

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 3rd November 2014**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Councillors Hardy, Taylor, Savill, Stow, Wilson, Docwra, the Footpaths Officer and the Clerk. PCSO Dave Sadler was present for part of the meeting. Peter Crate of J and J Franks and 7 local residents were also present for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(299) Apologies were received from Councillor Higgins, District Councillor Potter and County Councillor Clack.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(300) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th October were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(301) Councillor Wilson is progressing the post and 'No Dogs' sign for the burial ground.

(302) A curb key has been purchased but Councillor Wilson advised that he will need to visit Sutton & East Surrey water in Redhill to obtain the 2 brass keys.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Trevor Hurman re: replacing post in Burial Ground	Councillor Wilson	asap
Source 'No Dogs in Burial Ground' sign	Councillor Wilson	asap
Purchase 2 brass keys from SESW	Councillor Wilson	asap

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(303) Councillor Taylor declared an interest in planning application MO/2014/1526/PLA Great Brockhamhurst Farm.

5. CRIME AND ORDER.

(304) PCSO Dave Sadler reported a single domestic crime (ex-partner calling and facebook messaging) since October 6th.

(305) Councillor Stow requested that if the police are in the area during school drop-off and pick-up times that they visit the school area.

PCSO Dave Sadler left the meeting.

6. OPEN FORUM.

(306) A resident and employee of the Barley Mow Storage Yard updated the council on the new gate which is now in place and in operation. The intention is that the owners will monitor the site operation for the next month and Peter Charman will report back at the December meeting. 3 residents left the meeting.

(307) In response to a letter of complaint about dirt and debris on the A25 Peter Crate had been invited to the meeting. Peter described the procedures

employed to prevent transfer of material from the J and J Franks yard onto the A25. It was generally accepted that the dirt and debris on the road is a result of prolonged runoff from the hill/field to the north of the A25 following the adverse weather last winter. It was agreed to contact MVDC/Surrey CC Highways to get the road cleansed thoroughly.

(308) The remaining residents protested about the resurrection of a project to provide an equipped play area on Goulburn Green. After listening to their objections the Chairman assured them that it was the Council's intention to consult with the village and that the play provision would only go ahead if a majority were in favour.

(309) They also questioned why there appears to be a car park on the Common Field when planning permission was denied. The Chairman stated that the parish council was concerned in protecting the safety of schoolchildren and that the advice given to the parent group had been that they/the School/the Estate seek planning consent for a car park with conditions attached preventing use for parking beyond the life of the school. Peter Crate and the remaining residents left the meeting.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Respond to letter re: dirt & debris on A25	Clerk	asap

7. COUNCILLORS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

8. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

Footpath Officer's Report.

(310) FP457 erosion at Brockham end, further excavation has still not identified the pipe entrance. Ongoing

(311) Displayed large poppies in the village.

(312) Debris cleared from drains in Sandy Lane. Growth around the footpath finger post cut back. Overhanging branches cut down on Wonham Lane. Major growth on the footpath opposite Snowerhill Farm.

(313) Checked very wet footpath to the Chimney Pots. The Estate gamekeeper gave permission for scalplings to be offloaded at a future date.

(314) Cleared fly-tipping in Sandy Lane.

(315) Inspected the timber retaining the embankment from the lay-by to the school at the request of a resident. It was agreed that this matter should be reported to Circle Housing.

End of Footpath Officer's Report.

(316) The Footpaths Officer was asked to cut back brambles on Station Road between A25 and station.

(317) The Footpaths Officer agreed to store the rights-of-way maps and path survey recently received from Surrey CC.

(318) Dorking Rural Highways Forum. Residents/local businesses affected by Pebblehill closure can claim compensation by visiting http://www.waterplc.com/userfiles/file/FS_Claiming_compensation.pdf. It was also reported that ditches are being cleared in preparation for winter weather.

(319) Fingerpost at Parr's Corner: Councillor Wilson reported that the post will be installed on the 12th or 19th November.

(320) Gritting machine. Key to school gate has been retrieved from Dave Elliot. It was agreed that as gritting is to be done by hand there was no longer any need for the gritting machine. Offer machine back to Surrey CC Highways.

(321) Church Path – 1 quotation has been received. It was agreed to apply for a grant and to contact Hannah to ask if there is any intention for path to be repaired by Surrey CC.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Circle Housing re:timber retaining embankment near school	Clerk	Asap
Cut back brambles on Station Road between A25 and station	Footpaths Officer	Asap
Contact Surrey CC Highways re:gritting machine	Clerk	asap
Apply for grant to partially finance repair of Church Path	Clerk	Asap
Send Note to Hannah Gutteridge re Church Path	Clerk	asap

9. PLANNING

New Applications and Appeals

(322) MO/2014/1526/PLA Great Brockhamhurst Farm, Brockhamhurst Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AP

Change to position of riding sand school 30m wide x 50m long, approved under MO/2014/0900. No Comment

(323) MO/2014/0988/PLAH Betchworth Manor, 22A, Tweed Lane, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JA (within 20m Betchworth)

Erection of shed to side and front of property. No Comment.

Results

(324) MO/2014/1093 Willow Grange, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ

Variation of conditions 3 and 6 of planning permission MO/2012/0537 to allow development in accordance with drawing numbers 0809.D.12J, 0809.D.14H and 0809.D.15F for alterations to proposed new dwelling

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1. no hard landscaping on NE side to protect Yew trees, 2. obscurely glazed windows

(325) MO/2014/1136 Brettenham Barns, Ashcroft Farm, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AH

Erection of detached double garage

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Green belt restrictions on garages

(326) MO/2014/1233/PLAH Ashcroft Cottage, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AH

Erection of two storey rear infill extension and new veranda

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

1. external material to match existing 2. ecological conditions 3. flood proofing
(327) MO/2014/1181/PLA Land at Old Reigate Road, adjacent to Tranquil House, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DR
Erection of 1 No. detached residential dwelling. REFUSED

Other Matters

10. SKATE PARK

(328) It was agreed that Betchworth Parish Council support the idea of a skate park in Brockham but have serious concerns over the location.

(329) It was agreed to write to Brockham PC requesting a delay on any skate park decision until Betchworth PC have had a chance to discuss the points raised at the public meeting .and made representation to Brockham PC.

(330) Councillor Taylor tabled a proposal that Betchworth PC takes on the lease and sub-lets to Brockham PC/Youth Council giving Betchworth PC control to terminate the lease should problems arise.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Write to Brockham PC asking for a delay in any decision making	Clerk	asap

11. GATWICK AIRPORT

(331) Prior to the meeting Councillor Wilson had given the Clerk details of the Plane Wrong group's financial arrangements.

(332) Unfortunately no one had been available to attend the Plane Wrong meeting. However, Councillor Wilson reported that the meetings had been well attended and that the Plane Wrong group had had a significant impact with the number of complaints to the CAA escalating.

(333) It was agreed to donate £200 to the Plane Wrong group.

(334) The forthcoming 3Bs public meeting was discussed. It was noted that Buckland PC had been asked to take the lead on drafting the agenda and that Brockham PC had agreed to help with refreshments. The Chairman requested help with arranging chairs, any volunteers to be at the Village Hall at 7pm.

(335) A letter from a resident questioning Gatwick's P-RNAV Consultation with parish councils in 2012 was debated. It was agreed to respond to the letter explaining that at the time it was felt that Betchworth was not affected by the proposed changes and that the documentation was complicated and misleading.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Liaise with Buckland and Brockham PCs for help with seating/refreshments at public meeting	Clerk	asap
Respond to letter questioning the P-RNAV consultation	Clerk	asap

12. AMENITIES

(336) Burial Ground – Water leak, water has been turned off at stopcock so no immediate action required. Investigation ongoing.

(337) Allotments. Councillor Wilson to chase up the quotation for fencing this area.

(338) Allotments. Some debate on what to do with the recovered dump area, even with compost bins still a fairly large area. Councillor Wilson to measure area compared with current allotments.

(339) Jubilee Pavilion, Councillor Wilson still trying to organise paving.

(340) Burial Ground Memorial Tree Seat – It was noted that council favoured a bronze plaque with cream text. Final decision to be made by the Kelly family.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Investigate water leak	Cllr Wilson, Footpaths Officer	asap
Get quotes for fencing by allotment dump	Cllr Wilson	asap
Measure spare area by allotments	Cllr Wilson	1/12/14
Organise paving work	Cllr Wilson	Asap
Ask Kelly family for plaque preference	Clerk	Asap
Order plaque	Clerk	Asap
Invoice Kelly family for memorial tree-seat	Clerk	asap

13. LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

(341) Councillor Wilson reported that the exhibition by the Betchworth Archives was considered a great success with good attendance especially on the Sunday and thanked council on behalf of the archivists for its support. It was noted that the intention is to produce a properly bound book. It was noted that the Betchworth Archives is supported by the War Memorial Village Hall and by the Hamilton Room.

(342) Councillor Hardy reported that she has resigned from the committee of the Betchworth and Buckland Society.

14. MOLE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

(343) The response to the 'Have your say' consultation was agreed. Consultation form to be completed by Clerk

(344) It was agreed to list the following in response to a request regarding Community Facilities: Hamilton Room; War Memorial Village Hall; Hartsfield Manor; pubs; Gospel Hall; St Michael's Church; Goulburn Green

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Complete 'Have your Say' consultation form	Clerk	asap
Send facilities details to MVDC	Clerk	asap

15. COMMUNICATIONS

(345) It was agreed that a village-wide email distribution would be very useful in assessing village opinion for both current and future initiatives and for publicising important events like the Gatwick expansion public meeting.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Publicise village-wide email distribution list	Clerk, All	asap

16. FINANCE

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

(347) The draft budget and precept for 2015 was examined. The budget/precept for 2015 was proposed by Councillor Hardy and seconded by Councillor Stow.

(348) It was agreed to increase the clerk's hours to 1.5 days per week until year end in recognition of the current increased workload

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

1.	Jacque Sims (Clerks salary & expenses)	£	394.40
2.	Surrey Estate Management – grounds maintenance	£	490.50
3.	Plane Wrong	£	200.00
4.	Betchworth Village Hall – room hire Gatwick expansion public meeting	£	48.00
5.	Hamilton Room – room hire BPC meetings Oct/Nov	£	35.00

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(350) The recent publicity regarding 'Headstart' courses was discussed. It was agreed that it is difficult to assess village interest without the new village-wide email list. To be re-considered in future.

18. FUTURE MEETING DATES

(351) Next Parish Council Meetings – **Mondays December 1st and January 5th 2015**

(352) Brockham Skatepark Meeting Brockham Village Hall November 13th 7:30

(353) Gatwick Airport Public Meeting – November 18th 7:30, Village Hall

(354) Parish Magazine Article December, deadline 17/11/2014 Chairman to write about the village-wide email distribution list and how to claim compensation if affected by the Pebble Hill water main replacement.

(355) The Chairman closed the meeting at 10:26pm.