

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 3rd August 2015**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Councillors Hardy, Wilson, Docwra, Stow, Taylor, Higgins, District Councillor Potter, the Footpaths Officer and the Clerk. County Councillor Clack was present for part of the meeting.

Prior to the Meeting Martin Higgins signed the members Acceptance of Office form, witnessed by the Clerk, and signed a new Declaration of Members Interests form.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(116) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Savill.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(117) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June July approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

(118) Goulburn Green holly tree. A quotation to rejuvenate this tree and to prune the apple trees in the orchard had been received from Mattree too late for inclusion on the agenda, to be debated at the September meeting.

(99) Ockham Stack. It was agreed to send the letter drafted by Councillor Wilson. Chairman thanked Councillor Wilson for drafting the letter.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Convert the Ockham Stack letter into the prescribed format and send to the 6 recipients	Clerk	asap

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(119) None

5. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(120) There was no police presence and no report had been received.

Post meeting note: a report was received (7pm on day of meeting) outlining '1 x theft of bikes from outhouse'. No further information available.

6. OPEN FORUM.

(121) No members of the public present. However, District Councillor Potter raised issues with diverted buses during the Brockham roadworks.

7. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(122) Footpaths Officer's report: Reported a fallen tree on the NDW to Surrey CC. Reported two instances of fly-tipping. Cleared & strimmed overgrowth on FP456; footpath on A25/Station Road by roundabout; footpath opposite BMC down to Kiln Lane. End of report.

(123) It was agreed that Bob Bartlett should be asked to contact the originator of the fly-tipping alert, requesting that, in future, they report the matter direct to SCC.

(124) It was noted that most school path hedges had been cut, therefore a letter had been sent to all properties requesting a hard-cut before March 2016.

(125) Phase II of the Church path resurface was agreed in principle but the route for the new water supply needs to be agreed first.

(126) The complaint received regarding cycling on the school path was discussed and the option of further signage was discounted. It was agreed to broadcast the problem, asking cyclists to use the bridleway, in the parish magazine.

(127) Council rejected the request to purchase speed detection and display equipment.

(128) The Clerk reported that MVDC had requested that all instances of fly-tipping on private and on public land be reported. It was agreed to add this to the September parish magazine article.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Bob Bartlett	Clerk	Asap
Respond to cycling complaint	Clerk	Asap

8. PLANNING

New Applications and Appeals

(129) MO/2015/1058 10, Rykens Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AB
Erection of a side porch. No Comment.

Results

(130) None

Other Matters

(131) SCC recycling consultation. There was concern that making it harder or more expensive for people to recycle and/or dispose of waste would result in more fly-tipping. It was agreed to write to SCC expressing these concerns. It was agreed to distribute the SCC consultation email via the village distribution list.

(132) It was noted that appeal MO/2014/1181 Land at Old Reigate Road, adjacent to Tranquil House, had been dismissed.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Letter to SCC re: recycling consultation	Clerk	Asap
Distribute SCC consultation	Clerk	asap

9. AMENITIES

(133) Burial Ground water supply. Council decided that the Clerk should get an estimate from SESW for a new water main connection and contact Nigel Budd to get a quotation for laying new pipes. *nb no agreement so far on the route for the new water supply.*

(134) Councillor Wilson reported that Rupert Gibbs had agreed to adjust the Jubilee Pavilion seating within the next fortnight.

(135) Council approved the Footpath's Officer to purchase wood to repair broken fencing in the burial ground.

(136) Goulburn Green Play Provision Public Meeting. County Councillor Clack joined the meeting. After a lively debate there was agreement to publish an invitation to residents (no agenda), to use a show of hands to determine the need for a vote, to request permission from Brockham and Buckland to publicise the meeting, to ask for the assistance of David Hill in advertising the meeting. (nb the public meeting was discussed further under Any Other Business).

(137) Goulburn Green apple tree. Authority to draw up a list of apple trees for the WI was delegated to Councillor Wilson.

(138) Unleashed dogs in the burial ground. It was agreed to alert the MVDC dog warden to the problems with unleashed dogs in the burial ground.

(139) Planning Infrastructure Contribution Environmental Improvements grant. It was agreed that the Clerk apply for the remaining sum required to complete phase II of the church path resurface.

(140) The following memorial was approved: Karin light grey granite, honed 2'6" x 1'10" x 3" rose design sandblasted & base. Black enamelled inscription: IN LOVING MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL HUSBAND AND FATHER GRAHAM GEORGE JUDD WHO WAS TAKEN FROM US 1ST OCTOBER 2014 Thought his smile has gone forever And his hand we cannot touch We shall never lose sweet memories Of the one we loved so much.

(141) The following memorial was approved: Karin grey granite, honed 15" x 15". Black enamelled inscription: "Juliet Hazel Colquhoun 1932 – 2014 Forever in God's presence".

(142) Allotments. The issue regarding full compost bins was discussed but no solution became apparent. It was agreed to ask the allotment holders to contact MVDC for advice.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Get new water mains connection cost	Clerk	asap
Get cost of laying new pipes to the burial ground	Clerk	Asap
Repair burial ground fencing	John Foreman	asap
Send play provision chairman's guide to County Cllr Clack	Clerk	Asap
Contact Brockham & Buckland PCs re advertising meeting	Clerk	Asap
Contact David Hill	Cllr Stow	Asap
Contact Stuart Evans re: use of projector	Cllr Stow	Asap
Contact Paul Ellison re: projector	Cllr Hardy	Asap
Draw up list of apple trees for WI	Cllr Wilson	Asap
Completed Delegated Decisions form	Clerk	Asap
Contact MVDC dog warden	Clerk	Asap
Complete PIC Environmental Improvement application form	Clerk	Asap
Letter to Sherlock Funeral Service – Judd memorial	Clerk	Asap
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Colquhoun memorial		
Send response regarding allotment compost bins	Clerk	asap

10. COMMUNITY

(143) Village defibrillator – it was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee if the PAD may be located by the door.

County Councillor Clack and District Councillor Potter left the meeting.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Village Hall Committee	John Foreman	asap

11. FINANCE

(144) The current financial position was noted.

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

1. Jacquie Sims (Clerks salary & expenses, stationery, postage)	£	551.98
2. Barrie Foreman – reissue of cheque for Oak & Post fence	£	675.00
3. Surrey Estate Management	£	831.50

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(146) The ordinary meeting dates for the 2016 calendar year were agreed.

(147) The Annual Parish Meeting date was set at Monday 18th April, subject to room availability.

(148) It was agreed that Councillor Docwra would draft a complaint to First Great Western Trains regarding the information screens on Betchworth Station.

(149) Further debate over the play provision public meeting resulted in the agreement that there would be a vote by email and in the village shop starting on Tuesday 8th September. The voting details will be decided at the September 7th meeting

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Send meeting dates to Rhona Hill	Clerk	asap
Book Geoffrey Browne room for APM	Clerk	Asap
Draft letter to FGWT	Cllr Docwra	Asap
Convert FGWT letter to prescribed format & send	Clerk	Asap

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

(150) Next Parish Council Meetings – **Mondays September 7th and October 5th**

(151) Parish Magazine Article September, deadline 17/8/2015. The Clerk to write about fly-tipping and the SCC recycling consultation and cycling on the school path. Clerk to draft a separate article on the public meeting for the proposed play provision on Goulburn Green.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Submit magazine articles	Clerk	Asap

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

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