

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chairman), Wilson, Higgins, Rogers, Savill, and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Burial Ground Caretaker Bernard Hawkins and Footpaths Officer John Foreman attended the meeting. District Councillor Paul Potter and a member of public attended part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(263) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Edwards.

(264) The resignation of Cllr Docwra was noted – also noted that the period of advertisement of a Casual Vacancy has now expired. A brief discussion took place regarding potential suitable candidates to fill the vacancy; Cllr Hardy to make enquiries.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(265) No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(266) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(267) A non-detailed police report was received and noted by Councillors, which highlighted likely air pellet damage to vehicles and property thought to have taken place in Brockham.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(268) A member of public requested that the hedge along Kiln Lane be tidied as a priority. The hedge falls jointly within Brockham and Betchworth boundaries; Betchworth to support request & pass to MVDC and request Brockham Parish Council to do the same.

5. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(269) Footpath Officer delivered a written report. In summary: two finger posts fixed temporarily (fingerpost at Betchworth gate needs replacing). FO has asked Pauline Butcher (Reigate Ramblers Association) for volunteers. New strimmer/brush cutter working well; poppies displayed around village (extras received, taking total number to 42). So far only two responses to litter pick, however Cllrs Savill and Rogers also volunteered at the meeting. MVDC to provide pickers, hi-vis tabards and collection bags. 'No Cycling' signs for school path currently lost in the post. Swings and slide checked on 6th 13th and 18th October and remain fit for use.

(270) Positioning of new bench for Goulburn Green play area agreed to be placed behind swingset, perpendicular to the holly tree, a safe distance away from the wall (of Walled Garden), facing the green. Bench to be installed on 8th November 2017.

(271) Clerk informed Councillors of a Highways incentive to identify un-used and excessive road signage and sign posts no longer in use. Councillors to work together to identify signage and posts which can be cleared and notify Clerk.

6. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (5)

MO/2017/1390/PLAH

Land adjacent to Garden Cottage, Roothill Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AT
Erection of one detached residential dwelling.

GREENBELT LAND – SUBMIT OBJECTION

MO/2017/1779/DET

Aerial Mast Vodafone, Betchworth Clump, Boxhill Road, Boxhill, Surrey

Prior notification for the proposed replacement of 2 No. existing antennas with 2 No. new antennas and addition of 2 No. 0.3m dish antennas and 1 No. 0.3m dish antenna onto the existing 30m high lattice mast and installation of 2 No. additional ground based equipment cabinets within the existing telecommunications compound.

NO COMMENT

(272) 8.20pm District Councillor Paul Potter joined the meeting

MO/2017/1791

1 Hurst Cottages, Roothill Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AS

Erection of a garden shed.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/1835

Ashcroft Cottage, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AH

Erect a single storey front extension and a car port, and insert 2 No. dormer windows to front slope of existing garage. Reconfigure render/timber to front elevation of house and apply weatherboarding to garage elevations.

RESPOND WITH CONCERNS FOR FUTURE USE

MO/2017/1797

Park Pit, Reigate Road, Buckland, Surrey

The development of Buckland Park Lake comprising: 1) a café with associated terrace and disabled parking; 2) outdoor activity centre comprising mobile units; 3) observation pavilion; 4) entry kiosk; 5) two bird hides; 6) an events lawn with steps; 7) children's playground area; 8) car park; 9) water tank/pond; 10) floating pontoon. All for public use in association with the approved water based recreation and proposed land-based outdoor recreation afteruse, of the former silica sand quarry, known as Park Pit. (SCC application - for consultation purposes only.)

SUBMIT OBJECTION TO EVENING EVENTS/LOUD MUSIC

Appeals (1)

(273) The following appeal was noted:

MO/2017/0841

The Walnut, Leigh Road, Betchworth, RH3 7AW

Erection of single storey rear extension; enlarged front porch and alterations to fenestration

Results (3)

(274) The following results were noted.

MO/2017/1190

17 Pilgrims Way Cottages, Reigate Road, Betchworth, (WITHIN 20 M), RH3 7HD

Erection of wooden garage in rear garden.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/1412

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

Conversion of an existing building from a garage/games room/office to a single unit 2 person holiday let.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/1016

Mulberry Down, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF

Creation of vehicular access.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Appeal Decisions (2)

(275) The following appeal decisions were noted:

MO/2017/0370

Land at Old Reigate Road, (adjacent Tranquil House), Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DR

DISMISSED

MO/2017/0581

Dykemead, Wellhouse Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey RH3 7JQ

DISMISSED

Other Matters

(276) MO/2017/1830

Moores Open Storage, Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HB

Variation of condition 10 and 12 of approved planning permission 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.

SUBMIT OBJECTION; ALREADY BREACHING OPERATING HOURS, EXCESSIVE LIGHTING

(277) Betchworth Estate

Cllr Hardy informed the Councillors of a recent meeting with the Betchworth Estate, regarding their proposed plans for the re-development of the site of Snowerhill House and surrounding land to facilitate 7no. 2-3 bed Estate-owned rental properties and 1no standalone house. Plans are yet to be submitted. It was also noted that Susie Dewey is new owner of the Hardy Geranium nursery and will predominantly supply online orders.

8. AMENITIES.

(278) Memorials approved for Hope Livesy, Jean Bristow and Hegarty Family. Bernard Hawkins confirmed the finished stone for Hope Livesy will be honed, not polished.

(279) It was brought to the Burialground Caretaker's attention that a memorial stone cross in the burial ground had fallen flat. Bernard Hawkins to inspect and make necessary arrangements to reinstate.

(280) Cllr Wilson confirmed that the allotment water has been turned off and the water pipe has been insulated.

(281) Following inspection of village shop notice board by Councillors it was agreed that the structure would undergo a small cosmetic clean-up but not be entirely replaced at this time. Councillors favoured installation of concrete posts at the rear to steady the frame.

9. COMMUNITY.

(282) Bernard Hawkins delivered a presentation on 'Running the Burial Ground', providing information on current processes and formal requirements. It was highlighted that the Betchworth Burial Ground rates are currently lower than average and suggested a review to consider increasing them in the near future.

(283) A discretionary monetary collection was taken to cover the purchase of a Remembrance Sunday wreath. The wreath was passed to Richard Savill who will lay it on behalf of the Parish Councillors on Sunday 12th November 2017.

(284) An enquiry regarding reinstatement of a community transport scheme was received from a member of public. This may be set up in the future if sufficient interest. Clerk highlighted 'Shoppa' local community bus service currently being trialed.

(285) Cllrs Hardy and Wilson delivered a brief verbal report following the Plane Wrong AGM held 24 Oct, highlighting CAA's current open consultation (deadline 5 January 2018) relating to the impact of aviation noise. Cllr Wilson/Clerk to respond on behalf of Betchworth Parish Council and to further highlight and call for responses in December's Parish Magazine article.

(286) Councillors discussed a parishioner's enquiry regarding the War Memorial inscriptions and confirmed that Betchworth Archivists will produce a display to commemorate the fallen names on the War Memorial in 2019.

(287) The presence of Japanese Knotweed in the village was discussed briefly – Clerk to investigate appropriate procedures for eradication and report at next meeting.

10. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.

(288) Clerk confirmed all Councillors now have their own email address 'firstname.surname@betchworth-pc.gov.uk'. It was agreed that Cllrs Hardy, Wilson and Edwards, along with Bernard Hawkins require the ability to send an email from the Parish Council domain. Clerk to arrange this facility.

(289) Cllr Edwards was unable to attend the meeting and will therefore provide an update regarding website development at the December meeting.

(290) 2150 District Councillor Paul Potter and member of public left the meeting.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

12. FINANCE.

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

(293) Received: VAT refund for £743.30. Also £300 (Kimber - grave), £870.00 Hegarty (ERB)

(294) The financial summary for October was noted.

(295) Councillors approved the following accounts for Payment:

IB00053	John Underwood	£	100.00
IB00054	Marion Hallett (expenses and phone)	£	149.97
IB00055	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00056	Norbury Park Wood Products	£	354.00
IB00057	SSALC Limited	£	72.00
DD00058	BIFFA	£	32.98
IB00059	Marion Hallett	£	769.88
IB00060	HMRC Cumbernauld	£	26.35
IB00061	Surrey Estate Management	£	1046.70

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

No matters were raised.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(296) Next Parish Council Meetings, 4th December 2017, 8 January 2018

(297) 13th November **deadline for Parish Magazine article** – Are you affected by flight noise?
By Cllr Wilson and Festive contribution by Clerk.

(298) 17th November – GACC AGM

(299) 18th November - Autumn Litterpick and Coombe Cleanup

(300) 21st November - Finance Group meeting

(301) 25th & 26th November – Alternative Christmas Tree Festival, St Michael's Betchworth

(302) 21st December – FABB Childrens Christmas party

(303) 22nd December – Carol Singing, Broome Park

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

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