Cultural Services – Cllrs Hardy & Higgins
- Concessionary Bus Travel – Cllr Wilson
- Family Resilience – Cllr Rogers
- Special Educational Needs/Disabilities – Cllrs Edwards & Winter

Councillors discussed responses for each however expressed difficulty at how these can be responded to on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors felt strongly that Dorking CRC should remain open and that there is a strong need for this facility to be available.

Councillors also commented regarding Concessionary Bus Travel that disabled members of the public should be allowed to travel at any time of day and not have restrictions placed on times which they might be allowed to travel. In the absence of there being an ability to submit a Parish Council response online, Councillors agreed to respond individually, and requested that Clerk writes a letter citing concerns. Councillors also suggested a link to the consultations for the Parish Council website, and another email to the Parish encouraging responses.

(263) Councillors briefly discussed a 'Neighbourhood Watch online incentive however it was noted that there had been little interest in an organised neighbourhood watch scheme in the past, predominantly due to Betchworth being a close community who 'look out' for each other.

(264) Clerk informed Councillors of progress at Weir Mead Pond following reports of a collapsed drain. Investigations had taken place by BERT (Brockham Emergency Response Team) and identified the need to replace the old broken pipe which connects the pond underneath the road to an overflow ditch. Clerk is awaiting further progress and requested to be informed if any action is required from Betchworth Parish Council.

(265) Councillors unanimously approved the response from Betchworth Parish Council regarding Future Mole Valley proposals in Betchworth.

(266) Councillors discussed correspondence received from a member of public regarding Future Mole Valley plans and agreed a response to be sent on behalf of the Council by the Clerk to reiterate that the Parish Council considers its response to be a balanced view and that there will be a public consultation in due course and also to acknowledge that the current access suggestion to proposed development site is inadequate.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

(267) Councillor Winter advised that there had been no further progress on Broadband speeds since last month's report and that the Gainshare final report is expected in Q1 2019. Next steps will be discussed once this is published.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

Clerk confirmed that the Action List is up to date and matters in hand. Clerk confirmed that the replacement Perspex for the Coombe notice board has been ordered.

13. FINANCE.

(268) Councillors acknowledged and approved the adoption of an amended budget to 2018/19 to include £2000.00 for website design which had been omitted in Capital Projects. An adjustment of £2000.00 was added to the reserve transfer. This adjustment was Proposed by Cllr Wilson and seconded by Chairman Hardy and agreed by the Council.

(269) The budget figures for 2019/20 were approved in principle, allowing for minor typing error and amendment to the title of a Capital Project. Clerk to make amendments to wording and present the budget for signature at the January 2019 Parish Council meeting.

(270) A number of Capital Projects were included in the budget for 2019/20, including Burialground Path, Stile by pheasantry, Parish elections, Provision for traffic survey Clerk Computer & software, minute binding, projector stand, Projector screen, Community Broadband scheme, Footpath upgrade, defibrillator and 'Communications' (Hamilton Room).

(271) Precept requirements for 2019/20 were discussed and a 3% increase to follow in line with inflation was agreed by Betchworth Parish Council. The amount requested for the financial year 2019/2020 will be £13,250.

(272) The Financial Summary was displayed and reviewed including November's figures.

(273) Clerk's salary increase of 3% in line with inflation was approved by Cllr Wilson and Chairman Hardy.

(274) Councillors Rogers and Higgins approved the following accounts for payment:

IB00146	Hamilton Room (Nov)	£	20.00
IB00147	M Hallett (Nov 18) Salary & expenses	£	845.40
IB00148	HMRC Cumbernauld	£	26.16
IB00149	SALC Limited	£	54.00
IB00150	Shires Pay Services Limited	£	24.00
IB00151	Blue Pixel Design	£	1260.00

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(275) A Councillor queried the use of the car park behind the Church as it was thought that it may be in use as an overnight stopover location for some larger vehicles. Cllr Savill to mention to owners.

15. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(276) Next Parish Council Meetings –7th January and 4th February 2019

(277) Clerk agreed to circulate proposed Parish Council meeting dates as well as information regarding the local Elections and ensure rooms are booked for 2019.

5 th December -	GAL & Noise Management Board Public Meeting
5 th December -	Clerk Bi-Monthly meeting
6 th December -	MVDC Gatwick Masterplan Meeting (6.30pm)

Parish Magazine Article subject for January: Invitation to Parish Council meetings and Gatwick Masterplan Consultation – don't forget!, deadline Monday 10th December 2018

(278) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 9.36pm

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