

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 4th DECEMBER**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Prior to the meeting, Ed Winter signed Acceptance of Office witnessed by The Clerk.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chairman), Wilson, Winter, Rogers, Savill, Edwards, and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Burial Ground Caretaker Bernard Hawkins and Footpaths Officer John Foreman attended the meeting. A member of public attended part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(305) Cllr Hardy welcomed Ed Winter as new Councillor

(306) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Higgins.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(307) No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(308) The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(309) A police report was received and noted by Councillors.

(310) Councillors discussed increased presence of suspicious behaviour in the Betchworth field, school grounds (illegal trespassing) and grass car park area. Councillors were encouraged to report suspicious behaviour despite poor police presence. A note from Cllr Potter referred to a large number of gas canisters used for legal highs being found in the copse between The Walled Garden and the Field. Councillors to report suspicious behaviour.

(311) 8.03pm A member of public joined the meeting

5. OPEN FORUM.

(312) A member of public (co-owner of Royce's, Station Road) presented proposed plans for new workshop driveway and entrance, to enable a separate, single use entrance for the residential property.

(313) A discussion took place regarding the poor condition of the pavement along Reigate Road from Station Road to the bus stop. The pavement cannot accommodate wheelchair users and is dangerous for pedestrians. Cllr Wilson to draft strong letter for Clerk to send to Highways.

6. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(314) Footpath Officer delivered a written report. In summary: poppies displayed around village and subsequently removed following Remembrance Sunday, noting the disappearance of 4no poppies. Litterpick on 18 November; numbers were sadly low, however progress was made with The Coombe path clearance. Swings and slide checked on 8th, 18th, 22nd and 29th November and remain fit for use.

(315) Councillors to continue to assist to identify un-used and excessive road signage and sign posts no longer in use and notify Clerk.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (3)

MO/2017/1935/ECL

The Evergreens, Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DB

Application for an existing certificate of lawfulness in respect of breach of condition 3 of approved MO/2003/1500/CU limiting occupancy of a caravan to named persons only, which has not been complied with for a period of more than 10 years.

OBJECT – CERTIFICATE HAS NOT BEEN BREACHED

MO/2017/1950/PLAH

90, Middle Street, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JF

Erection of single storey front, side and rear extension.

OBJECT – PLANNED EXTENSION NOT IN KEEPING

MO/2017/2023/PLA

Brockham Park Cottage, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AH Variation of Condition No. 2 of approved MO/2016/1279 for erection of a two storey rear extension, new dormer window to replace external stair boxing on side roof elevation and new front porch enclosure, in order to allow submission of revised plans showing changes to fenestration and raised height of extension roof by 300mm.

NO COMMENT

Appeals (0)

Results (2)

MO/2017/1554

9, Tranquil Dale, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7EE

Retrospective application for loft conversion with rear dormer window and formation of hip to gable end roof.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/1390

Land adj to Garden Cottage, Roothill Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AT

Erection of one detached residential dwelling.

REFUSED

Appeal Decisions (1)

MO/2016/1691

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

Erection of 6no. dwellings following demolition of existing buildings

ALLOWED

Other Matters

8. AMENITIES.

(316) Councillors noted that following the Finance Group meeting on the 21st November 2017, tenders had been issued to four grounds maintenance companies for Parish Council Goulburn Green and Burial Ground grounds maintenance. Deadline for returns: Friday 22nd December 2017.

(317) Surrey Waste Local Plan – Consultation. Cllr Savill has agreed to respond impartially on behalf of Betchworth Parish Council – the sites in question are not in the immediate vicinity of the parish.

9. COMMUNITY.

(318) It was noted that Zurich will no longer provide insurance cover for FABB activities. Clerk to seek reduced premium for 2018/2019 to reflect this. Clerk to follow up with FABB Chair re quotes & discuss assistance if there is a need.

(319) Clerk to send a formal thank you note to B&B Society for play area bench.

(320) Japanese knotweed advice notice on hold until Spring 2018.

10. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.

(321) Website development progress has been slow due to external work commitments. Cllr Edwards and Clerk agreed to finalise website content at the beginning of the New Year.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

12. FINANCE.

(323) The draft budget for 2018/2019 was duly approved and signed by the Chairman, with no further actions.

(324) Payment of £30 received from MVDC – litterpick.

(325) The financial summary for October was noted.

(326) Councillors approved the following accounts for Payment:

IB00062	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00063	Marion Hallett – phone & expenses	£	10.10
DD00064	BIFFA	£	41.22
IB00065	HMRC Cumbernauld emp tax	£	26.35
IB00066	Shires Pay Services	£	24.00
IB00067	John Foreman – no cycle signs	£	21.42
IB00068	Marion Hallett	£	769.88

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

No matters were raised.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(327) Next Parish Council Meetings, 8th January and 5th February 2018

(328) 11th December **deadline for Parish Magazine article** – NY note from Clerk

(329) 17th December - Christingle Service (10.30am)

(330) 17th December – Nine Lessons and Carols (5.00pm)

(331) 21st December – FABB Childrens Christmas party

(332) 22nd December – Carol Singing, Broome Park

(333) 19th & 22nd February - Community Land Trust information days – Leatherhead Leisure Centre

(334) The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.42pm.

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