

**BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Winter, Wilson, Rogers, Higgins, Ferrett and Clerk (Marion Hallett). Footpaths Officer and District Councillor Simon Budd attended part of the meeting,

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

(192) Apologies were received from Councillor Edwards

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

(193) No declarations of interest were received

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

(194) The minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2019 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

**4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.**

(195) Chairman Hardy communicated a report of Crimes committed in Betchworth for the month of October to those present.

**5. OPEN FORUM.**

(196) No Open Forum items were raised.

**6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.**

(197) Footpaths Officer provided a written and verbal report for activities carried out in October 2019. In summary: Byrne memorial repaired with appropriate adhesive, removal of fallen tree on Wonham Lane requested, School have requested grit for School Path. Grit bin at Council Cottages to be emptied of rubbish (as per photo) as part of Litterpick and replenished with grit for winter. Poppies displayed around village, more garden waste fly-tipped on Sandy Lane. Playground equipment checked 11/10, 17/10, 24/10 and remains fit for use.

(198) Councillors discussed viable traffic calming measures for the village ahead of meeting scheduled for 11 November and suggested the following; - hatched narrowing at sides of road; appealing for Speedwatch volunteers, 'gates' to the village (as per opposite Knights Nursery) and raised/lifting the kerb around the bend in The Street, which has disappeared almost to ground level over the years.

(199) Councillor Wilson made a request for a schedule for drain clearance for Betchworth and will follow up directly with SCC.

(200) 9.36pm District Councillor Budd arrived.

(201) Chairman Hardy brought to the Council's attention further correspondence received from Station Road resident accompanied with photos of hanging debris and muddy footpath. Councillors discussed coordinating further works with planned road closure for train/station maintenance. Clerk to liaise with County Councillor Helyn Clack to explore appropriate opportunities.

**7. PLANNING.**

**New Applications & Appeals (7)**

**MO/2019/1810**

Buckland Garage, Reigate Road, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7ED

Discharge of condition No. 7 of approved planning permission MO/2018/1848/PLA to demolish existing sales building and remove linked canopy and LPG enclosure, erect

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new single storey sales building, gated timber fenced compound with bins and plan units. Provide 12 No. new customer parking bays.

NO COMMENT

**MO/2019/1586/CC**

Buckland Garage, Reigate Road, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, 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

**MO/2019/1728/CAT**

Walled Garden, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DH  
Remove three Juniper trees (marked as 02 on plan).

NO COMMENT

**MO/2019/1527**

Crossways Farm, Station Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DF  
Erection of an extension to existing outbuilding and conversion of the outbuilding from a store to a animal hydrotherapy facility, relocation of existing office building.

COMMENT: Request to retain original boundary

**MO/2019/1749**

15 Pilgrims Way Cottages, Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HD  
Erection of single storey rear infill extension.

NO COMMENT

**MO/2019/1915**

Sycamore Cottage, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DR  
Erection of first floor rear extension with 2 No. dormer windows and new porch

COMMENT: consideration re loss of privacy

**MO/2019/1896**

2 Burlands Cottages, Roothill Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AS  
Erect single storey rear extension and oak framed porch.

NO COMMENT

**Appeals (0)**

**Late Applications (0)**

**Results (6)**

**Ref: MO/2019/0843/CCM**

Moore's Open Storage, Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HB  
Variation of Condition 8 (hours of operation) and Condition 12 (hours of illumination) of approved planning permission MO/2017/1830 to make permanent the extended hours of operation and the hours of illumination.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**MO/2019/1437/PCL**

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

APPROVED

**MO/2019/1462/PLA**

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

**MO/2019/1439**

Garden Cottage, Sandy Lane, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AA

Retention of replacement dwelling with revisions to elevations.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (No floodlights/external lights, no extensions, no further amendments to landscaping, awaiting bat survey)

**MO/2019/1593**

2, Park Close, Strood Green, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7JB

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

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (time limit and in accordance to plans submitted)

**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.

REFUSED

**Late Results (0)**

**Other Matters**

(202) No other matters raised.

**8. AMENITIES.**

(203) Gritting requirements as per Footpath Officer's report; top up supplies for school path and Council Cottages bin. Footpaths Officer to source.

(204) Councillors reviewed three quotes provided for removal of ash and rowan trees in burialground. Councillors agreed Mattree to facilitate.

(205) Councillor Wilson confirmed allotment tap has been turned off, and Cllrs Edwards, Wilson and Footpaths Officer John Foreman have keys to Goulburn Green water tap.

(206) Councillors reviewed and approved the Hamp memorial request.

**9. COMMUNITY.**

(207) Councillors acknowledged the date scheduled for the forthcoming Heartstart course, scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in The Geoffrey Browne Room, Betchworth Village Hall.

(208) Councillor Winter updated those present having attended the Plane Wrong AGM that the meeting was well attended. It was agreed at the AGM that individual action groups would endeavour to unite to formulate a joint view to combat aircraft noise.

(209) Councillor Winter provided a detailed update following the Gatwick Route 4 workshop and consultation in order to formulate a response from The Parish Council. 7 illustrative flight paths were presented. One was effectively the current route which follows the Noise Preferential Route crossing Smalls Hill Rd about 100m south of Dean Oak Lane. Some of the other options showed potential ways to disperse flight paths but these would have placed some flights much closer to Betchworth and also very close to Route 3. Other options brought the flight paths well north of the NPR and closer to Betchworth. Although Councillors saw merit in dispersal such that nobody suffered a concentrated stream of aircraft, Councillors could only accept this if flights were spread to the South and not north towards Route 3 and Betchworth. Councillors Winter and Wilson agreed to respond to LGW on behalf of The Council – deadline Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Cllrs Winter and Wilson to attend a follow-up workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

(210) Further to the request from Pebblecoombe WI to arrange for a replacement for the failing apple tree on Goulburn Green, Councillors agreed that a Rowan tree would be acceptable.

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

- (211) Councillors approved a replacement phone for the Clerk at a cost of £9.50 per month.  
(212) Councillor Winter kindly agreed to respond to the 5g Mobile Coverage/Permitted development Public Consultation. Councillors raised concern over the unsightly impact additional masts would have on historic buildings and AONB.  
(213) District Councillor Budd confirmed that Councillor Clack had recently raised Betchworth's ongoing struggle with poor broadband at a recent full council meeting.  
(214) 1019 District Councillor Budd left.

## 11. CLERK'S REPORT.

- (215) Action list to be reviewed at December meeting.

## 12. FINANCE.

- (216) Clerk presented bank statements for Aug, Sept, Oct 2019 and corresponded reconciliations with Financial Summary spreadsheet which was presented and the current financial position noted.  
(217) Allotment Plot fees were reviewed and Councillors agreed to increase the rate in April 2021 to £18 for half a plot/£36 for a full plot.  
(218) Receipts received of £406.49 VAT claim.  
(219) Councillors reviewed and considered Capital Projects for 2020. Ideas suggested included bridge repairs along Chimney pots walk, pavement cleaning, traffic calming, converting parish Mag to online publication, wildflower meadow, community event, hedgecut along School path.  
(220) The following amounts were approved for payment in November 2019
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| IB00216 | Marion Hallett (Oct '19) Salary, phone, expenses | £ | 914.34 |
| IB00217 | HMRC Cumbernauld (Oct 19)                        | £ | 27.98  |
| IB00218 | Hamilton Room                                    | £ | 20.00  |
| IB00219 | Dave Elliott General Gardening                   | £ | 727.50 |

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

- (221) Councillor Winter to present Superfast Surrey Broadband data at next meeting (subject to receipt of relevant data).  
(222) Councillors acknowledged receipt of a Notice of Temporary Event – 24.11.19 – Hartsfield Manor late license (no action required).  
(223) Councillor Hardy shared news release from MVDC that the Dorking CRC will remain open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

## 14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

Next Parish Council Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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| 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov      | - | Surrey Hills AONB and SALC Community Forum. JH            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov     | - | Combined Parish Highways/MVDC Meeting                     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov     | - | Local Government Finance Workshop, East Grinstead.        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov     | - | Litterpick  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec      | - | GAL and NMB Public Meeting, Hilton, LGW South. Attendees? |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec     | - | 9 Lessons and Carols                                      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan '20 | - | Community Heartstart Course – Geoffrey Browne Room, BVH   |

## Parish Magazine Article for December 2019, deadline Monday 11th November 2019. Advertise Heartstart Course.

- (224) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.38pm

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