

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 1ST JULY 2019**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Winter, Edwards, Rogers, Higgins, and Clerk (Marion Hallett). County Councillor Helyn Clack and District Councillors Simon Budd and Paul Potter attended part of the meeting along with five members of public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(72) Apologies were received from Councillor Wilson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

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

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(74) The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(75) Councillor Hardy shared a police report covering crimes committed during the period 14th May – 1st July 2019.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(76) Councillor Hardy welcomed a representative from the Poland Trust who provided an update on plans and advised that their application has now been submitted to MVDC. The representative advised an amendment in configuration of units to accommodate responses from their public consultation.

(77) 8.04pm Two members of public left the meeting.

(78) A member of public raised concern over an increase in trade vehicles occupying space in The Coombe associated to a single address. Councillor Higgins suggested that the resident compiles a diary to illustrate any patterns in vehicular movements prior to engaging with authorities, and also to engage with the owner of the private road to seek advice, considering the hazards presented to emergency services which would find it difficult to gain access to the road with its increased use.

(79) 8.06pm One member of public arrived.

(80) Councillor Hardy welcomed an agent representing the developers at The Firs project. Hard copies of the proposal were circulated. Those present raised queries relating to access, density and ownership of the boundary. Councillor Hardy thanked the representative for attending.

(81) 8.38pm County Councillor Helyn Clack and District Councillor Simon Budd arrived.

(82) District Councillor Potter raised concern for residents of Atkinson House following reports of threatening behaviour from a resident. The Police have been informed.

(83) 8.40pm Two members of public left.

(84) A member of public, close neighbour to Sycamore Cottage, application MO/2019/0951 expressed their views on the aforementioned application. Councillor Hardy thanked the member of public for attending.

(85) 8.50 Two members of public left the meeting.

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(86) Footpaths Officer (FO) submitted a written report and provided narrative; in summary: Sandy Lane fly-tipper has been identified and Police informed. FO and District Councillor Paul Potter met with a member of MVDC to discuss litter clearance of Pebble Hill. FO confirmed MVDC will assist. It was suggested that timing for this might be when Betchworth

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Station is closed for annual maintenance as Pebble Hill would perhaps need to close temporarily, however this would mean litter-picking in the dark. Helyn Clack agreed to liaise with 'Street Cleaning' team to establish a traffic management plan.

(87) Remedial work to be carried out on footpath at Chimney Pots kissing gate with the assistance of Estate Farmer. FO to coordinate.

(88) Fingerpost at School Path has been approved; Clerk to proceed.

(89) Playground equipment inspected 7th, 13th and 27th June 2019 and remains fit for purpose.

(90) Councillor Winter provided a brief update on airports consultations; LGW Route 4 response submitted earlier in the month. Councillors Wilson and Winter to provide a brief response to LHR 3rd Runway Consultation noting that a response had previously been submitted in relation to the separate flight path consultation.

(91) Clerk confirmed the Hartsfield Manor manager had responded to confirm tree crowning to 5m and tidy along Sandy Lane (West side) will be carried out within the next few weeks.

(92) Clerk shared two quotes to replace the rotten gate at The Burial Ground. FO offered to fix the gate; no quote was agreed at the meeting.

(93) Clerk confirmed UKPN had agreed to pay full cost of replacement fingerpost and will proceed with order.

(94) Clerk provided update following quotes received from independent traffic survey companies, having had no positive response from MVDC or Police to survey requests. County Cllr Clack advised not to proceed with independent surveys until a meeting had taken place between Parish Councils who had already carried out surveys from an independent traffic calming solutions provider. Cllr Clack agreed to send Clerk details of meeting arrangements and invite Betchworth to attend.

(95) Councillors agreed to request verge cutting of School Path (East side).

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (3)

MO/2019/0868

The Firs, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ

Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 3 No. detached dwellings with double garages, provision of associated landscaping and use of existing access.

5 July 2019

RESPOND: Object; hazardous access & size/density of proposal considered to be of no benefit to addressing Surrey's housing needs.

MO/2019/0951

Sycamore Cottage, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DR

Erect upper floor extension to south-east side of the dwelling, remove timber cladding from ground floor front elevation and replace with brick.

12 July 2019

RESPOND: Comment; consider impact on neighbours.

MO/2019/0843

Moore's Open Storage, Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HB

Variation of Conditions 8 and 12 of approved Planning Permission MO/2017/1830 for variation of conditions 10 12 and 13 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 lamp posts and a change in operating hours and change in hours of lighting, to make permanent the extended hours of operation.

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RESPOND: Object; hours of business already too excessive; original objection stands.

Appeals (0)

Late Applications (0)

Results (2)

MO/2019/0491

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

Erection of a two storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

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MO/2019/0698

Waters Edge, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ

Enclose and enlarge existing open sided loggia to create toilet and storage space.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Appeal Decisions (0)

Late Results (0)

Other Matters

(96) Councillors discussed discrepancies between approved plans and actual build for a house on Wellhouse Lane and suggested that MVDC investigate. Clerk to respond.

(97) Councillors considered course of action for the appearance of a new gated entrance on Gadbrook Road which had not received planning consent. MVDC Planners to be notified; Clerk to respond.

(98) Councillors reviewed literature on Rural Housing week incentive; no further action required.

(99) Clerk to follow up with MVDC regarding Evergreens enquiry.

8. AMENITIES.

(100) Noted that further information received regarding Kane headstone; awaiting details for type of stone prior to approval.

(101) Councillor Hardy passed on communication from an allotment holder regarding poor water pressure at the allotments and that this had been successfully resolved by Cllr Wilson.

(102) Clerk informed Councillors that a local resident has taken over responsibility for Hamilton Room bookings from Dave Hill.

9. COMMUNITY.

(103) Cllr Hardy communicated a note received from an allotment holder regarding increased inaccessibility due to untidy allotments and suggested Clerk facilitate an allotment holders' meeting. Clerk to follow up with allotment holders.

(104) Councillors discussed practicalities of a Scope clothes bank in the village and decided not to pursue the opportunity at this time.

(105) Clerk to forward picture of scattered litter on Goulburn Green to MVDC Representative with a view to installing a new 'dual recycling' bin instead. Clerk to request a lid for the open bin on Goulburn Green following an increase in activity from foxes in the interim.

(106) Councillor Hardy informed those present that interest had been shown from two parties for the Parish Councillor vacancy. Both candidates have been invited to the next Parish Council meeting (September 2nd) and interviews to follow.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

(107) Clerk presented new laptop package option to Councillors, having sought advice from Sweethaven Computers.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

(108) The up to date Action List was reviewed; all parties to continue to work through this throughout the summer.

12. FINANCE.

(109) Bank statements and recent transactions for Apr, May, June 2019 were noted and reviewed.

(110) Receipts acknowledged for £52.50 (allotments) and £135 (Burialground – inscription)

(111) Clerk to update Standing Orders & Risk Register for review at next Parish Council meeting.

(112) Approval was granted for the Clerk to purchase new Parish Council laptop and associated packages in accordance with quotes received and presented.

(113) Monthly Financial Summary was circulated; Clerk to review this and re-circulate if any discrepancies.

(114) The following amounts were approved for payment in July 2019

IB00189	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00190	M Hallett (June 19) Salary, phone, expenses	£	847.31
IB00191	HMRC Cumbernauld (June 19)	£	27.98
IB00192	M Hallett (July 19) Salary, phone, expenses	£	821.94
IB00193	HMRC Cumbernauld (July 19)	£	27.98
IB00194	D Elliott (June 19)	£	633.00
IB00195	D Elliott (July 19)	£	678.00
IB00196	Surrey Hills Society Subscription	£	25.00
IB00197	Bernard Hawkins	£	100.38
IB00198	FABB Donation	£	200.00
IB00199	Norbury Wood Products	£	270.78
IB00200	Sweethaven Computers	£	730.01*
IB00201	Fasthosts SSL Certificate	£	92.40

*Exc VAT

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(115) District Councillor Potter confirmed that he will retain the Soldier Silhouette until further notice.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

Next Parish Council Meetings – 2nd September '19, 7th October '19

11th July - SSALC Chair/Vice Chair Networking Day – East Grinstead

14th July - MVDC Chairman's Civic Service

24th July - BARRI meeting – Salfords VH – represented by Buckland PC

31st July - NALC Annual Conference – Milton Keynes

Parish Magazine Article for August 2019, deadline Monday 15th July 2019

(116) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.25pm

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