

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Winter, Wilson, Edwards, Rogers, Higgins, Ferrett (new – co-opted) and Clerk (Marion Hallett). District Councillors Simon Budd and Paul Potter attended part of the meeting along with four members of public. Burialground Caretaker and Footpaths Officer were also present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(117) No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(118) Councillor Wilson made two Declarations of interest; MO/2019/1349 (neighbour) and MO/2019/1336 (relative of neighbour).

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(119) The minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(120) No report was received for months of July & August 2019.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(121) Councillor Hardy welcomed three representatives from Atkinson House who provided an insight into current conditions and matters effecting their wellbeing in their homes. Attendees sought assistance and intervention from the Parish Council, following numerous requests to the Management Company Clarion to resolve grievances relating to intimidating behaviour from neighbour and poor management/warden services being ignored. The Parish Council agreed to facilitate a meeting between representatives from Clarion Housing, representatives from MVDC and residents of Atkinson House, and suggested this be chaired by District Councillor Budd at The Hamilton Room. Clerk to check room availability, and liaise with District Councillors Potter and Budd to progress further.

(122) 8.20pm Three members of public left the meeting.

(123) Following a brief discussion prior to commencement of the meeting, Councillors unanimously voted to co-opt Martin Ferrett to fill the Councillor vacancy. Mr Ferrett agreed and signed an Acceptance of Office.

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(124) Footpaths Officer (FO) submitted a written report and provided narrative; in summary: Completed work on Chimney Pots gate and steps; brambles and other foliage cleared from Broome Park, Old Wall Nursing Home, Wonham Lane footpath; improvements to Greensand Way, reports of two fly-tipping incidents on Sandy Lane. Expressions of thanks to be sent to Martin Clipperton for transporting groundwork materials, and Betchworth and Buckland Society for financial contribution for the works undertaken on Chimney pots.

(125) Playground equipment inspected 18th and 31st July and 10th and 24th August 2019 and remains fit for purpose.

(126) Councillor Winter provided an update on Gatwick's Route 4 and expansion plans. He detailed the impact of a potential amendment to the existing Route 4 departure route. Following a judicial review challenge, won by campaign group 'Plane Justice', against the CAA decision to confirm the present Route 4 departure route, this route will move north towards a Betchworth. Route 4 currently crosses Smalls Hill Road 100m south of Dean Oak Lane and will move north by 720m to approx. 100m north of Ashurst Farm. The CAA and

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Gatwick have not consulted with Parish Councils or local campaign groups , other than Plane Justice, on this proposal. This change, which will significantly increase aircraft noise in Betchworth, will potentially take place on 6th December 2019 and remain in place for at least two years. Councillor Winter will draft a letter to be send to local politicians requesting consultations with the elected local representatives including Parish Councils.

He also updated the Council on Gatwick's plans to increase flights by up to 40%, increasing noise and traffic on local road networks. Gatwick intend applying for planning permission to use their existing emergency runway as a departure runway. He will keep the Council updated on this issue.

(127) Chairman Hardy commented that the land at the base of the school path requires attention (remove netting and cones and strim overgrown surface). Footpaths Officer agreed to carry out tidy up.

(128) Clerk informed Councillors that subject to approval the fingerpost at the Walled Garden would be routed on both sides. Councillors approved amendment.

(129) Councillor Higgins and Clerk updated those present regarding the joint Parishes Traffic Calming/Speed Survey meeting; noting that the overriding comment from SCC was lack of funds for improvements, and problems within villages are mainly due to heaviness of traffic flow and not speeding. Councillors to consider whether an independent traffic survey is required and also to consider setting up a voluntary 'working group' to look at solutions. Clerk to speak with K Gargani/Brockham Parish Council to find out more about their strategy. Next joint Parishes meeting scheduled for November 11 2019.

(130) Councillors discussed The Coombe footpath once again, following a complaint of overgrown vegetation from a resident. District Councillor Budd offered support to follow up with Delores Brown at SCC to mobilise a workforce and arrange for a skip to be placed at the site.

(131) Councillor Hardy notified those present of planned 3-way lights at the junction of Old Reigate Road/The Street, to facilitate the replacement of a wall.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (9)

MO/2019/1060

Land at the junction of Middle Street and Wellhouse Lane, Brockham
Erection of 17 No. affordable houses, 12 No. for rent and 5 No. for self build, together with associated roads, parking and community area.

Response sent (support) 5/9/19

Ref: MO/2019/1189

Land and building south of Betchworth Village Hall, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF

Prior notification for the change of use of 1 No. agricultural barn to 1 No. residential dwelling. (Use Class C3)

Response sent (object) 30/7/19

Ref: MO/2019/1198

Dawcombe, Pebble Hill Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7BP

Change of use of land from residential garden (Use Class C3) to dog day care and exercise facility (Sui Generis). Erection of outbuilding and off road parking area ancillary to dog care and exercise facility.

16 August 2019 (response sent (object) 7/8/19)

Ref: MO/2019/1171

Bovey Cottage, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey Rh3 7DF

Demolition of existing pool house and erection of two storey annexe to Bovey Cottage

16 August 2019 (response sent (object) 30/7/19)

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MO/2019/1138

Betchworth Post Office, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DE
Change of use of existing store rooms to cafe space; construction of new internal staircase to first floor following removal of existing to allow enlargement of shop space and erection of rear conservatory.

RESPOND: SUPPORT (consultation p/e 23 August 2019)

MO/2019/1282

88, Middle Street, Strood Green, (within 20m Betchworth), Surrey, RH3 7JF
Erection of single storey rear and side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/1336

Snower Hill House, Snowerhill Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AG
Erection of 7 No. dwellings, area of hardstanding, vehicle access, parking and landscaping, following removal of existing house, garages, outbuildings and hardstanding.

RESPOND: SUPPORT

MO/2019/1361

Holly Cottage, Wellhouse Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HH
Erection of detached double garage with workshop and equipment store.

RESPOND: COMMENT (building must adhere to conditions)

MO/2019/1349

The Haybarn (former Stables), Wonham Lane, Betchworth, RH3 7AD
Erection of 1 No. dwelling following removal of existing outbuildings

NO COMMENT

Appeals (0)

Late Applications (3)

MO/2019/1437

2 Burlands Cottages, Roothill Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AS
Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development in respect of the removal of existing WC block and erection of a single storey rear extension.

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/1439

Garden Cottage, Sandy Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AA
Retention of replacement dwelling with revisions to elevations

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/1462

Knights Plant Centre, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF
Erection of new building to provide coffee shop and retail nursery area following relocation of three span polytunnel and removal of two span polytunnel.

NO COMMENT

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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 (5)

MO/2019/0772

Gospel Hall, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF

Erection of a 2 metres high wooden fence, 20 metres in length with one movable section to allow motor access.

REFUSED

MO/2019/0824

The Old House South, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ

Remove one sycamore tree (marked on submitted plan).

NO OBJECTION

MO/2019/0153

Betchworth House, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey Rh3 7AE

Replacement of existing low head hydro electric plant with Archimedean Screw hydro plant.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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

REFUSED

MO/2018/1848

Demolish existing sales building and remove linked canopy and LPG enclosure, erect new single storey sales building, gated timber fenced compound area with bins and plant units. Provide 12 No. new customer parking bays

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (including opening hrs 6am-11pm & deliveries between 7.30am-9pm weekdays, 8am-6pm Saturdays, 10am-4pm Sundays & BHs.

Late Results (0)

Other Matters

(132) Councillors discussed correspondence from Ashcroft Cottage, where a new entrance had appeared on neighbouring land without prior notification. Whilst the purpose of the new entrance is unknown, Councillors commented that planning application is not required at this time. Neighbours and Councillors to monitor for activity.

(133) Following numerous planning applications requiring response in the summer interim, Councillors discussed whether to either reinstate an August Parish Council meeting or alternatively, form a Planning Committee. Councillors to revisit in Spring 2020.

8. AMENITIES.

(134) Councillors discussed correspondence received from a relative of Freda Marjorie Byrne (deceased) regarding increased amount of soil piling up behind the grave. Councillors suggested enquiring whether Franks/Peter Crate could help facilitate its removal.

(135) Councillors agreed to donate the £10 received following the re-purchase of Grave 82 to the Multiple Sclerosis charity.

(136) Councillors approved the stone inscription for the Brooks/Quarrinton memorial.

(137) Councillors approved the go-ahead for the Church Harvest Festival event on Goulburn Green on 22nd September. John Foreman to facilitate water on/off; grass cut requested.

9. COMMUNITY.

(138) Councillors were in support of a Heartstart Course hosted by the Parish Council. Clerk to arrange.

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(139) Councillor Hardy notified those present of a free Community First Aid Training event in Reigate.

(140) Councillors were supportive of an Allotment Holders meeting. Clerk to arrange; Councillor Wilson to chair.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

(141) Clerk confirmed new laptop up and running smoothly, and that the Parish Council website is now securely protected with an SSL Certificate. Clerk also confirmed the Fasthosts server had been successfully upgraded.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

(142) Action list to be reviewed at next meeting.

12. FINANCE.

(143) Clerk confirmed receipt of End of Year Audit from PKF Littlejohn and confirmed no further actions were required.

(144) Councillors agreed to a charge of £5.00 for a copy of 2018/19 Accounts.

(145) Councillors agreed ONE internal audit for current financial year (p/e 31 March 2020)

(146) An updated Asset Register was acknowledged to reflect purchases of a laptop and new fingerpost (Walled Garden)

(147) Receipts acknowledged for £2030 (Burialground; Hemp Ashes: £180; Tomecek ERB x2 & Burial £880, Quarrington Memorial £145, Pitney Burial £330, Luff Burial £495)

(148) Monthly financial summary was circulated indicating spending slightly below budget and income in line with expenditure. High income reflected for Burialground for this period.

(149) The following amounts were approved for payment in September 2019

IB00202	Marion Hallett (Aug 19) Salary, phone, expenses	£	846.71
IB00203	HMRC Cumbernauld (Aug 19)	£	27.98
IB00204	SES Water (29.01.19 – 29.07.19)	£	£13.55
IB00205	Hamilton Room (Sept)	£	20.00
IB00206	D Elliott (Aug 19)	£	849.00
IB00207	Shires Pay Services	£	33.00
IB00208	PKF Littlejohn	£	240.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(150) Councillor Higgins agreed to represent the Parish Council for the 9 Lessons and Carols service on 22nd December.

(151) Councillors agreed that the Autumn Litterpick will take place on 16th November 2019.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

Next Parish Council Meetings –, 7th October '19, 4th November 2019

14 th Sept	-	CPRE AGM – Painshill Landscape Garden
17 th Sept	-	Community First Aid Training, Reigate
22 nd Sept	-	Harvest Festival Lunch – Goulburn Green
24 th Sept	-	English Rural Affordable Rural Housing Conference. Attendees?
4 th Oct	-	Murder Mystery Evening, Hartsfield Manor
11 th Nov	-	Combined Parish Highways/MVDC Meeting
13 th Nov	-	Local Government Finance Workshop, East Grinstead.
16 th Nov	-	Village Autumn Litterpick
22 nd Dec	-	9 Lessons and Carols

Parish Magazine Article for August 2019, deadline Monday 16th September 2019

(152) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.27pm

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