

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(225) Apologies were received from Councillor Ferrett

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(226) No declarations of interest were received

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(227) The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(228) No Police report was received for the month, despite two requests.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(229) Councillor Potter advised that the Mole Valley Local Plan will be available online from 8th January 2020 with a consultation commencing 3rd February 2020.

(230) 8.06pm Councillor Higgins joined the meeting and apologised for being late.

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(231) The Footpaths Officer provided a written and verbal report for activities carried out in November 2019. In summary: approx. 40 bags of rubbish collected by 13 litter-pickers; Councillors to consider ways to encourage more volunteers to attend and ways to make the event more productive (it was suggested perhaps those who can't make the date could volunteer to be responsible for clearing their immediate vicinity). Clerk confirmed amount of claimable reimbursement from MVDC has risen to £90 per annum. Distribution of salt to salt bins delayed due to lack of supplies at MVDC. Betchworth Bridge damage reported but poor level of response from Police and SCC Highways. Clerk to follow up with Highways and request what action can be expected (if any). Playground equipment checked 8/11, 16/11 and 30/11 and remains fit for use.

(232) Councillors discussed damage caused to Betchworth Bridge, in connection with a vehicle dumped adjacent to The Red Lion PH, Buckland. Incident reported to Surrey Highways and Police. Clerk to follow up with Police/JET/Highways to ascertain to whom the costs of repair of damage to the bridge should fall.

(233) 9.20pm Footpaths Officer left.

(234) Clerk provided feedback from Joint Parishes Highways meeting attended by Councillor Higgins and Clerk in November. In summary; Highways advised there is no money in the SCC Highways budget for speed surveys, however Parishes can commission and pay independently for these in conjunction with liaison with Highways and Police. Parishes requested to provide 'top three issues' and 'top three cost effective proposed solutions' in time for next meeting (likely May 2020); Councillors to discuss at January '20 meeting. It was also noted that traffic flow at the A25 Betchworth Roundabout is likely to be impacted due to an increase in rail crossing barriers 'time down', a temporary road closure in Headley and works due to start on M25 Jct 8 improvements. All to monitor and comment on any observations at next meeting.

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(235) Councillors acknowledged night-time work currently being carried out at Betchworth Station to enable platform extension, due to continue until mid-February 2020. The crossing will remain open for the duration of works and therefore does not present an opportunity to coordinate any further maintenance or clearing on Pebblehill Road.

(236) Councillors acknowledged a notice received from SES Water regarding a proposed road closure and diversion for approx. 6 months commencing January 2020 in Headley. SES Water are offering a drop-in info evening on Wednesday 11 December 4pm-8pm to discuss works, timescales and traffic management.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (7)

MO/2019/1844/LBC

Weir Mead Farm, Wheelers Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HJ

Replace the main roof and lower lean-to roof

COMMENT: Observed proposed colour tiles do not match and ensure replacements are hand-made.

MO/2019/2041

14, Rykens Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AB

Reduce a group of Cypress trees (marked G1 on submitted plan) to 6 metres; reduce a group of Leylandii and Golden Cypress trees (G2) to 4 metres.

NO COMMENT

MO/2019/1889

6 The Quarry, Betchworth, RH3 7BY

Installation of an air conditioning unit in log cabin

COMMENT: Clerk to discuss necessity of application with MVDC.

Appeals (0)

Late Applications (0)

Results (6)

Snowier Hill House, Snowierhill Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AG

Erection of 1 No. agricultural workers dwellinghouse.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (comply with plans submitted, specify materials, ensure adequate parking, provide surface water drainage details)

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.

WITHDRAWN

MO/2019/1586

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2019/1896

2 Burlands Cottages, Roothill Lane, RH3 7AS

Erection of single storey rear extension and oak framed porch

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

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(237) 9.40 District Councillor Budd arrived

Late Results (0)

Other Matters

(238) Councillors shared views on possible potential for parking at Betchworth Station and open to considering all options. Councillors agreed they would welcome engaging with land owners to discuss opportunities further.

(239) Councillor Hardy briefly shared a report commissioned by Surrey Community Action. No further action required from Betchworth Parish Council at this current time.

8. AMENITIES.

(240) Councillors discussed the future of the phone box at Betchworth Rail Station, following a request by BT for its removal. Councillors approved its removal and confirmed that there is no interest in retaining the booth as an asset.

(241) Councillor Hardy informed Councillors that the MVDC annual inspection of play equipment had been carried out. There were no urgent matters raised. Clerk to forward report to Footpaths Officer.

9. COMMUNITY.

(242) Having attended the follow-up workshop on the 21st November, Councillors Winter and Wilson provided a further update on the Gatwick Route 4 proposals and consultation. An illustrative reminder of the 7 flight path options was presented with details of the Routes 3 and 4 NPRs overlaid, in order to formulate a response from the Parish Council by Friday 13th December 2019. Of the options presented, Councillors favoured two options, firstly Option 0 which is the current route followed by Option 7 which although concentrated does follow the NPR closely. All of the other options require flights to travel significantly north of the Route 4 NPR towards Route 3 and over the populated areas of East Surrey Hospital and South Reigate. It was noted that all of the curves pushed the flightpath towards the AONB west of Beare Green. Option 1 brought Route 4 almost coincident with Route 3. It was acknowledged that Option 7 fixing the flight path to the NPR would result in a constant concentrated path of air traffic however Councillors observed that fewer homes were likely to be impacted overall due to the path following a less densely populated route. Councillor Wilson to respond on behalf of the Parish Council by Friday 13th December.

(243) Councillor Hardy shared with Councillors that she had recently met with the Brockham Chair for an informal catch-up.

(244) Councillor Budd commented that Brockham's monthly Parish meetings are likely to change from the first to the third Monday of each month.

(245) Councillor Budd respectfully informed Betchworth Parish Council that Brockham Youth Council have plans to recycle real Christmas trees at the layby on Wellhouse Lane (Betchworth Parish).

10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

(246) 9.55pm District Councillors Budd and Potter left

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

(247) Clerk provided a very brief Action List review and reminded Councillor Wilson that the long term plan for the Burial Ground was still outstanding. Clerk to circulate an up to date Action List.

12. FINANCE.

(248) Councillors approved a 2.8% increase in Precept in line with inflation.

(249) Clerk's remuneration is pending approval and subject to further review by the Finance Group following comparisons with neighbouring Parishes.

(250) The Budget for 2020/21 is also pending approval and will be re-presented at the January Parish Council meeting.

(251) The Financial Summary spreadsheet was presented and the current financial position noted.

(252) The following amounts were approved for payment in December 2019 and signed & countersigned by Councillors Wilson and Rogers.

IB00220	Marion Hallett (Nov '19) Salary, phone, expenses	£	832.43
IB00221	HMRC Cumbernauld (Nov 19)	£	27.98
IB00222	Hamilton Room	£	20.00
IB00223	Shires Pay Services Q3 and GDPR	£	33.00
IB00224	Dave Elliott General Gardening	£	216.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(253) No other matters raised.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(254) Next Parish Council Meetings –6th January 2020 and 3rd February 2020.

(255) Councillors agreed with proposed Parish Meeting dates which had been circulated earlier in the month, confirmed for 2020 as follows: 6 Jan, 3 Feb, 2 March, 6 April, 4 May (nb Friday 8th is Bank Holiday), 1 June, 6 July, 3 Aug, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November, 7 December.

3rd Dec	-	GAL and NMB Public Meeting, Hilton, LGW South.
22nd Dec	-	9 Lessons and Carols
16 th Jan '20	-	Community Heartstart Course – Geoffrey Browne Room, BVH
17 th Mar '20	-	NALC Spring Conference, London

Parish Magazine Article for January 2020, deadline Monday 9th December 2019. Advertise Heartstart Course.

(256) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 9.58pm

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