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BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of the **BETCHWORTH PARISH COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 4TH JULY 2022**, commencing at 8pm in the Betchworth Village Hall, Station Road, Betchworth

Councillors (Cllrs) present:

Cllr Julie Hardy (JH) Chairman
Cllr Edward Winter (EW)
Cllr Graham Randall (GR)
Cllr Ian Wilson (IW)
Cllr Martin Higgins (MH)

Apologies

Cllr Robert Ashdown (RA)
Cllr Colin Rogers (CR)

Attending:

District Councillor Budd
1 Member of the Public

Apologies

District Councillor Potter
County Councillor Clack

In attendance: Cheryl Sexton (CS), Clerk & RFO

Minute #	Agenda item	Who
90	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr Ashdown, Cllr Rogers, District Councillor Potter, County Councillor Potter.	
91	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Declaration of interest was received from Councillor Higgins, relating to planning application MO/2022/1009 The Bungalow. The book was signed.	
92	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th June were approved and signed by Councillor Hardy.	
93	COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT The police report with incidents for July 2022 was displayed, discussed, and acknowledged.	
94	OPEN FORUM Cllr Hardy welcomed a member of the public to the meeting. An update was provided on The Poland Trust development with a planned road closure on Middle Street w/c 18 th July to allow services to be installed. MOP explained about their frustration as they need a temporary access from Wellhouse Lane, this is to enable the rear housing unit to be constructed but is reliant in meeting junction distance criteria which is not compatible whilst the 40mph limit remains. Poland Trust had hoped to place residents/tenants in the completed units next month but in view of the delay in execution of the Highways	

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	<p>Agreement for access from Middle Lane , the occupations are now likely to be set back to October which is detrimental to such a worthwhile project.</p> <p>A letter has been issued to Highways escalating a number of issues with delays in work including these concerns.</p>	CS
	<p>TRANSPORT, HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS</p>	
95	<p>Cllr Winter provided an update on footpaths. 4.5 Kissing gates were successfully installed with many thanks to the volunteers from Betchworth, SCC Countryside and the volunteers from various ramblers groups that came to help. 4 more need to be installed, Cllr Winter will be requesting help from volunteers over the coming weeks to complete the work.</p>	EW
96	<p>Following on from an action from last month (#58), a request was submitted to SCC to construct a pavement along the highway verge on Middle Street between the junction with Tweed Lane and Footpath 451. A response was received quoting a cost that would exceed £30,000. It was unanimously agreed that the benefit did not outweigh the cost, so this will not be pursued. Clerk to contact MOP who made the original request.</p>	CS
97	<p>Following on from an action last month (#57) regarding the path that runs between Betchworth Station and The Coombe, notification has been received from SCC stating that following an inspection of the trees along this route, it has been recorded that 12 trees north of the railway crossing are due to be felled. It was unanimously agreed to support this work to continue and we will reassess what work if anything is needed after this has taken place. Clerk to put on review for Autumn.</p>	CS
98	<p>Cllr Randall provided an update on Highways. Cllr Randall expressed his disappointment as all of our speed reduction plans are currently on hold due to the continued issues that we are experiencing with SCC Highways and the new contractors. We have been notified that the earliest possible date to get an estimate for work that has been in the system for 6+ months is September. A letter has been issued to Highways and copied to County Councillor Clack for comment.</p>	CS
99	<p>Cllr Randall updated council on the Wellhouse Lane speed survey which justified the reduction of speed, again we have been told that we cannot pursue this until the next financial year. Following on from the update in Open Forum this has a link to the temporary access requirement for The Poland Trust. This has also been included in letter to Highways.</p>	
100	<p>Cllr Randall regrets that we are unable to progress any of our future plans at present until we can resolve the outstanding points with SCC Highways.</p>	
101	<p>Cllr Randall updated council on the submission that was made to Great Western Railways to expand the distribution of the proposed map of Betchworth places of interest. Submission has been acknowledged.</p>	

102	Cllr Wilson provided an update on the map and requested that we seek permission from The Estate for the positioning of the maps. Cllr Hardy agreed to ask at meeting with The Estate.	JH	
103	A concern was raised on the potential copyright of the photographs on the proposed map, Clerk to ascertain the copyright issues and gain estimates for production of the map.	CS	
104	Cllr Winter provided an update on Gatwick, informing council that yet another consultation is underway. This consultation is about transportation and our concern will be more traffic coming through our villages. Cllr Winter will draft an email stating Betchworth Parish Council's position and encourage others to make comment.	EW	
<p>PLANNING</p> <p>MO/2022/0935 Rosemar Farm House, Shellwood Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8NT Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building of 30.48 metres x 9.44 metres for the storage of hay and agricultural machinery. No Comment Ratified</p> <p>MO/2022/1001 Penfold, Brockhamhurst Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AP Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use in respect of the occupation of a dwelling house in breach of occupancy condition. No Comment Ratified</p> <p>New Application MO/2022/1009 The Bungalow, Kiln Lane, Brockham, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7LZ Outline application for the consideration of access in respect of the erection of 33 No. dwellings along with associated public open space and highways improvements. Object</p> <p>Decisions (5) MO/2020/2143/3 Highworth, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ Non-material amendment to allow amendments to garage design and its position on site. APPROVED</p> <p>MO/2020/2143/2 Highworth, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ Non-material amendment to allow removal of photovoltaic panels from main building's roof and addition of 10 No. PV panels to northeast corner of site. REFUSED</p> <p>MO/2021/1999 The Firs, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ Variation of Condition 1, 8 & 11 of planning permission MO/2021/0089/CC for demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with 3 No. detached dwellings with double garages, provision of associated landscaping and</p>			CS

	<p>use of existing access in relation to the existing boundary wall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</p> <p>MO/2022/0847 Great Oaks, Snowerhill Road, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7AQ Prior notification for the erection of a single storey rear extension of 6.70 metres deep and 3.00 metres high with a height at the eaves of 3.00 metres.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED</p> <p>MO/2022/0935 Rosemar Farm House, Shellwood Road, Leigh, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8NT Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural building of 30.48 metres x 9.44 metres for the storage of hay and agricultural machinery.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED</p> <p>For MO/2021/1999 The Firs : Please note that a decision was made the day after our council meeting which meant that our objection was not recorded.</p>	
	AMENITIES	
105	Acknowledged that the play equipment has been checked on 6 th & 22 nd June.	
106	No memorial requests were submitted.	
	CLERKS UPDATE	
107	Clerk displayed draft Clerks Report which will be included as an appendix to the minutes from next month. Council approved the new format.	
108	It was acknowledged that MO/2022/1057 (as a late entry), Highworth, The Street, Betchworth, Surrey, RH3 7DJ . This was discussed to be of no consequence. To appear on the agenda next month to ratify.	CS
109	It was acknowledged that MO/2022/1063 (as a late entry), 3, Home Farm Close, Betchworth, Surrey, RH37DX . This was discussed to be of no consequence. To appear on the agenda next month to ratify.	CS
110	District Cllrs Budd left at 9.00pm.	
	FINANCE	
111	Councillors acknowledged the transfer of £60,936.12 to the new UNITY account.	
112	Councillors acknowledged receipt of £1425.40 (Burialground, Allotment and duplication of expenses).	

113	Clerk displayed and discussed the up-to-date financial summary.																																					
114	The following amounts were approved for payment in July 2022 by Cllrs Winter and Wilson:																																					
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next Parish Council Meetings – 1st August, 5th September b. SCC Meeting regarding County Deals – 13th July – Cllr Hardy c. Betchworth Tennis Tournament -16th & 17th July – Community d. SLCC meeting – 20th July – Godalming – Clerk e. MVDC Clerk Meeting – 3rd August - Clerk 																																					
115	PARISH MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Invitation for email address and Kissing Gate update	CS																																				
116	MEETING CLOSED AT 9.14pm																																					

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