

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2018**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chairman), Winter, Rogers, Savill, Edwards, Higgins and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Six members of public attended part of the meeting as well as one invited guest from Mole Valley Planning department.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(335) Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Wilson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(336) No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(337) The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2017 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record. Cllr Winter requested a copy of the 2018/19 budget be circulated.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

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

5. OPEN FORUM.

(339) No items were raised.

6. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(340) No Footpaths Officer report was submitted this month.

(341) Cllr Hardy confirmed that the Goulburn Green path improvement grant had been approved by MVDC. Cllr Edwards to arrange date for completion with Jennings.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (2)

MO/2017/2254/PLAH

Laurel Bank, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AN
Erection of ground floor side extension.

NO COMMENT

MO/2017/2162/PCL

Cotterstock Lea, Wheelers Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HJ (within 20m Betchworth)

Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development in respect of the erection of a detached double garage and gym.

NO COMMENT

Appeals (0)

Results (4)

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2017/1791

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

Erection of a garden shed.

REFUSED

MO/2017/1968

Notice under the Overhead Lines (Exemption) (England & Wales) Regs 2009 for :

(1) Remove poles 145574, 145576, 148759, 145572, 145571, 145569, 145570, 145566 and associated LV lines.

(2) Adjust strut on pole 145329.

NO OBJECTION

(342) 2020 member of public arrived.

MO/2017/1935

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.

APPROVED

(343) Having noted the above, Councillors expressed a wish to challenge the decision by MV citing an illogical and unjustifiable reasoning of the definition of a *dependent*. Should the Parish Council proceed, steps were agreed to seek consult from Citizens Advice, followed by a planning lawyer. Councillors agreed a preliminary provisional spend of £500.00 if required, to be reviewed at next Parish Council meeting on the 5th February 2018.

Councillor Higgins to liaise with Clerk and investigate process and advise costs accordingly.

Appeal Decisions (0)

Other Matters

(344) It was agreed that Cllr Hardy will represent the Parish Council at a 'East Dorking and Pippbrook Regeneration meeting currently scheduled for 16th January 2018.

8. AMENITIES.

(345) Four tender returns had been received by the Clerk for the Goulburn Green and Burial Ground maintenance contract. Councillors approved Dave Elliott to continue the service he provides as the most cost efficient bid submitted

(346) Following the announcement from Mole Valley that rural verge cutting schedules will be cut to just one cut per year, Cllrs discussed possibility of one additional cut by local farmer. Costs to be considered – Clerk to make enquiries and confirm MV schedule timing. Concern raised regarding sight lines.

(347) 2045 representative from MV Planning arrived.

9. COMMUNITY.

(348) Claire Mallalieu, MVDC Planning, delivered a presentation to Councillors and members of public in attendance, relating to the 'Call for Sites' MVDC initiative. In summary:

- MVDC are seeking the opinion of the Parish Council whether it may be appropriate to amend (enlarge) the village boundary which currently comprises 92 dwellings, in order to potentially increase number of dwellings by introducing a small number (5-10) of affordable houses to 'regenerate vitality' and keep the village sustainable, suggesting squaring off existing boundaries and including the village shop and pub.
- A member of public raised concern relating to a nearby regeneration project that stated 40% of new homes relating to the development was an unacceptable use of protected greenbelt land (resulting in the remaining 60% being unaffordable to the majority).
- Betchworth Telephone Exchange amongst sites for consideration regarding regeneration.
- Councillors suggested extending the Barleymow site.
- Request was made by Ms Mallalieu for the Parish Council to respond to her with suggestions for additional housing.

(349) 2115 representative from MV planning left.

(350) Councillors agreed to consider a response to Mole Valley Planning for the next Parish Council meeting (5th February 2018).

(351) a 'Mole Valley Rural Community Strategy' brochure was circulated at the meeting. Councillors queried the objective with a view to perhaps inviting a representative to speak at the April Annual Parish Meeting in order to find out more.

10. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.

(352) Website development progress has been slow due to external work commitments. Cllr Edwards and Clerk agreed to move forward with a deadline for going live by the end of February 2018.

(353) Councillors discussed the role of Compliance and Data Protection Officer and agreed that this would be best filled externally at a potential cost of £150.00p.a.

(354) Cllr Winter agreed to be the Parish Council's Data Protection and Compliance Officer representative/liaison and will attend a course on 30th January 2018.

(355) 2145 All members of public left the meeting.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

(357) Councillors agreed Clerk should retain Minutes of Parish Council meetings for 2014-2016 for binding until after year 2017-2018 completed.

12. FINANCE.

(358) The financial summary for December 2017 was noted. Cllr Winter sought clarification of data. Anomalies noted – Clerk and Bernard Hawkins to review and amend accordingly and provide any outstanding clarification.

(359) The Precept application form for 2018-2019 was agreed in accordance with the Finance Group and signed by Cllrs Hardy and Rogers.

(360) Councillors approved the following accounts for Payment:

IB00069	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00070	SSALC Surrey Conf	£	48.00
DD00071	BIFFA	£	32.98
IB00072	HMRC Cumbernauld emp tax	£	26.35
IB00073	Bernard Hawkins	£	89.00
IB00074	Catriona Martin - FABB	£	200.00
IB00075	Marion Hallett	£	778.88

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(361) Cllr Edwards raised concern at the increasing number of cyclists using the village car park, and using nearby shrubbery to relieve themselves. Clerk/Councillors to consider signage.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(362) Next Parish Council Meetings, and 5th February (Cllr Wilson to Chair) and 5th March 2018

(363) 16th January – East Dorking Regeneration Masterplan

(364) 18th January – Genealogy evening – 6.45pm Betchworth VH

(365) 18th January – Coslett family send-off – 7.00pm St Michael's Church

(366) 30th January – GDPR Compliance training – Ed Winter

(367) 31st January – Bi-monthly Clerk meeting – M Hallett

Parish Magazine Article for February, deadline Monday 15th January 2018

(368) The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

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