

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2019, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Winter, Wilson, Edwards, Rogers, Ferrett and Clerk (Marion Hallett). District Councillor Simon Budd attended part of the meeting, as well as County Councillor Helyn Clack. The Burialground Caretaker was also present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(153) Apologies were received from Footpath's Officer.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(154) No declarations of interest were received

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(155) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2019 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(156) Chairman Hardy communicated a report of Crimes committed in Betchworth for the period 02 July – 07 Oct to those present.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(157) No Open Forum items were raised.
8.06pm Burialground Caretaker arrived.

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(158) Footpaths Officer provided a written report for activities carried out in September 2019, read by Clerk. In summary: plans to repair damaged stile on FP454 Snowerhill/Ricebridge when access is possible. Assisted facilities for Community Payback team on 13/09, 22/09, 29/09 for FP clearing from Coombe to A25 Roundabout. Met with Clerk and George Crate to discuss soil removal from Burialground. Checked siting of new finger post. Work on corner now complete and needs vegetation to grow. Looked at fence posts at allotment/burialground entrance – would recommend concrete spurs. Playground equipment checked 13/09, 27/09 and 4/10 and remains fit for use.

(159) Councillors briefly discussed the Brockham Lane Closure and were unhappy about the build up of mud on the road at the A25/Brockham Lane junction worksite. Clerk to write to Southern Water.

(160) Councillors discussed the clearance of Station Road footpath and agreed it was a significant improvement. Clerk to write to Councillor Potter (bench refurbishment) and parishioner who had previously complained about the condition of the footpath.

(161) Councillors discussed a request submitted by a parishioner who wishes to remove and replace road signage along a private road. Councillors voiced no objections to changes in principal, and agreed that the correct Council body should be consulted by applicant. Clerk to clarify point of contact and revert to road owner. Councillors also voiced no objection to signing an informal letter of understanding by way of acknowledging the Council's noticeboard is situated on land owned by the aforementioned individual. Clerk to respond to parishioner to this affect.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (4)

MO/2019/1606

Crossways Farm, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF

Erection of new side dormer windows, rooflights, solar panels and changes to doors and windows.

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/1593

2, Park Close, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JB (within 20m Betchworth)

Erection of single storey front, rear and side extension following demolition of existing garage, utility room, porch and outbuilding and front dormer window

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/1596

2 Burlands Cottages, Roothill Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AS

Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension of 6 metres deep by 3.33 metres high and a height at the eaves of 2.31 metres.

NO COMMENT

Appeals (0)

Late Applications (1)

MO/2019/1586

Buckland Garage, Reigate Road, Buckland, Betchworth, Rh3 7ED

Variation of Condition 14 of approved Planning Permission 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. variation of condition to enable one fast charging HV 150kw EVC parking charging space.

NO COMMENT

Results (6)

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)

PRIOR APPROVAL GRANTED. Councillors requested Clerk send letter expressing disappointment at this outcome.

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2019/1282

88 Middle Street, Strood Green, Betchworth (within 20m)

Erection of single storey rear and side extension following demolition of existing conservatory.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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Horse Hill Well Site, Hookwood, Horley Surrey, RH6 0HN

Retention and extension of an existing well site, HH1 and HH2 wells, and vehicular access to allow: the drilling of four new hydrocarbon wells and one water reinjection well; the construction of a process and storage area and tanker loading facility; new

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boundary fencing; well maintenance workovers and sidetrack drilling; and ancillary development enabling the production of hydrocarbons from six wells, for a period of 25 years.

GRANTED

MO/2019/1361

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

REFUSED (MGB/Conflicts NPPF; excessive and capable of conversion to residential)

MO/2019/1349

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

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (no amendments allowed, no extensions allowed, land on eastern side removed and returned to open grass land, sustainable energy objectives)

Appeal Decisions (0)

Late Results (0)

Other Matters

(162) Councillors considered correspondence received from a Brockham resident relating to Moore's Yard ongoing activities and increase in obtrusive noise. Councillors agreed to request that MVDC reviews the correspondence and carries out any necessary action.

8. AMENITIES.

(163) Clerk and Councillor Wilson provided feedback regarding increased amount of soil piling up behind the Byrne grave and surrounding area. Clerk confirmed Betchworth Estate has approved removal of the large self-seeded Ash tree in order to facilitate an access point for removal of soil and grass cuttings. Franks have offered assistance with removing soil and grass cuttings from site; Burialground Caretaker to ask undertaker/grave diggers whether in future soil removal can be facilitated at the time when plots are dug in order to minimise waste build-up on site. Clerk, Councillor Wilson, Footpaths Officer and BG Caretaker to work with Estate to facilitate construction of aesthetically pleasing waste storage; access likely to be from farm track owned by Hamilton Estate. Councillors approved earmarking £1.5k initial spend.

(164) Councillors confirmed approval to reimburse repairs for Footpath Officer's wheelbarrow which was damaged whilst repairing the Station Road footpath.

(165) Crouch memorial stone was approved subject to a reduction in size in order to adhere to Burialground Rules.

(166) Glanfield additional inscription to stone was approved.

(167) Councillor Wilson confirmed Allotment water would be turned off before next Council meeting.

(168) Councillors agreed that a playground equipment inspection is required. Clerk to revert to MVDC.

9. COMMUNITY.

(169) Councillors discussed Parish spending advice from MVDC regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy. Councillors agreed to enquire to MVDC whether any monies were due. Clerk to investigate. Once a response is received Councillors to discuss any further requirements not currently accounted for.

(170) 9.17pm County Councillor Helyn Budd arrived

(171) Councillors agreed to support the hard-hitting national 'Don't be a Tosser' campaign, initiated by 'Keep Britain Tidy', which aims to encourage drivers not to throw litter out of car windows. Clerk to submit article for November's Parish magazine.

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(172) Clerk informed Councillors that she is currently awaiting feedback from District Councillor Potter, as to whether a meeting is required between relevant parties to resolve current reasons for complaints at Atkinson House.

(173) Councillors donated a contribution towards a wreath for the forthcoming Remembrance service on 10th November. Councillor Rogers will lay the wreath at the service on behalf of the Parish Council.

(174) Councillors discussed a request from Pebblecoombe WI to replace the apple tree which has not thrived which was planted by the group with a new tree. The WI have suggested an Acer however Councillors requested a preference for an indigenous species with consideration to height and spread at maturity. Clerk to revert to WI group.

(175) Councillor Hardy confirmed that Footpaths Officer would be placing street poppies around the village in the lead up to Remembrance Sunday.

(176) 9.30pm District Councillor Simon Budd arrived.

(177) Councillors discussed the successful clear up of the footpath from the Betchworth roundabout to the Station and requested thanks be expressed to District Councillor Potter for replacing the slats on the bench. Councillor Budd advised that one further visit would be necessary from Community Payback scheme however availability of toilet facilities had been a problem. Use of Knights nursery was suggested as a portaloo was considered prohibitively expensive.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

(178) No items raised

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

(179) Councillors briefly reviewed action list and Clerk requested that Councillors proceed with carrying out actions they are responsible for.

(180) Action List Items feedback received, discussed and to be actioned as follows:

- i. Item 335 Superfast Surrey; Cllr Winter/Clerk to send letter to MVDC requesting attention to be drawn to Wonham Lane and Gadbrook Road & feasibility of connection via Superfast Surrey initiative.
- ii. Item 357 Evergreens – Request a response to historic query from MVDC
- iii. Item 367 Pebble Hill litter – County Councillor Clack advised clear up at the top of Pebble Hill should not take place until diversion at Brockham Lane is no longer in place.
- iv. Item 33 Councillors Wilson and Burialground Caretaker reminded to draft a long term plan for the burialground.
- v. Item 129 All Councillors requested to consider viable traffic calming measures around the village.

12. FINANCE.

(181) Receipts received of £8007.50 2nd Precept, £451.30 Walled Garden Fingerpost reimbursement, £525.00 Burialground (Glanfield)

(182) Clerk confirmed transfer of £10k from Current to Savings account

(183) Clerk confirmed VAT return submitted for period 1/4/19-30/9/19

(184) Councillors undertook a brief Budget Review and were requested to consider Capital Projects for 2020 Budget

(185) Councillors reviewed the Monthly Financial Summary – noting an increase in income in line with receipt of 2nd half Precept. Councillors were reminded of the necessity to increase expenditure.

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(186) The following amounts were approved for payment in October 2019

IB00209	Marion Hallett (Sept 19) Salary, phone, expenses	£	821.94
IB00210	HMRC Cumbernauld (Sept 19)	£	27.98
IB00211	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00212	Norbury Wood Products	£	184.80
IB00213	David Elliott General Gardening	£	678.00
IB00214	Ian Wilson	£	16.68
IB00215	Bernard Hawkins	£	82.40

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(187) County Councillor Clack took the opportunity to ask Councillors if the Parish and its parishioners are ready and prepared for Brexit and advised communication to locals & links to SCC and Gov.uk websites.

(188) District Councillor Budd highlighted necessity for clearance of The Street#Old Reigate Road temporary traffic lights in preparation for 2nd November bonfire traffic. Chairman Hardy to speak with applicant to convey this message.

(189) Councillors and County Councillor Clack discussed recent correspondence from Betchworth Parish Council regarding likely changes to London Gatwick NPRs and highlighted the need to all work together. Councillor Winter confirmed he will represent Plane Wrong Action Group at a forthcoming workshop. Councillor Wilson will represent Betchworth Parish Council.

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

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

Next Parish Council Meetings – 4th November 2019 and 2nd December 2019

- 15th Oct - SALC AGM and Conference 2019 Dorking Halls. Attendees?
- 30th Oct - Workshop: Airspace Route 4 change
- 11th Nov - Combined Parish Highways/MVDC Meeting
- 13th Nov - Local Government Finance Workshop, East Grinstead. Attendees?
- 16th Nov - Litterpick
- 19th Nov - Finance Budget Planning Meeting
- 22nd Dec - 9 Lessons and Carols

Parish Magazine Article for August 2019, deadline Monday 14th October 2019. Clerk to write two articles; 'Don't be a Tosser' initiative and CPRE fundraising.

(191) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.30pm

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