

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 3RD JULY 2017**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Prior to the meeting it was agreed that Agenda Item 5. (Open Forum) would take place after Agenda Item 7. (Planning) and the Public Consultation Presentation by Guy Davies, MVDC.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chairman), Edwards, Higgins, Rogers, Savill, Wilson and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Bernard Hawkins, Burial Ground Officer and John Foreman, Footpaths Officer were present. One member of the public and one guest speaker were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(104) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Docwra.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(106) The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2017 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

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

(108) Following complaints relating to the antisocial behaviour of the driver of a Porsche (Minute No.62) the Councillors were informed that the driver had received a notice from Police requesting a stop to this activity.

(109) It was noted that Karen Coyne has replaced Inspector Richard Hamlin as District Commander in Mole Valley.

5. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(110) Footpath Officer delivered a verbal report. In summary: clearance of three blocked drains, reported dangerous overhanging trees in Sandy Lane and acknowledge quick response by MVDC to clear, inspected footpath between Parrs Corner and shop; acknowledged poor patching, path has narrowed and tree roots causing damage to pavements although no further action to be taken at this time.

(111) Footpaths Officer confirmed he will remove the Black Bins from the Burial Ground/Allotments now that red BIFFA bin is in-situ.

(112) Swings and slide checked on 15th and 22nd June and 2nd July and remain fit for use.

(113) Further discussion regarding Working Party to clear debris and overhanging foliage from the Station/Coombe footpath. Footpaths Officer provided a Risk Assessment to Clerk and has requested expression of interest to be sought for help via Parish Magazine and Clerk email. Councillor Savill has volunteered use of his front garden to assist with location for accessible waste disposal/location of skip. Proposed date for Working Party: 23rd September 2017.

(114) Footpath Officer has maintained a number of verges.

(115) Noted that the School Path is overgrown and almost impassable in places, apart from the area from Walled Garden to the Nursery. Councillors agreed verges, hedges and overhanging debris from private properties must be proactively maintained and remain the responsibility of property owners in the absence of MVDC workforce. Clerk to send village email to this effect.

(116) Noted correspondence from Cllr Potter that Brockham Betchworth footpath No. 51/52/457 was severely overgrown with weeds and vegetation.

(117) Noted that damaged Wall is causing a dangerous obstruction on Pebblehill. Cllr Savill to discuss with owners.

(118) Cllr Edwards Confirmed Goulburn Green will be partially resurfaced on the 6th and 7th July 2017. Clerk confirmed it had been previously agreed that resurfacing would be funded from existing budget and that no application for grant money had been made in this instance. Clerk to make enquiry for grant money available for future path maintenance and resurfacing.

(119) 8.30pm Footpaths Officer left the meeting.

6. PLANNING.

(120) 8.30pm Guy Davies, Planning Policy Manager, MVDC joined the meeting

(121) An informative presentation on the Public Consultation entitled "Future Mole Valley" was delivered by Guy Davies. See Appendix A.

(122) Councillors were invited to ask questions; Councillor Hardy commented that this has been covered in previous years, and will our views be taken into account?

(123) MVDC Representative invited the Parish Council as a body to respond to consultation. Clerk to respond on behalf of Parish Council.

New Applications & Appeals (3)

MO/2017/0874/PLAH

90 Middle Street, Strood Grn, Betchworth RH3 7JF
Erection of single storey side/rear extension.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/0850/PLAH

11 Oakley Gardens, Betchworth RH3 7AZ
Installation of 3 No. roof lights to facilitate loft conversion.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/0918/PNO

Wellwood, Wellhouse Lane, Betchworth RH3 7HH
Prior notification for conversion of offices (Use Class B1(a)) to 1 No. dwelling (Use Class C3).

NO COMMENT

Appeals (1)

MO/2016/0370

Land at Old Reigate Road (adjacent Tranquil House), Betchworth Surrey RH3 7DR
Erection of 1No dwelling house

OBJECT ON GROUNDS OF PREVIOUS OBJECTION

Appeal Decisions (0)

Results (1)

The following results were noted.

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.

WITHDRAWN

Appeal Decisions (0)

(124) There were no appeal decisions.

Other Matters

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

7. OPEN FORUM.

(126) A member of public wished to address the appeal submitted for Planning Application MO/2016/0370 as close neighbour of the property and expressed his ongoing concern regarding the application.

8. AMENITIES.

(127) Options were presented to Councillors for a new Goulburn Green bench (to be situated near play area). Councillors unanimously agreed "Westcott Bench" (£365 Exc VAT/435.60 inc VAT) IF the seat could be 18" high or thereabouts. If not, the Peaslake Bench (£590 exc VAT/£708 inc VAT) was the preferred option. Both supplied by Norbury Park Wood Products. Location of bench TBA, hardstanding if required, request Ken Webb to fit.

(128) The memorial for "Zeal" was approved as per specifications received from Sherlock Funeral Service.

(129) Quote for repairs to Parish Council notice board located at the Post Office was approved (£186.00 inc VAT for two concrete spurs to secure posts).

(130) No councillors available to attend SES Seminar on 21st July.

(131) Response to be submitted to oppose the MVDC Consultation on threatened closure of Recycling Centres.

(132) Councillors Responsibilities were confirmed as follows (positions filled from vacant in bold).

Airports	Councillor Wilson, Councillor Docwra
Allotments	Councillor Wilson
Barley Mow Court	Councillor Docwra
Betchworth & Buckland Society	Vacant
Betchworth United Charities	(Jean Hurman) – Councillor Higgins volunteered if Jean Hurman wishes to step down
Burial Ground & Pavilion	Councillor Wilson
Church	Councillor Higgins
Country watch	Councillor Savill
Community Resilience	Councillor Edwards, Councillor Rogers
Estate	Councillor Hardy
FABB	Councillor Hardy, Councillor Higgins
Finance Group	Councillors Hardy, Rogers , Wilson, Clerk, B Hawkins
Footpaths Officer	John Foreman
Goulburn Green	Councillor Edwards
Health	Councillor Hardy
Highways & Transport	Councillor Wilson, Councillor Docwra
JJ Franks	Councillor Hardy
Planning	Councillor Higgins
Police	Councillor Savill
School & Education	Councillor Hardy
Walled Garden	Councillor Edwards
Website	Councillor Edwards, Clerk
Village Memorial Hall Committee	Councillor Wilson, Councillor Savill

(133) It was agreed that there would be no representative for Betchworth for the Betchworth and Buckland Society on the grounds that there are currently two dedicated Betchworth Residents on the committee, and Buckland Parish Council is also not represented.

(134) 10.10pm Councillor Higgins left the meeting.

9. COMMUNITY.

(135) Risk Assessment reviewed and approved and approval granted to FABB for Dorking Forest School Summer Holiday Activities.

(136) Betchworth Parish Council agreed to decline the opportunity to submit a Christmas Tree for the Church Christmas Tree Festival this year.

10. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.

(137) Cllr Edwards presented development of new logo which Councillors approved. Cllr Edwards and Clerk to meet to commence working on new content.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

(139) It was agreed Clerk should purchase 4No small 'No Cycling' signs to be secured with jubilee clips to existing posts along school path (minute ref 74/2017).

(140) It was noted that the Clerk's office will be closed from Friday 21st July until Monday 7th August – Bernard Hawkins to cover in case of an emergency.

12. FINANCE.

(141) Noted that Annual Return for y/e 31 March submitted to BDO on 12 June and public notices displayed.

(142) Noted BIFFA DD Account setup complete; BIFFA to make 2nd collection on 13th July 2017.

(143) Contents held at HSBC Safe successfully removed & alternative safe place located. Documents to be PDF'd at later date.

(144) Receipts noted of £16.84 from HSBC following closure of Safekeeping, and £550.00 from Innes family (Tony – ERB & Burial).

(145) Councillors reviewed and approved Clerk to sign appointment letter from Braidwood Wheeler Accountants as internal auditors.

(146) Councillors agreed to renew Surrey Hills Society membership (£25).

(147) Councillors reviewed quote for replacement burial ground rope and approved purchase of 65m.

(148) Councillors approved the following accounts for Payment:

IB00019	Marion Hallett	£	769.88
IB00020	Surrey Hills Society	£	25.00
IB00021	John Foreman	£	138.19
			(await revised quote)
IB00022	Adria Kinloch	£	14.00
IB00023	Surrey Estate Management	£	821.70
IB00024	Hamilton Rooms	£	20.00
IB00025	Bernard Hawkins	£	95.00
IB00026	HMRC Employer's tax & NIC	£	26.35
IB00027	BIFFA	£	64.15

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(149) Cllr Hardy expressed thanks on behalf of Charmian Stow for flowers sent by Councillors.

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(150) Next Parish Council Meetings 4th September 2017 and 2nd October 2017

(151) 17th July '17 **deadline for Parish Magazine article** – Coombe Footpath Working Party
– John Foreman to write

(152) 19th July '17 Bi-monthly Mole Valley Clerk update – Clerk to attend

(153) 22nd/23rd July '17 – Goulburn Cup Tennis Tournament

(154) 18th November '17 - Autumn Litterpick

(155) 23rd September '17 Coombe Footpath Clearance Working Party

(156) The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.37pm.

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ATTACHMENTS:

APPENDIX A – FUTURE MOLE VALLEY PRESENTATION BY GUY DAVIES,
PLANNING POLICY MANAGER, MVDC, AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST