

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2017**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chairman), Edwards, Rogers, Savill, and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Bernard Hawkins attended part of the meeting, as well as County Councillor Helyn Clack and a prospective district councillor.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(211) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Higgins and Wilson. Cllr Docwra did not attend the meeting. John Foreman, Footpaths Officer also sent his apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(212) No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(213) The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record with one minor amendment to item number 13 numbers 207/208, proposed dates for bulb planting should read 14th October in *Betchworth* 22nd October in *Buckland*.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(214) A non-detailed police report was received and noted by Councillors.

5. OPEN FORUM

(215) No Open Forum topics were raised.

5. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(216) Footpath Officer delivered a written report. In summary: overhanging vegetation cleared from A25 roundabout, recorded broken post and part fencing on Station Road footpath. Reported fallen tree opposite Wonham Mill. 2 bags of rubbish filled from litter around A25 roundabout & further litter picked from The Street, Wonham Lane, Sandy Lane and part of Old Road. Swings and slide checked on 13, 19th and 24th September and remain fit for use.

(217) Quote received of approx £125 from D Elliott for Goulburn Green edge maintenance approved and await instruction.

(218) Positioning of new bench for Goulburn Green play area discussed. Cllrs to visit Goulburn Green to enable an informed final decision to be agreed at November meeting.

6. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (2)

MO/2017/1554/PLAH

9, Tranquil Dale, Buckland (within 20m), Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7EE

Retention of loft conversion with rear dormer window and formation of hip to gable end roof.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/0971

The Old Forge, Buckland, Surrey

Application for outline planning permission with all matters reserved, for erection of 9 No. single storey detached dwellings following removal of existing building.

(Buckland).

NO COMMENT

Appeals (0)

Results (3)

The following results were noted.

MO/2017/1110

9, Tranquil Dale, Buckland, Betchworth (within 20m), Surrey, RH3 7EE
Certificate of lawfulness for an existing development in respect of the erection of hip to gable loft conversion, insertion of three rooflights and rear dormer window with Juliet balcony.

WITHDRAWN

MO/2017/1181/PLAH

The Old Orchard, The Coombe, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BT
Erection of single storey timber framed Orangery to side.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/1264/PLAH

Great Oaks, Snowerhill Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AQ
Erection of oak framed garage following demolition of 2 No. existing outbuildings.

REFUSED

Appeal Decisions (0)

(219) There were no appeal decisions.

Other Matters

(220) There were no other matters raised at this meeting.

8. AMENITIES.

(221) It was agreed that the allotment water will be turned off by Ian Wilson in October.

(222) Councillors discussed condition of Notice Board at Post Office and agreed it would benefit from some repairs but for the time being it looks satisfactory. Clerk highlighted faulty locks and ongoing remedial repairs are likely to prove costly in the long run. Clerk to ask Norbury Park (suppliers of frame) to inspect its condition and advise accordingly.

(223) The Burial ground caretaker received a complaint regarding a damaged grave; possible as a result of grounds maintenance. Grounds maintenance contractor has been notified.

(224) Councillors/Bernard Hawkins to continue to monitor usage of Burial ground BIFFA bin and move its position to inside the Burial ground. Councillors suggested replacing bin with a polite "please take your rubbish home with you" notice and agreed to review in January 2018.

(225) Burial ground keeper notified Councillors of approx x15 bags of rubble along the back wall of the Walled Garden next to the burial ground. Clerk/John Foreman to investigate and report fly tipping to MVDC if appropriate.

9. COMMUNITY.

(226) It was agreed that the brief Burial Ground presentation by Bernard Hawkins would be postponed until November's meeting/when Cllr Wilson will be able to attend.

(227) Councillors agreed to lay a commemorative wreath for Remembrance Sunday. Collection to be taken at November's meeting. Richard Savill volunteered to lay the wreath on Councillors' behalf.

(228) Cllr Hardy confirmed that Jean Hurman will remain as United Charities representative for the coming year and will provide a report for the next Annual Parish Meeting.

(229) A meeting between the Betchworth Estate and Parish Council has been scheduled for the end of October to discuss the fabric of the village.

(230) Report of lumps of masonry opposite Royce garage on Station Road. Clerk to notify Highways and request removal.

(231) Following the receipt of a call from a resident Councillors agreed to address general untidiness of private bins in public view via email & Parish Magazine.

10. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.

(232) Cllr Edwards delivered a brief update on website development which is progressing well. Next steps: to look at inclusion of local businesses/advertising.

(233) Bernard Hawkins arrived 2047.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

(234) The Action List was reviewed and outstanding action items noted. Clerk to maintain, update and circulate on a monthly basis.

(235) County Councillor Clack and another member of public arrived at 2110.

(236) Councillors discussed the ongoing issues surrounding planning breaches at Moores Yard and concluded that despite best efforts, finding a resolution to complaints continues to be problematic mainly due to the yard being outside of Betchworth Parish Council boundaries. Councillors agreed that given the location of the yard, Brockham Parish Council should actively pursue. County Councillor Clack agreed she would discuss with MVDC.

12. FINANCE.

(237) a number of opportunities and projects were tabled for the 2017/2018 budget; re-surfacing the remainder of Goulburn Green, purchase of projector screen, new notice board (Post Office).

(238) Clerk confirmed that the grant had been submitted for Goulburn Green resurfacing and written quote from Jennings received.

(239) Finance group to be rearranged from 13th November due to date clash with Betchworth Village Hall AGM.

(240) Clerk confirmed that a VAT refund application has been submitted from 1.4.17 to 30.9.17 for £743.30

(241) 2nd half of annual precept received

(242) Councillors approved Clerk's attendance at Budget Planning and Precept Setting workshop on 10th October.

(243) Deposit approved and paid for production and installation of Goulburn Green Play Area Bench.

(244) Councillors agreed to donate £200 to FABB Christmas activities once again. Clerk to request thorough and correctly detailed risk assessments along with complete minutes from committee meetings.

(245) The financial summary for October was noted.

(246) Councillors approved the following accounts for Payment:

IB00041	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00042	Surrey Estate Management	£	619.20
IB00043	Marion Hallett (phone)	£	15.00
IB00044	Adria Kinloch (phone)	£	14.00
IB00045	John Foreman	£	24.92
IB00046	Norbury Park Wood Products	£	354.00
IB00047	Marion Hallett	£	769.88
IB00048	BIFFA	£	32.98
IB00049	HMRC Cumbernauld	£	26.35
IB00050	Bernard Hawkins	£	72.00
IB00051	SSALC	£	57.60
IB00052	Surrey Estate Management	£	664.20

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(247) Councillor Clack addressed the general requirement for housing highlighting potential future opportunities for 'rural housing for local people' i.e. occupiers must fit within a criteria to qualify for a housing scheme.

(248) Clerk received an enquiry regarding requirement for additional street poppies in preparation for Remembrance Sunday – John Foreman to respond.

(249) Councillors received an invitation to attend a Steering group meeting regarding the North Downs train line. No councillors available to attend – Clerk to respond.

(250) Increase in dog fouling noted on Goulburn Green. Cllr Clack suggested installation of dog poo bag distributor. Clerk to send email to village distribution and research poo bag distributors.

(251) Highways sign has apparently disappeared at Station Road side of roundabout although posts remain; Clerk to enquire to MVDC/Highways.

(252) Following public consultation, Cllr Clack confirmed Ranmore recycling centre will not close completely, but will offer a restricted service and opening days currently scheduled to be Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Councillors commented that this will cause traffic chaos on these days and hazards for the many weekend cyclists. Councillors commented that a Monday opening would likely be a preferred option.

(253) Cllr Hardy enquired as to the future of the Performance Arts Library which has also been threatened with closure; Cllr Clack advised that the library may be moved to a new location and indicated plans may be afoot for utilising unused adult education buildings.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(254) Next Parish Council Meetings, 6th November 2017, 4th December 2017

(255) 16th October **deadline for Parish Magazine article** – Wheelie bins and dog fouling

(256) 10th October – Budget Planning and precept setting workshop – Clerk to attend

(257) 12th October – Surrey CC Conference and SALC AGM – Clerk to attend

(258) 14th October – BGHS planting Betchworth bulbs

(259) 22nd October planting Buckland bulbs

(260) 18th November - Autumn Litterpick and Coombe Cleanup

(261) 21st December – FABB Childrens Christmas party

(262) The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.54pm.

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