

BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **5 JULY 2021**,
Commencing at 8.00pm int Betchworth Village Hall, Station Road, Betchworth.

Present: Cllrs Hardy (Chair), Winter, Rogers, Higgins, Edwards, Wilson, Randall and Clerk (Marion Hallett), District Councillors Budd and Potter and one member of public attended part of the meeting.

ACTION**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

(84) Apologies were received from County Councillor Clack.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

(85) One declaration of interest was received from Councillor Wilson, relating to Planning Application MO/2021/0776 (neighbour).

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

(86) The minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2021 were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy as a true and correct record.

4. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT

(87) The police report with incidents for June 2021 was displayed.

5. OPEN FORUM.

(88) Councillor Hardy welcomed a resident who raised two issues relating to The Firs development; parking on The Street, and the felling of mature trees. Cllr Hardy and Clerk informed the resident that regular complaints regarding parking were continuously submitted to the developers office, and encouraged the resident to continue to make representations himself as well as submit online complaints to local police enforcement, which the Parish Council will also continue to do. Councillors informed the resident that they have engaged with MVDC enforcement regarding tree/screening removal as well as requesting a full application with specifications for wall reconstruction to the full height of previous wall along with appropriate planting in order to screen the houses once again. Councillor Wilson suggested that Clerk sends a 'before and after' street scene from google earth clearly illustrating the detrimental effect that the removal of trees have had on the street scene.

Clerk

(89) 8.15pm member of public left the meeting

6. TRANSPORT HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS.

(90) Councillor Randall provided a written and verbal update on progress with Highways matters; confirming locations had been identified and confirmed with SCC Highways for village gateways westbound on the A25, and Snower Hill at the Parish Boundary south of Gadbrook Road. Council to progress with purchase of gateways subject to confirmation of approval from land owner along Snower Hill, if necessary (awaiting confirmation from SCC).

Clerk/Cllr
Randall

(91) Cllr Randall confirmed he has made contact with rail contractors SERP, GWR & Network Rail in order to find a way to improve current complete lack of parking facilities at Betchworth Station.

(92) Cllr Randall also confirmed Betchworth Parish Council had made strong representations to MVDC and developers regarding tree removal at The Firs site.

(93) Cllr Winter provided a brief verbal update regarding footpaths; expressing intention to move forward with purchase of medium sized kissing gates for the stile replacements previously identified. Clerk to pursue grant with SCC as previously agreed. Cllr Winter proposed purchase of approx. 10 printed litterpick

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signs and small reflective bollards at an overall cost of £450 which was approved in principle by Councillors. Cllr Winter to ask MVDC for provision of bollards and if any cost implications, otherwise order independently.

Clerk

(94) Councillors approved a letter drafted by Cllr Wilson, outlining concerns over proposals for a 2nd Gatwick runway, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk to send to all concerned asap.

Clerk

(95) Cllr Winter provided a brief 'Route 4' update confirming the Airspace change proposals are ongoing – check/update in November. In addition, discussions surrounding the 'Future Airspace Initiative' are currently underway, which threatens to completely move existing flight paths away from existing NPRs. Cllr Winter to monitor and update accordingly.

(96) Clerk confirmed Clarion have yet to submit a plan to rebuild the wall along The Street and that the pavement is now not passable without stepping into the road. Clerk to continue to liaise with Clarion.

Clerk

7. PLANNING.

New Applications & Appeals (13)

New Applications & Appeals (1)

MO/2021/0872

The Stream, Old Road, Buckland, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DS (within 20m Betchworth)

Erection of detached double garage.

(97) COMMENT: Request rotation of pitch to avoid intrusion on adjacent footpath.

Clerk

MO/2021/0776/PLAH

More Place, Wonham Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AD

Erection of a single storey rear extension following removal of existing conservatory.

(98) OBJECT: Request conservation officer reviews existing permissions. Extension not in keeping with Grade II listed character. Too close to boundary.

Clerk

MO/2021/0778/LBC

More Place, Wonham Lane, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AD

Demolish conservatory and construct single storey extension. Reinstate opening in south wall of north east wing, create new partition and remove wall in the annexe and form a lobby (application for Listed Building Consent).

(99) AS ABOVE

Clerk

Section 1.2 – Variation Application

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ALEX SCAFFOLDING LTD

Director(s): TSVETELINA FIDANOVA

9 DORMANS COURT, CHEAM ROAD, EPSOM, KT17 1QY

New operating centre: THE EVERGREENS, REIGATE ROAD, BETCHWORTH, RH3 7DB

New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 2 vehicle(s)

The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 gives Surrey County Council, as a local authority, a right to object to Operator licence applications on grounds which include the following:

- the technical suitability of the access on to the public highway for the goods vehicles for which application is made;
- the capacity of the site to accommodate the vehicles for which application is made;

- adverse environmental impact caused in the vicinity of the site by the use of the site as an operating centre - this can include noise, dust or visual intrusion caused by the use of, or maintenance, loading and unloading of authorised vehicles at or in the vicinity of the operating centre;
- fitness, good repute or financial standing of the applicant.

Objections cannot be made on grounds of inconvenience caused to the public, or the unsuitability of the local highway network for the passage of the type or size of

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208422/otc-representations-objections-complaints.pdf

A map showing the postcode's location is attached.

(100) OBJECT: Land designated greenbelt, insufficient access, unsociable hours.

(101) 9.00pm: Cllr Potter left the meeting.

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Appeals (0)

Late Applications (0)

Results (3)

MO/2021/0574

Parrs Corner, Old Reigate Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DE

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension.
APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

MO/2021/0655

Holly Cottage, Wellhouse Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7HH

Removal of window in east elevation, retention of 'lucarne' doors on south elevation and doors on west elevation.

REFUSED

MO/2021/0832/PLA

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

Construction of new Vehicle Cross Over (VCO) to provide a dedicated access off The Street to Highworth, together with boundary walls.

APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS

Appeal Decisions (0)

Late Results (0)

Other Matters

(102) Road Name Discussion: SNN Case 8235 Snower Hill Development; Clerk reported that Goulburn Gardens had been approved.

(103) Councillors discussed the general lack of support and inconsistencies continually experienced with MVDC Planning Enforcement, as well as overall lack of actual enforcement. Cllr Budd to follow up with District Councillor James Friend (Leader, MVDC) and report back.

Cllr Budd

8. AMENITIES.

(104) Clerk displayed the proposed text for the Prophet memorial which was approved.

(105) Cllr Edwards confirmed play equipment checked on the following dates: 5th, 14th and 22nd June 2021.

(106) Clerk shared samples of recycled plastic material proposed for the three Parish Council notice board replacements, as well as a new board requested at The Burialground. Cllr Winter requested a physical viewing of a board in situ – Clerk to request provider to provide a location to facilitate this request.

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(107) Councillors agreed in principle to provide an additional noticeboard in order to display burialground rules in The Burialground. Clerk to add additional board to current quote from Fitzpatrick Woolmer.

Clerk

9. COMMUNITY AND COMMUNICATIONS

(108) Cllr Budd outlined proposals for a village procession to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which he would like to include Buckland, Betchworth and Brockham. The proposed date for this is 28 May 2022.

(109) Councillors discussed the likely requirement to form a Jubilee working committee. Cllr Hardy to follow up with member of community.

Cllr Hardy

9. SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT

(110) Councillors confirmed they are currently waiting to hear back from member of public who has promised to clarify implications of declaring a climate emergency for the Parish Council.

Cllr
Edwards

(111) Councillors expressed support of Re-Betchworth but acknowledged that the relationship with Parish Council needs to be further defined; whether the group is 'stand alone' (bank account required) or 'supported by' (working in conjunction with Parish Council & under PC guidance for approval required for specific projects). Councillors expressed keen wish to support Re-Betchworth initiatives; Cllr Edwards to seek views from Re-Betchworth.

Cllr
Edwards

(112) Cllr Edwards provided a brief verbal update on Re-Betchworth projects in the pipeline – updating on the wilding area (scarecrows dismantled), Goulburn Green leftover sand scheduled for removal, forest school taster session organised for 10 July and plans for a vegetable swap. Currently looking for volunteers to help with steering group.

(113) 10.02pm Cllr Budd left the meeting.

10. CLERK'S REPORT.

11. FINANCE.

(114) Councillors approved COVID Grant expenditure to pay for the Church waste pump which had seized due to under-use during the COVID pandemic. The Church toilet is available for use by the general public.

(115) Councillors acknowledged receipt of £735 (burialground fees)

(116) Clerk displayed a Finance Summary for consideration by Councillors, noting that expenditure has exceeded income this month.

(117) The following amounts were approved for payment in July and Aug. 2021:

IB00347	Marion Hallett – Salary Phone expenses	£	962.64
IB00348	HMRC – NI (June)	£	54.20
IB00349	Josh Flynn Gardening Services – June 2021	£	595.00
IB00350	Josh Flynn Gardening Services – footpaths	£	160.00
IB00351	BVH Room Hire June 2021	£	49.00
IB00352	COVID GRANT: Church pump replacement	£	1740.00
IB00353	Viking Stationery	£	155.44
FOR PAYMENT IN AUGUST 2021			
IB00354	Marion Hallett – July Salary	£	962.64
IB00355	HMRC – NI (July)	£	54.20
IB00356	Josh Flynn Gardening Services – July 2021	£	560.00
IB00357	Josh Flynn Gardening Services – hedges	£	130.00
IB00358	Signed PO for x2 speed surveys	£	720.00

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

(118) Councillors agreed to hold the September and October Parish Council meetings in the Village Hall, with a view to reverting to The Hamilton Room in November 2021. Councillors to review once again nearer the time.

(119) Clerk to follow up with MVDC regarding waste bin policy, once again noting fox disturbance at bins on Goulburn Green.

Clerk

13. FUTURE MEETING DATES.

(120) Next Parish Council Meetings – Monday 5th July, Monday 6th September (Cllr Hardy away, Cllr Winter to Chair).

- a. Next Parish Council Meetings - Mon 6th Sept, 4th Oct 2021
- b. Councillors agreed 25th September 2021 as date for next litterpick.
- c. 10th July Forest School Taster Session (all Councillors invited)
- d. 21st July Clerks Forum @ 10.30am
- e. Tennis Tournament: 17th July
- f. Village BBQ 24th July (from 7pm – Hardy's) and Tennis Finals 25th July (2pm – Red House)
- g. 25th September - Litterpick
- h. 28 May 2022 – Platinum Jubilee and Queen's Grand Parade

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**Parish Magazine Article: deadline for August mag: 12th July 2021 –
Countryside Code & Litterpick**

Clerk

**Parish Magazine Article: deadline for September mag: 16th Aug 2021 –
tidy house fronts and hedges.**

(121) Councillor Hardy closed the meeting at 10.17pm

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