

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chairman), Wilson, Docwra, Edwards, Higgins, Stow and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Bernard Hawkins, Burial Ground Officer and John Foreman, Footpaths Officer were present. For part of the meeting County Councillor Helyn Clack was present. Two additional members of public were also present for parts of the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN.

(1) Councillor Stow proposed Councillor Hardy as Chairman for the coming year, this was seconded by Councillor Wilson. Councillor Hardy proposed Councillor Wilson as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Councillor Docwra.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

(2) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman signed the appropriate acceptance of office forms, witnessed by the Clerk.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(3) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Rogers.

4. ELECTION OF GROUPS.

(4) The finance group comprises Councillors Hardy and Wilson, Rogers and the Clerk (RFO).

(5) Councillors Higgins and Hardy are the representatives for the Family Activities for Betchworth & Buckland.

(6) Councillor Stow remains the representative for the Betchworth & Buckland Society.

(7) Clerk to ask Jean Hurman if she is willing to continue as the Parish Council representative for Betchworth United Charities.

(8) Councillor Wilson will remain as the parish council representative on the Village Memorial Hall Committee.

(9) John Foreman agreed to continue as Footpaths Officer.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(10) There were no Declarations of Interest recorded at this meeting.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(11) The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2017 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

7. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(12) No police report was presented for April 2017.

8. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(13) Footpath Officer delivered a comprehensive report. In summary: cleared overgrown vegetation, verges along Wonham Lane in disrepair, emergency repair undertaken to burial ground/allotments water supply, 'entry gate' along Station Rd duly painted, one fly tipping incident reported and cleared, branches from The Street cleared. Swings and slide checked on 11th, 16th 25th April and 4th May, and remain intact and fit for use despite A-frames not in line. Mr Foreman also shared his disappointment regarding Rights of Way Maintenance Funding Cuts.

(14) John Foreman requested update from Clerk on status of Biffa collection of Burial Ground bins.

- (15) Noted that the standpipe for water supply in Burial Ground requires insulating.
- (16) Autumn litter-pick confirmed for 18th November 2017.
- (17) Briefing note from MVDC regarding Rights of Way Maintenance Funding Reductions was shared with the Parish Council.
- (18) 8.15pm Member of public (1) joined the meeting.
- (19) Noted that white traffic calming lines have appeared on Pebblehill Road. Councillors do not recall consultation and location confusing. Cllr Clack later confirmed that lines are in response to historic consultation and requests from residents, and that markings not yet complete. Councillors agreed to look for historic records for evidence of consultation. Cllr Clack also confirmed planned 'anti-skid' road surface planned for Betchworth roundabout.
- (20) Response shared following letter from Cllr Docwra to SCC to highlight missing bollards, and poor state of road. Request MV to inform Parish Council when next road clean will take place.
- (21) Cllr Edwards presented costs for full resurfacing of Goulburn Green path. Council agreed this cost was prohibitively expensive without a grant, therefore the previous quote of £3372.00 (inc VAT) for resurfacing both ends of path from Jennings was approved and middle section to be addressed at a later date.

9. OPEN FORUM.

- (22) A member of public addressed the meeting to canvass support for two joint information evenings between the Church and Parish Council on the topics of 'Dementia/Alzheimer's' and 'The Practicalities of Death'. Member of public agreed to draft assessment of interest note for distribution by Clerk to gauge interest.
- (23) member of public (2) joined the meeting.
- (24) member of public (1) left the meeting.
- (25) Cllr Helyn Clack joined the meeting for general discussion regarding Pebblehill Road and Rights of Way maintenance cuts.

10. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (6)

MO/2017/0581/PLA

Dykemead, Wellhouse Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JQ
Erection of 1 No. dwelling following demolition of existing.

NO COMMENT

- (26) member of public (2) left the meeting

MO/2017/0401

Moore's Open Storage, Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HB
Variation of condition 10 and 12 of approved planning application MO/2012/1125 to demolish former Happy Eater restaurant and return to open countryside to allow an extension to the open storage facility into land behind Happy Eater and construction of new gate house; creation of new access road from A25 to existing and proposed storage area and closure of access to Old Reigate Road; formalise compound fencing and lights to existing yard; and erection of replacement car repair workshop building, to allow additional flood lights and a change in operating hours.

OBJECT (PC CONSIDERS CURRENT OPERATING HOURS SUFFICIENT AND EXISTING LIGHTING ALREADY EXCESSIVE)

MO/2017/0583

The Old Nurseries, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DR
Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development in respect of the erection of a single storey rear extension with pitched roof.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/0464/PLAH

58, Tynedale Road, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HX (within 20m of Betchworth Parish)

Erection of two storey rear extension.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/0662/CU

Tillow Barn, Roothill Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AS

Retrospective application for the change of use from a store to a complimentary health clinic.

NO COMMENT

Late Planning Applications (1)

04/02120/RM2A

HORLEY NORTH WEST DEVELOPMENT, MEATH GREEN LANE, HORLEY RESERVED MATERS APPLICATION FOR TAYLOR WIMPEY PHASE 2 OF DEVELOPMENT AT NORTH WEST HORLEY (ACCESS, APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE) PURSUANT TO 04/02120/OUT FOR THE ERECTION OF 123 DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING, PLAY AREAS, LEVELS AND DRAINAGE.

NO COMMENT

Results (6)

The following results were noted.

Gadbrook House, 2, Rykens Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AB

Reduce the height of two Lawson Cypress trees (marked 1 and 2 on submitted plan) by 8 metres.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/0256

1 More Place Cottages, Wonham Lane, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7AD

Variation/removal of Condition No. 3 of approved MO/00/0246 for erection of a garage, in order to allow conversion to habitable accommodation.

WITHDRAWN

MO/2016/1691

Velgrad, Mill Hill Lane, Brockham, Surrey, RH3 7LS

Erection of 6 no. dwellings following demolition of existing buildings.

REFUSED

MO/2017/0065

Four Winds, Pebble Hill Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BP

Enlarge rear dormer and change from hip to gable end roof to increase habitable space

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/0347

Land to the rear of 3 and 4, Devonshire Avenue, Boxhill, Surrey, KT20 7JA

Erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with detached garages.

REFUSED

MO/2017/0064

Bondhu, Leigh Road, Betchworth Surrey, RH3 7AW

Erection of single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Appeal Decisions (0)

(27) There were no appeal decisions

Other Matters

(28) Unsatisfactory response received from MVDC regarding the complaint by Cllr Docwra regarding illegal dumping of waste at Moores Yard. Await further response from MVDC.

11. AMENITIES.

(29) Allotment(s) 56a and 56b (as one plot) have been taken on by Cathy and Gary Honey of 6 Morden Grange, Betchworth.

(30) Cllr Wilson confirmed Burial Ground bench is now on stable concrete slabs and secured by a locked chain.

(31) Burial Groundkeeper confirmed that the Clatworthy family are planning to fund the replacement of a memorial bench and sought approval to display a metal inscription plate (granted).

12. COMMUNITY.

(32) Cllr Wilson confirmed Post Office notice board doors have been repaired although further repair or replacement is likely to be required.

(33) Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April was poorly attended. Noted that open invitation in Parish Magazine had been poorly published.

(34) The Parish Council agreed to decline the invitation to enter the C4 'Village of The Year' competition.

(35) Agreed that Clerk should write to Karcher, Knights Garden Centre and Something Special regarding excessive use of banner signage. Clerk also to write polite request to Nursery to refrain from displaying posters/signage near the play equipment.

(36) Heartstart course date confirmed for Thursday 18th May 2017 currently has 5 spaces remaining.

13. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.

(37) Cllr Edwards confirmed meeting scheduled with web designer to further develop logo, branding and layout of website.

14. FINANCE.

(38) Receipt noted of H1 Precept and other grants from MVDC; totalling £7526.50

(39) Increase in Hamilton Rooms hire cost to £20.00 noted (effective 1st May 2017)

(40) Agreed to gratefully accept £500 donation from B&B Society for Goulburn Green seating

(41) Receipts noted of £550 (Fries – ERB & Burial), £52.50 Allotment Rent (Potter, Markwick)

(42) Zurich Insurance confirmed as insurers for Betchworth Parish Council for 2017/2018

(43) Clerk to continue to circulate Monthly Financial Summary Document in order to note the current financial position.

(44) Clerk confirmed draft 2016/2017 accounts currently under internal audit.

(45) Councillors approved the following accounts for Payment:

IB00001	Surrey ALC (SALC) Membership	£	317.98
IB00002	Bernard Hawkins (Caretaker Expenses)	£	55.00
IB00003	Marion Hallett (Salary and Expenses)	£	1063.18
IB00004	Dave Elliott BG works & gen. maintenance	£	592.20
IB00005	Hamilton Room Hire	£	17.50
IB00006	Adria Kinloch Mobile Phone	£	14.00
IB00007	BPC HMRC Tax and NIC Ref 581PP00211873	£	92.78
IB00008	JB and J Foreman	£	29.80
IB00009	Shires Pay Services Limited	£	24.00

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(46) It was noted that the August meeting may be cancelled although Planning and Finance will continue to be monitored.

(47) Noted that fence to the rear of the burial ground is in poor condition.

(48) Member of Public queried the timeframe for publishing Minutes on village website. Clerk confirmed minutes distributed and published in compliance with SALC guidelines.

16. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(49) Next Parish Council Meetings 5th June and 3rd July 2017

(50) 15th May '17 deadline for Parish Magazine article (Joint Information Evenings)

(51) 18th May '17 Heartstart Course – 7.30pm, Hamilton Room

(52) 24th May Bi-monthly Mole Valley Clerk Update

(53) 11th June '17 WI Teas on Goulburn Green Sunday 11 June from 2-5pm

(54) 2nd July '17 Betchworth and Buckland Society BBQ & FABB Activities, Goulburn Green

(55) 18th November 2017 Village Litterpick

(56) The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm.

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