

## BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Wilson, Rogers, Savill, Winter and Clerk (Marion Hallett). The Footpaths Officer (FO) and Burialground Caretaker (BC) attended part of the meeting. District Councillor Budd also attended the meeting as did 5 members of public (includes two representatives from Mole Valley District Council).

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

(127) Councillor Edwards and County Councillor Helyn Clack sent their apologies. Councillor Higgins did not attend the meeting and did not send his apologies.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

(128) One Declaration of Interest was received, from Cllr Wilson who is a neighbour of Planning Application MO/2018/1041/PLA The Hay Barn.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

(129) The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

(130) 8.02pm member of public arrived

### **4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.**

(131) Cllr Hardy shared a report from Mole Valley Community Police for the month of July, however it was acknowledged that no report was received for August.

### **5. OPEN FORUM.**

(132) Two members of Mole Valley Planning Department presented an update on the 'Future Mole Valley' housing initiative, reminding those present of the requirement for additional housing across Surrey and the opinion from MVDC that they recognised preference from rural Parishes to adopt an 'infill' approach. A map was presented to those in attendance outlining a proposed amended village boundary (extending north of the village, over Reigate Road, and to include properties including The Village Shop and electricity sub-station, as well as a small extension to the east of the village on the south of Reigate Road, next to Tranquil House, areas to the south east of the village between The Street and the Mole tributary, and to the west of The Street at the top of the School Path (opposite the Post Office); and areas within the village boundary which had been identified as infill sites suitable for additional housing (land at Bumblebee Cottage, Morden Grange and The Firs). MVDC confirmed that following the presentation to Betchworth Parish Council these proposals would be publicly available from 4 September 2018 on the Future Mole Valley website (<http://futuremolevalley.org>) and that a public consultation would follow in due course. There was some discussion as to whether the village boundary had been identified by MVDC correctly as the maps used had been extracted from OS. Clerk to review. MVDC requested that Councillors consider whether the proposed areas are suitable for development and if so, in what form. Councillors to formulate and agree a response, including whether there may be other sites which could be suitable, at next Parish Council meeting (1<sup>st</sup> October 2018).

(133) 8.40pm Two representatives from Mole Valley District Council left

(134) Councillors asked the landowner who was present at the meeting why there had not been sight of a planning application for a large electricity substation which had appeared next to The School Path. Landowner had not been aware of the installation and will follow up with the Estate Manager.

(135) 8.42pm two members of public arrived.

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(136) 8 43pm one member of public left.

## 6. TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(137) Footpaths Officer confirmed that he had carried out a repair to the damaged bus shelter opposite the post office, and gave a brief report. In summary: vegetation cut back from Pebblehill to Coombe, footpath beside post office, Sandy Lane to Dolphin. Localised litterpicks also carried out. MVDC responded quickly to a number of reports of fly-tipping and public litter removal. Further report raised with MVDC regarding necessary repair of Betchworth Bridge. Start date requested; Clerk to also follow up with MVDC. Assisted in herding of cows which escaped from farm behind Wonham Lane twice in two days. Play equipment was inspected on 10/07 , 21/07 , 31/07, 11/08 and 30/08 and remains in good condition and fit for purpose.

(138) A discussion took place regarding the status of parking at Betchworth Train Station, following an enquiry from a member of public who had experienced difficulty in finding a suitable drop-off point at the station (due to the land adjacent to the entrance of the station platform being privately owned). Councillors agreed there could be potential scope for the creation of a pick-up/drop-off space on Quarry Road, adjacent (north) of the station. Clerk to investigate ownership of Quarry Road and enquire regarding feasibility with GWR.

(139) It was noted that no extra verge cut would be required this season due to the help received from the Betchworth Estate. Clerk to write to Estate farmer to thank him for their efforts in maintaining sight lines during the summer months. Clerk to also enquire to MVDC what the verge cutting schedule will be for 2019 as the previous schedule was not timed effectively for growth.

(140) Clerk to write to Highways requesting repair to railings following damage to concrete posts and railings at the lower end of the School Path.

## 7. PLANNING.

### New Applications & Appeals (7)

MO/2018/1041/PLA

The Hay Barn (former stables), Wonham Lane, Betchworth, Surrey  
Erect temporary building (lockable ISO container) for renovation work site facilities.  
Required for a period of 18 months from installation.

NO COMMENT

(141) 8.58pm Two members of the public left.

MO/2018/1179

2 Rhinelands, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF  
Erection of single storey side and rear extension and insertion of 1 No. dormer window to west roof elevation.

NO COMMENT

MO/2018/1227

The Limes, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DQ  
Erect a replacement dwelling

COMMENT: Request to move south (away from Reigate Road) to minimise visual impact.

MO/2018/1126

Christmas Cottage, Sandy Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AA  
Conversion of existing garage to residential annex ancillary to the main dwelling.

NO COMMENT

MO/2018/1343/PLAH

13 New Cottages, The Coombe, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BU  
Erection of two storey side extension and detached garage.

NO COMMENT

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**Late Applications (1)**

MO/2018/1324

Great Brockhamhurst Farm, Brockhamhurst Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AP  
Change of use of land for construction of a sandschool 30m x 60m with associated post and rail fence.

NO COMMENT

(142) 9.17pm A member of public arrived.

**Results (9)**

MO/2018/0661

Little Danes, The Street, Betchworth, RH3 7DJ  
Erect single storey rear extension

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/0033

Dale Cottage, 56, Tynedale Road, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HX  
(within 20m Betchworth)  
Erection of single storey rear extension.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/0780

Sunnymead, Wellhouse Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JQ  
Retrospective application for the demolition of the bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/0839

The Old Laundrie, Gadbrook Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AH  
Variation of Condition 2 of approved Planning permission MO/2010/0914 for the erection of single storey rear extension with room in roof space, to add a bay window on the ground floor, change two small windows on first floor to one window and a small repositioning of the dormer window to allow changes to the internal layout.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/0896

Dorking Rugby Football Club, Kiln Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7LZ  
Erect single storey extension to existing single storey structures alongside main pavilion to house new gym and rehabilitation facility, and new medical centre.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/0900

Wonham Manor, Wonham Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AD  
Replace areas of slate to roof with clay tiles.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2018/0961

Gospel Hall, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF Removal of the existing building (Class D1 (Non-residential institutions); place of worship) and erection of a replacement building (Class D1; most likely uses clinic/health centre/crèche/day nursery/day centre/art gallery) and provision of six car parking spaces at front.

WITHDRAWN

MO/2018/0973

Crossways Farm, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF  
Erect single storey rear extension, and new side dormer and hip to gable conversion to existing rear roof to enlarge existing habitable space.

REFUSED

MO/2018/1001

Bovey Cottage, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF  
Erect 1 No. dwelling in rear garden of Bovey Cottage. Create new access and erect a single garage for April Cottage adjacent.

**Other Matters**

(143) Further to correspondence received earlier in the month, Cllr Winter and Clerk confirmed they will attend a MVDC Planning Peer Review meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at MVDC Offices.

(144) 9.25 a member of public left

**8. AMENITIES.**

(145) Clerk confirmed quotes are currently being obtained for tree surgeon work on Goulburn Green and potentially the Burial Ground, although on inspection the overhanging branches in the Burial Ground are satisfactorily high and do not pose an obstruction to visitors to the Burial Ground.

(146) Clerk confirmed that two quotes had currently been requested for replacement fence posts around the edge of Goulburn Green, to be reviewed at October meeting.

(147) Clerk confirmed that allotment plot 58B which had become vacant had since been taken on by a Walled Garden resident.

(148) It was noted that there had been a keen response following the allotment waiting list appeal in the July Parish Magazine and there are now three people on the list.

(149) The memorial stone for Alan Belton was discussed and Councillors agreed it would be appropriate to request clarification on the appearance of the “squirrel” and “duck” inscriptions and ensure that these follow existing burial ground guidelines. Burial ground caretaker to follow up with stonemasons prior to approval.

(150) The additional inscription on the Stratton gravestone was approved

**9. COMMUNITY.**

(151) In the absence of an active Community Transport scheme it was agreed that this section would be removed from the village website until further notice.

(152) Correspondence from the Dorking Group of Artists was discussed following an enquiry from the group regarding the success of enforcing a request to minimise signage around Betchworth roundabout. Councillors commented that some businesses still don't adhere to Council's requests and suggested an article in the next edition of the Betchworth Magazine to ascertain local opinion on posters/local advertising around the roundabout. Clerk to write article for magazine.

(153) Following the request for input from Parish Councils for the Police Commissioner's presentation at the forthcoming Autumn Conference, Councillors agreed that better reporting and an increased police presence have both been requested in the past and are both needed. Clerk to feedback to organisers

(154) Following a request which had been received from Horsham U3A History Group for a conducted tour of the Church and Village, Councillors suggested Councillor Higgins and the BC would be best placed to facilitate this. BC to follow up with Councillor Higgins and arrange with the History Group.

(155) After a brief discussion Councillors concluded not to contribute to the alternative Christmas tree festival this year. Clerk to inform organiser.

(156) Clerk informed Councillors that filming for a 'British Seniors' advert had recently taken place around the village – Clerk to try and find link to send to Councillors,

(157) Clerk shared correspondence from a local resident who had recently been subjected to a cold-caller attempting to re-sell items from a trade fair from his van. No further action required.

(158) MVDC are considering launching a new incentive, a “Refill” project, aimed at identifying local sites (shops/garages/businesses) who would be willing to serve as free water refill stations. Clerk to pass correspondence to the local shop and the Dolphin pub.

(159) Cllr Wilson has agreed to read at the Christmas 9 Lessons and Carols; Cllr Hardy to inform organiser.

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#### **10. COMMUNICATIONS, IT.**

(160) Councillors agreed that the new Parish Website is ready for a 'soft launch'. Clerk to arrange with Web Developers.

#### **11. CLERK'S REPORT.**

(161) Following correspondence with Franks, Clerk communicated an invitation from the quarry firm for Councillors to be taken on a tour of the site. Councillors were keen to accept; Clerk to follow up and arrange. Clerk confirmed that all other items on the action list were progressing.

#### **12. FINANCE.**

(162) The Financial Summary was reviewed and the continued rise in income was noted, being a direct reflection of income generated from the Burial Ground. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should give consideration to the forthcoming budget and respond at the next Parish Meeting with any recommendations for projects which would benefit the village.

(163) Councillors Savill and Winter approved the following accounts for payment:

IB00130	Marion Hallett (Aug '18)	£	798.73
IB00131	HMRC Cumbernauld	£	26.16
IB00132	Surrey Estate management	£	633.00
IB00133	Jennings Surfacing Ltd	£	1794.00
IB00134	SES Water	£	13.71

#### **13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

(164) Clerk to arrange wreath donations from Councillors at next meeting and arrange a wreath for Remembrance day.

#### **14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.**

(165) Next Parish Council Meetings – 1<sup>st</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- 6<sup>th</sup> September – MVDC Peer Review Mtg 2.00 Blue Mtg Rm Pippbrook
- 17<sup>th</sup> September – 7.00pm East Dorking Regeneration Site masterplan Meeting – Council Chamber, Pippbrook
- 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Brockham Green Horticultural Society Autumn Show
- 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> Oct – NALC Annual Conference (Milton Keynes)
- 15<sup>th</sup> November – SALC Autumn Conference (JH)
- 17<sup>th</sup> November - Litterpick

#### **Parish Magazine Article for October, deadline Monday 17 September 2018**

(166) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.12pm.

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