

## **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Wilson, Rogers, Savill, Winter, and Clerk (Marion Hallett).  
Footpaths Officer (FO) was also present. PCSO Dave Sadler attended part of the meeting.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

(311) Apologies were received from Councillors Higgins and Edwards, County Cllr Helyn Clack and District Cllr Simon Budd. The Burialground Caretaker was also absent.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

(312) One declaration was received from Councillor Hardy (neighbour) relating to Agenda Item 7: Application MO/2019/0066, Parris Corner, Old Reigate Road, demolition of conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

(313) The minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2019 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

(314) Councillors resolved that in future, any members of public wishing to speak during the Open Forum time and granted permission should be allowed to speak for no more than three minutes.

(315) 8.04pm PCSO Dave Sadler arrived.

### **4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.**

(316) Chairman Hardy read the Police Report to the Council, noting that the information received was slightly more detailed than in recent months. Councillor Hardy thanked PCSO Sadler for attending and commented that there are no front desks in MVDC Offices. PCSO Sadler confirmed this and highlighted any reporting should be made via the 101 phone number or the website. PCSO Sadler handed his card to the Chair/Clerk.

(317) PCSO Sadler had been informed of two cars parked in the church car park, both unlicensed and un-taxed. He confirmed he had taken details of cars and reported them to MVDC as abandoned vehicles.

(318) Chairman Hardy questioned PCSO Sadler's availability to attend future PC meetings. PCSO Sadler confirmed that attendance is reliant on there being no immediate urgent matters to attend to and that he would make every effort to attend the APM, along with Andy Adams. Clerk to email date to PCSOs.

(319) Councillors discussed traffic offences and potential preventative measures for speeding specifically relating to Wonham Lane, The Street and Old Reigate Road. PCSO Sadler explained that Wonham Lane is difficult to monitor in person there being no safe place to stop, but that speed surveys will be carried out on these roads. Clerk requested speed surveys are not carried out during school holidays. Clerk to inform PCSOs when holidays are taking place.

(320) 8.20pm PCSO Dave Sadler left the meeting.

### **5. OPEN FORUM.**

(321) No matters were raised.

### **6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

(322) Footpaths Officer (FO) delivered the following report. Litterpick in conjunction with Great British Spring Clean confirmed for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April (Noted Chairman unable to attend this time). 20 hi-vis tabards and pickers arranged through new contact at MVDC which will be plenty for forthcoming litterpick thus no extra purchase required at this time

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although quote obtained for future reference as once stock has depleted they will not be replaced by MVDC. Damage to bridge over ditch at Brockham Park; position of bridge has shifted by out of control vehicle. Quote received by maintenance firm associated with Brockham Park Management Committee (£300). Damaged area around manhole cover near Betchworth VH to be inspected by Thames Water. Betchworth Bridge damaged once again – awaiting repair. Carbuncle reported along Wonham Lane hazardous for cyclists and motorists. Confirmed removal of black salt bin and re-sited No Cycling sign along school footpath. Play equipment checked on 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and remains fit for purpose.

(323) Councillors discussed possible traffic calming measures along The Street, acknowledging receipt of the Brockham traffic survey carried out by 2020 Consultancy. Clerk highlighted that whilst the report was useful as a cost guide exercise, any recommendations would be village-specific and advice must be sought as to best placing of any signs and/or measures taken. Suggestions included a weight limit (so as to avoid getting Brockham's traffic following any traffic calming measures taken by their Parish Council), the removal of the centre line along The Street, and the introduction of a gravel section as per traffic calming in a neighbouring village which was thought to be effective. Councillors agreed to seek advice on traffic calming once speed survey figures had been evaluated.

(324) Cllr Winter provided an update on behalf of a parishioner who made enquiries as to the possibility of introducing car spaces for pick up/drop off facilities at Betchworth train station. The Station Building has recently been bought (privately). The Station Manager will liaise with the Estates representative (First Group) in order to ascertain any potential for parking. Councillors also discussed the potential to use the land to the north of the station owned by Network Rail (between the platform and the road called The Quarry). Clerk to follow up with Station Manager and monitor progress.

## 7. PLANNING.

### New Applications & Appeals (0)

MO/2019/0018

Homeland, Roothill Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AS

Certificate of Lawfulness for a proposed development in respect of the stationing of a mobile home/granny annexe for use incidental to main dwelling.

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/0066

Parrs Corner, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7D

Demolition of conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension

NO COMMENT

18/02667/CON / SCC Ref 2018/0152

CONSULTATION FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL (SCC Ref 2018/0152):

Retention and extension of an existing well site, HH1 and HH2 wells, and vehicular access to allow: the drilling of four new hydrocarbon wells and one water reinjection well; the construction of a process and storage area and tanker loading facility; new boundary fencing; well maintenance workovers and sidetrack drilling; and ancillary development enabling the production of hydrocarbons from six wells, for a period of 25 years.

(325) RESPOND – LIGHT POLLUTION AND INCREASE IN TRAFFIC CONCERN.

### Appeals (0)

### Late Applications (0)

### Results (0)

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### **Other Matters**

(326) Following correspondence received from a Parishioner regarding Future Mole Valley proposals, Councillors advised Clerk to respond to parishioner to request they communicate directly with MVDC at the time of Public Consultation.

(327) Councillors approved the draft response circulated by the Clerk earlier in the month and added that The Parish Council's additional response to MVDC regarding Future Mole Valley proposals should reflect a reconsidered view that Parish Council no longer supports the amendment to the Parish Boundary marked A5 on the map provided. Clerk to amend, recirculate to Councillors and submit to MVDC upon approval.

(328) Councillor Wilson tabled a letter which had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and MVDC relating to MO/2018/1001 Bovey Cottage, which he considered insulting to the Parish Council and the Chair. Clerk to write to Planning Inspectorate request that these comments of a derogatory nature are not taken into account when deciding the outcome of the appeal and that proper practice had been observed by the Council and Chairman.

### **8. AMENITIES**

(329) No matters raised.

### **9. COMMUNITY**

(330) Clerk shared a letter received from North Downs School Betchworth site which did not offer any solution to the poorly managed siting of the new school sign post. Councillors agreed to leave the sign in situ for the time being, there being no viable cost effective alternative, and also acknowledged that the green metal sign is a heritage sign and should remain.

(331) Councillors asked Clerk for an update regarding signpost at gate to Brockham footpath; Clerk to obtain quotes and explore joint funding/explore whether the Estate has the facility to make new sign.

(332) Councillor Rogers made reference to Cllr Edwards' written report and provided an update on the Rural Crime Engagement meeting which took place earlier in the month. Attendees were present from Parish Councils, farming industry, residents in isolated areas and gamekeepers. Cllr Rogers reported a significant amount of 'venting' at the meeting, and frustration at low number of convictions & arrests from crimes committed. Also noted in Cllr Edwards report that there is currently only one police officer to cover the welfare of farm animals and wildlife in the whole of Surrey. Local team agreed to look into why there is such little detail on police reports due to concern raised by a number of Parish Councils.

(333) Councillors discussed potential speakers for APM – Clerk to follow up.

(334) Cllr Wilson agreed to liaise with owner of Soldier Silhouette and discuss possibility of keeping it in the village hall.

### **10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.**

(335) Cllr Winter gave a brief update of roads benefiting from 'Superfast Surrey' rollout and also roads which have not benefited. These were listed as Gadbrook Road, Snowerhill Road, Wonham Lane and Wellhouse Lane. Cllr Winter suggested compiling a survey to people effected by slow speeds, offering a number of options in an effort to secure faster broadband & asking for the views of residents who are affected. Clerk to assist.

(336) Clerk to research costs for website hosting backup.

### **11. CLERK'S REPORT.**

(337) Clerk provided a brief update on the Action List & noted continued requests to Building Manager at The Coombe to install replacement Perspex. Clerk also reminded Cllr Savill to liaise with FO to arrange CPR mannequin storage.

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(338) Clerk provided a brief update from the Clerks meeting noting finance presentation highlighted MVDC is in a stronger financial position this year. Also reported on reinforcement which is currently suffering from low numbers due to a lack of skills.

(339) Clerk attended a seminar on upcoming Elections (scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019). It will remain unknown whether Betchworth will need an election until nearer the time.

### **13. FINANCE.**

(340) The monthly financial summary was presented to Councillors. Burialground income once again reflected as slow but expenditure for both the Parish Council and Burial Ground are in line with budget.

(341) Councillors Winter and Wilson approved the following accounts for payment:

IB00156	Hamilton Room	£	40.00
IB00157	M Hallett (Jan 19) Salary, phone, expenses	£	837.88
IB00158	SSALC	£	48.00
IB00159	TGM	£	1164.00

### **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

(342) Betchworth Parish Council agreed to nominate The Hamilton Room to receive funds from the Betchworth & Buckland Society, and also nominated The FABB group.

(343) Clerk commented that the Dorking CRC would remain open for the time being, following public consultation.

### **15. FUTURE MEETING DATES.**

26<sup>th</sup> March - Annual Parish Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Local Elections

**Parish Magazine Article for March 2019, deadline Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **Parish Magazine Article subject for March: APM advert.**

(344) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.17pm

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