

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 6th July 2015**, at 8:35pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Councillors Hardy, Savill, Docwra and the Clerk. 5 residents were present for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(84) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Stow, Wilson and Taylor, Martin Higgins and the Footpaths Officer, PC Lee Munday, PCSO Dave Sadler, District Councillor Potter and County Councillor Clack.

2. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

(85) It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Martin Higgins onto the Council.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(86) The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(87) Missing post box on Wonham Lane. Debbie Parmenter of the Village Post Office had advised that no order to replace the box had been given, she will check to see if there is any intention to replace the box. If the box is intended to be replaced Council will need to send a letter requesting an old box.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(87b) None

6. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(88) There was no police presence due to the delayed start of the meeting. A report had been received from PCSO Dave Sadler outlining 3 crimes reported since 18th May: a wedding guest assaulted the DJ and when arrested was found to be in possession of drugs; a verbal dispute between partners had escalated into a domestic assault.

7. OPEN FORUM.

(89) A resident living close to the Atlantico Car Wash in Leigh Road updated the meeting on the current situation. The noise monitoring equipment had not yet been installed, delayed because of roadworks nearby that would have skewed the survey.

The resident left the meeting.

(90) Residents from Barley Mow Court requested that the path leading to the A25 be strimmed.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Chase Environmental Health re: installing noise monitoring equipment	Clerk	Asap
Pass footpath strim request to Footpaths	Clerk	asap

Officer		
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All remaining residents left the meeting.

8. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(91) The Footpaths Officer had sent a report to the Clerk. Over the past month he had cleared excessive weed growth from street name signs within the village, repaired the water leak in the supply to the burial ground (with Councillor Wilson), collected the new oak posts for the burial ground from Norbury Park Mill; adjusted the locks on the post office notice board, reported a mattress dumped on Tapners Lane; reviewed the seating in the Jubilee Pavilion (with Councillor Wilson) and built disabled access to the pavilion – tested by a resident on a motorised scooter.

(92) The Chairman, whilst grateful for Councillor Wilson’s offer to personally refine the pavilion seating, requested that he fulfil his commitment to contact Rupert Gibbs proposing the work to be done before starting the work himself.

(93) It was agreed that all properties adjacent to the school path and Circle Housing be sent a letter requesting a hard cut of their hedges as soon as possible. It was also agreed to request that they trim the weeds at ground level that have not been accessible because of the overhanging hedging.

(94) It was agreed to postpone the discussion regarding phase II of the Church path resurface to the August meeting.

(95) It was agreed that a litter pick would be organised for 21st November.

(96) Winter weather preparation – it was agreed to decline the offer of a Jumbo bag of salt from SCC Highways and to purchase smaller bags when required.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Rupert Gibbs	Cllr. Wilson	Asap
Write to households & Circle Housing re: hedges	Clerk	Asap
Contact MVDC re: Litter Pick	Clerk	Asap
Decline salt/grit	Clerk	asap

10. PLANNING

New Applications and Appeals

(97) MO/2015/0714

Garden Cottage, Bushbury Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AT
Erection of a two bay oak carport. Already decided – APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.

(98) MO/2015/0985

Holly Cottage, Wellhouse Lane, Brockham, Betchworth. Erection of detached double garage with workshop and equipment store. No Comment.

Results

(99) MO/2012/0537

Land at, Willow Grange, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey

Formal application under Section 106A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to discharge a legal agreement relating to the payment of tariffs attached to planning permission MO/2012/0537 for Change of Use of office space to

ancillary residential accommodation for Willow Grange. Erection of 1 No. dwelling and integral garage with associated parking, access and landscaping
APPROVED

(100) MO/2015/0620

Mere House, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ

Erection of part single, part two storey front, side and rear extensions

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS: External materials to be submitted for approval

Other Matters

(101) The Clerk was requested to check on the status of the appeal for the land adjacent to Tranquil House. *Post meeting note: the appeal is undecided.*

(102) It was agreed that Councillor Wilson should draft a response regarding the Ockham Stack based on the information he had circulated prior to the meeting.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Submit Response re: Ockham Stack	Cllr. Wilson	Asap

11. AMENITIES

(103) The Clerk outlined the proposed route for a new water supply to the burial ground. As the route crosses Estate land the proposed route had been sent to the estate for comment.

(104) Goulburn Green Play Provision. It was agreed that the details for the public meeting would be finalised at the August meeting. County Councillor Clack had indicated that she would be pleased to chair the meeting, diary permitting. Graeme Manton, representing the Estate and Tony Wynn, MVDC Parks and Recreation have confirmed attendance.

(105) The discussion relating to a replacement (apple) tree for Goulburn Green was postponed to the August meeting.

(106) It was agreed to get a quote from Mattree to reshape the holly tree on Goulburn Green and to get a quote to prune the trees in the orchard.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Mattree for quotes	Clerk	asap

12. COMMUNITY

(107) Village defibrillator – it was agreed to approach the British Heart Foundation. The Church porch was selected as the best location.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Martin Higgins re: use of Church porch	Clerk	asap

13. FINANCE

(108) The current financial position was noted.

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

1. Jacquie Sims (Clerks salary & £ 565.02

	expenses, stationery, postage)		
2.	BC Carpentry Oak & post	£	675.00
3.	Norbury Park sawmill	£	361.08
4.	Hamilton Room – June & July meetings	£	35.00
5.	GACC subscription	£	10.00
6.	Surrey Estate Management	£	1033.00
7.	Surrey Hills Society	£	25.00

(110) Council decided not renew the subscription to getMapping for 'Parish Online'.

(111) As Councillor Wilson was not at the meeting to present the receipt for his expenses associated with the water leak the payment was not approved.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(112) None.

15. FUTURE MEETING DATES

(113) Next Parish Council Meetings – **Mondays August 3rd and September 7th**

(114) Parish Magazine Article August, deadline 13/7/2015. The Clerk to write about the public meeting for the proposed play provision on Goulburn Green.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Submit magazine article	Clerk	Asap

(115) The Chairman closed the meeting at 10:15pm.

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