

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020, at 8pm in the Hamilton Room.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

(257) Apologies were received from Councillor Higgins.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(258) No declarations of interest were received.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(259) The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2019 were approved noting two small amendments to items 229 word 'draft' inserted and item 240 words 'did not object to' replacing 'approved', and initialled and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT.

(260) A Police report was received for the month and shared with Councillors.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(261) Five members of public were in attendance in order to share their views on Planning Application MO/2019/2097, Broome Park. The attending members of public shared the opinion that the application lacked consideration in respect of the listed building status and gardens of historic importance landscaped by Capability Brown, that the location of the ramp was ill-thought-out and that the addition of arbour was unnecessary. It was also noted that there are a number of important specimen trees in Broome Park and concern for their future welfare was also expressed. Councillor Hardy highlighted the importance that any comments made to the Parish Council should be reinforced in writing to MVDC by individuals and that the Parish Council would formulate its own response if necessary.

(262) Five members of public left.

(263) A member of public shared information regarding a local quadbiker (child) and father who have been asked to discontinue quadbiking on and around the Common Field, and to be informed if quadbiking on the private land continues.

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(264) The Footpaths Officer provided a written and verbal report for activities carried out in December 2019. In summary: Litterpicks continue, in particular Wonham Lane, Sandy Lane and The Street. Further resurfacing to Greensand Way above Wonham Lane. Salt bags collected from MVDC; 10 bags still being held at the depot which the Betchworth farmer has offered to store in a dry place. Playground equipment checked on 6/12, 14/12 and 28/12 and remains fit for use.

(265) Farmer also offered to assist with storage/collection/distribution of hard surfacing if required.

(266) Councillors approved the FOs request to purchase more Stock MOT Type 1 surfacing.

(267) Spring Litterpick and village tidy date agreed: 21st March 2020.

(268) Councillors discussed options outlined by SCC to help manage unwanted weeds and growth in pavements and walls. Councillors agreed no further action from SCC until after spray in early summer, however Clerk will follow up with Estate farmer's contact who may

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assist in the interim. Councillors shared the opinion that locals/homeowners would not be likely to show enough support in favour of a 'community working party day'.

(269) Councillor Hardy reminded Councillors to think about 'Top Three Issues and Top Three Solutions' regarding local traffic management issues. One idea already put forward is the removal of white lines on The Street. Clerk to circulate 'shopping list' from Surrey Highways regarding costs of various traffic calming measures. All Councillors to share ideas at next meeting.

(270) Clerk updated Councillors on Highways planned road closures in Headley and Brockham by SES Water. Headley works not likely to affect Betchworth, however Clerk met with supervisor overseeing the Brockham project and was advised of 5 week delay. Clerk requested clear signage 'not suitable for HGVs' be displayed through Betchworth during period of Brockham's road closure.

(271) 8.40pm Footpaths Officer left.

(272) Councillor Winter provided a brief verbal update on LGW Route 4 amendment, having just received news that following a Judicial Review, a neighbouring Action Group had successfully campaigned to move the Gatwick Route 4 flight path 1km further North than its current pattern and will therefore adversely impact Leigh Village and South Betchworth. It is assumed that a reversal of this decision would be unlikely in the near future. Councillor Winter advised that local action group Plane Wrong are seeking legal advice and will advise on further action in due course.

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (6)

MO/2019/1889

6 The Quarry, Betchworth, RH3 7BY

Installation of an air conditioning unit in log cabin

OBJECT – close proximity to neighbours/
commercial venture in residential area

MO/2019/2097

Broome Park, The Stables, Station Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DF

Creation of 4 No. car parking spaces adjacent to the main entrance of Stable Cottage, erection of a timber arbour with permeable paved access path, wheelchair ramp from the terrace of the main building along with a permeable paved path around the perimeter of the grounds.

OBJECT – Application lacks consideration to LB Status and land of historic value.

MO/2019/2098 – INFORMATION ONLY, LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

Broome Park, The Stables, Station Road, Betchworth, RH3 7DF

Creation of 4 No. car parking spaces adjacent to the main entrance of Stable Cottage, erection of a timber arbour with permeable paved access path, wheelchair ramp from the terrace of the main building along with a permeable paved path around the perimeter of the grounds.

OBJECT – Application lacks consideration to LB Status and land of historic value.

MO/2019/2113

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

Proposed extension to north corner of property to provide ground floor shower room, extension of roof over to provide new en-suite facility to bedroom 2 with dormer window, alterations to south-east elevation to provide new French doors to sitting room and new window to bedroom 2, new French doors to bedroom 2 (North-East elevation), New dormer window and widening of existing dormer window to bedroom 4 (North-west and South-West elevations) and associated internal alterations.

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MO/2019/1060

Land at the junction of Middle Street and Wellhouse Lane, Brockham

PLEASE NOTE: Change of description to demonstrate scheme is now 100% affordable housing (no self build element).

The construction of 17 affordable dwellings (comprising of 12 social rent homes and 5 discount market sales homes) with associated access, parking and landscaping.

COMMENT: Chairs of Brockham and Betchworth PCs to send a joint letter to MVDC to be read at Committee

MO/2019/2237

1, Oakley Gardens, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AZ

Conversion of loft space above garage to habitable accommodation to include 2 No. roof lights to front roof elevation and insertion of door and external staircase to side.

NO COMMENT

Appeals (0)

Late Applications (0)

Results (5)

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2019/1586

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.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2019/1836

The Walled Garden, Betchworth

Remove three Juniper trees.

NO FURTHER ACTION

MO/2019/1844/LBC

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

Replace the main roof and lower lean-to roof.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2019/0868/1

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

Non-material amendment to allow two of the proposed house types to provide a different roof design to one, and amended facade and internal layout to the other.

APPROVED

Late Results (0)

Other Matters

(273) A brief discussion took place regarding CIL money expected from approved housing developments at Snowerhill and The Firs. Clerk to enquire how much is due and when the Parish Council would be likely to receive it. Clerk to report at next meeting.

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(274) Acknowledging that a Betchworth Neighbourhood Plan would increase the amount of CIL money available, Councillors queried the validity of the 2010 Betchworth Plan and to what extent an updated plan would be a legitimate means to request CIL at a higher percentage. Clerk to follow up.

(275) Councillors briefly discussed correspondence received from Crossways relating to planning application MO/2019/1527, and that further amendments had been considered by the applicant in response to comments from the Parish Council. Clerk to monitor and note for discussion when revisions are formally submitted to MVDC.

8. AMENITIES.

(276) Councillors agreed that allotment rules should continue to be observed and that a recent request for bee keeping at the allotment should be declined.

9. COMMUNITY.

(277) Councillor Hardy suggested extending an invitation to a local astronomer to speak at the 2020 Betchworth Annual Parish Meeting. Councillors supported this idea; Clerk to send invitation.

(278) Clerk circulated literature outlining the Surrey Hills AONB Executive Summary and Management Plan 2020-2025. Clerk has retained full copy of document.

(279) Councillor Hardy reminded those present of Christmas Tree chipping on Sunday 12 January on Wellhouse Lane. JH will attend along with Brockham and Buckland Parish Council Chairmen.

(280) Clerk confirmed to Cllr Budd that there would be enough space for Young Farmers to join the Heartstart Course on 16th January.

(281) Cllrs Budd and Potter and one member of public left.

10. COMMUNICATIONS/IT.

(282) Councillor Winter informed those present that he is continuing to work with another Betchworth resident to benefit from Superfast Surrey in currently unserved parts of the village, but that he was advised that the focus of continued roll-out is currently 100% towards businesses. Clerk advised that individuals in each rural village location would be best placed to pursue individually and suggested voucher scheme is explored further. Councillor Winter/Clerk to follow up.

11. CLERK'S REPORT.

(283) Clerk provided a brief Action List review and reminded Councillor Wilson that the long term plan for the Burial Ground was still outstanding. Clerk to review Action List further and remove any items no longer requiring action.

12. FINANCE.

(284) Councillors Hardy and Wilson formally approved and signed the Precept Requirement form requesting a 2.8% increase. Clerk to return form to MVDC asap.

(285) Councillors formally approved and signed a revised budget for 2020/2021, following amendments as a result of Clerk's Salary review.

(286) Following Clerk's Salary review a 10% increase in salary was formally approved from 1st April 2020, bringing the amount more in line with neighbouring parishes.

(287) Councillors discussed amount of suggested donation by Surrey History Centre, in order to cover administrative costs in order to archive bound Minutes. Councillors agreed a donation of £90 for this facility.

(288) The following receipts were noted: £120 (Burialground), £1040 (Burialground), £145 (Burialground).

(289) The Financial Summary spreadsheet was presented, noting increase in income due to receipts from the Burialground, however outgoings were high for December as a result of treeworks in the Burialground.

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(290) The following amounts were approved for payment in January 2020 and signed & countersigned by Councillors Winter and Ferrett.

IB00225	Marion Hallett (Dec '19) Salary, phone, expenses	£ 832.43
IB00226	HMRC Cumbernauld (Dec 19)	£ 27.98
IB00227	Hamilton Room (Jan '20)	£ 20.00
IB00228	Shires Pay Services Q4 and GDPR	£ 33.00
IB00229	TGM Burialground field gate and spur posts	£ 636.00
IB00230	Mattree Professional Tree Care	£ 540.00
IB00231	Betchworth Village War Memorial Hall	£ 29.00

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(291) Councillors briefly discussed first quote received for resurfacing Burialground Path. Councillor Wilson agreed to take a look; Clerk to request quote for tidying edges and removing plant growth from Burialground Footpath as an alternative to resurfacing.

14. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(292) Next Parish Council Meetings –3rd February and 2nd March 2020.

9 th Jan	-	Surrey Police & Crime Comm. Public Engagement mtg, HE, CR, JH
16 th Jan	-	Community Heartstart Course, BVH
16 th Jan	-	MVDC Youth Consultation Public Engagement event, The Malthouse, Dorking
22 nd Jan	-	Rural Crime Engagement Meeting – HE, CR
17 th Mar	-	NALC Spring Conference, London
31 st Mar	-	Betchworth Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Magazine Article for February 2020, deadline Monday 13th January 2020 Gatwick Flightpath article – EW.

(293) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 9.54pm

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