

BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023.

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Those Present: Cllr. P. Hutt; Cllr. J. Russell; Cllr. H. Samuelson; Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. M. Akers; Cllr. G. King and Clerk Mrs D. Horswell.

Also present: Ward Cllr. D. Smith; Ward Cllr. S. Jupe and County Cllr. R. Thomas and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts– attending a CCC meeting.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: No changes.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 15th May 2023.

After it being noted that it had been omitted from the Minutes that Cllr. Akers was present at the May meeting **the Minutes were approved and AGREED by all Members present and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

4. Finance:

4.1 To approve: Invoice Payments (Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.)

DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection June	£102.38 (Vat £17.06)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages May	£180.57
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Reimbursement for brushes etc	£42.99 (Vat £7.16)
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary May	£809.26
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC May	£218.65
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband June	£81.13 (Vat £13.52)
Bacs	Goodfellers	Tree Work – Recreation Ground	£570.00 (Vat £95.00)
Bacs	Blean Village Hall	Hall Hire 12/6/23	£24.00
Bacs	Meadow Grange	Plants/Weedkiller/Gloves	£85.81 (Vat £14.31)

Total Paid Out: £2,114.79

Bank Statement as at 31st May 2023 - Current Account £51,480.65

(This does not include all the outgoing transactions in this banking report).

All Members present **APPROVED** and **AGREED** the payments.

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4.2 To Note: CCF Funding Agreement for 2023/2024 has been signed by the Chairman and Clerk and returned to CCC. Copy kept by BPC.

4.3 To Note: The completed AGAR 2022/2023 and supporting documents have been sent to Mazars, the External Auditors.

5. Planning: (Planning Report for discussion circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting)

Planning Applications:

23/00521 - 6 detached dwellings consisting of 3 no. one and a half storey, 2 no. two and a half storey and 1 no. 2 storey dwelling together with formation of access and associated hardstanding following demolition of existing industrial buildings - **Butlers Court Farm, Blean Common - Blean Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the flood risk assessment makes no reference to the discharge from the Gladmans Waste Water Treatment Plant, on the planned neighbouring site on Blean Common which has recently been granted, and is thought will flow in this direction.**

This application is being called into committee.

To Discuss: Correspondence from Goddard Planning.

23/00667 - T.P.O. No 26 1990- T1 Oak tree, located in the woodland adjacent to fence, coppice by 3ft. - **Woodville House, Woodville, Blean - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

23/00780 - Change of use together with single-storey detached building for use as coffee shop along with use of land ancillary to the garden centre and construction of polytunnels - **Meadow Grange Nursery - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

23/00865 - First floor side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of garage - **124 Blean Common - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

23/00848 - Two-storey side extension to existing outbuilding including 3 dormer windows to front elevation together with single-storey detached outbuilding - **The Willows, Pean Hill - Comments by 16th June.**

23/00912 - Detached single-storey garage - **11A School Lane - Comments by 16th June.**

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Decision Notices by CCC:

23/00502 - Change of use of land from open field to a dog walking field together with the erection of fence with timber posts and a metal gate - **Field To The East Of The Gas Distribution Centre And South Of The Private Access Track Leading Off Honey Hill Road A290 - GRANTED**

23/00437 - Application for lawful development certificate for existing use of cabin as a dwelling -. **Brook Farm Cabin, Denstroude Lane - WAS LAWFUL**

23/00504 - Single-storey rear extension, porch to front, together with alterations to roof to include dormers to both sides - **105 Blean Common – GRANTED**

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6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:

6.1 County Cllr. Thomas reported on:

Free Buses for Big Weekend for Kent and Medway residents.

Consultation on the closing of some Household Waste Recycling Centres.

6.2 Cllr. Hutt welcomed Ward Cllr. Steph Jupe to the meeting as a new Ward Councillor.

6.3 Ward Cllr. Dan Smith reported that it is fairly quiet at the moment.

Ward Cllr. Ricketts is to chair the Scrutiny Committee meeting later this week.

Consultations are out for Boundary Changes and Waste Sites.

7. Reports and Updates:

7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

Bookings have been slightly less recently, but have picked up again now, with several new enquiries for future dates.

Preparations are now well under way for the Village Fete which will take place on Saturday June 24, with 33 stalls, live music, childrens races, child and adult tug of war and other arena activities also.

7.2 N.H.W:

All reports are circulated to Cllrs.

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7.3 Footpath Report: Cllr. Samuelson and Cllr. Russell.

With the recent weather lots of the footpaths are overgrown. Reported to P.R.O.W.

7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.

There are potholes on the road near the bus stop at the Royal Oak which had previously been identified by the KCC Highways Steward following the surfacing in the road improvements scheme. Cllr. Jeffers has reported it to KCC.

Cllr. Akers said that he has made numerous complaints about road issues.

7.5 Speedwatch Report: Cllr. Akers and Cllr. Russell.

Five volunteers attended a recent session which was a practice as sessions need to be booked in advance.

7.6 Clerks Report:

Recreation Ground

The Rowan Tree planted in the recreation ground to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been replaced due to it not growing very well.

The Defibrillator check was completed by the clerk on 30th May and updated on The Circuit website. The CCF Funding Agreement 2023/2024 was signed by the Chairman & Clerk and returned to CCC. A copy is kept by BPC.

The tree work in the recreation ground as identified in the tree survey has been completed by Goodfellers Tree Surgeons.

Dates of forthcoming meetings in the coming year unless for any reason they have to be changed.

10th July, 11th September, 9th October, 13th November, 11th December, 12th February 2024, 11th March 2024, 8th April 2024 and Annual Parish Council meeting on 13th May 2024.

8. Matters raised by the Public:

David Gammon reported that the footpath that runs through the farm is overgrown making it difficult to access. The relevant footpath number will be identified and the clerk will report it.

9. Matters to be discussed: (Any relevant papers circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting).

9.1 Crab & Winkle/Tyler Hill Road Crossover.

Cllr. Thomas said that at the meeting which was held in November 2022 concerning this issue it was noted that the bike imprint on the road and red coloured tarmac surface was done before 2009. He suggested that maybe CCC can help especially Ward Cllr. Ricketts as he is now a Transport Strategy cabinet member.

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9.2 Moving of the picnic table from the patio outside the Hall.

It was thought it best to find out the cost of a hard standing to position the table on before a final decision is made.

9.3 Repair of the fort.

It was agreed that Ken would fill the posts with wood glue and Cllr. Hutt will then get caps to fit over them.

9.4 Update on Village Sign.

The sign is to be erected within the next two weeks. It was decided that Cllr. King will re-dedicate it when once it has been erected. Cllr. Jeffers raised the matter of a plaque being added to the post dedicated to Bagpuss. The family is to be contacted to see if they are in agreement.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Russell reported on the plastic-free initiative which continues with the launch in Canterbury on 5th July with a gathering of people at The Drapers Arms. Cllr. Russell will ask Rosie Cullen whether she would like to attend.

10.2 Cllr. Akers said that he is happy to collate a village newsletter.

10.3 Ward Cllr. Jupe asked whether a basketball hoop can be installed on the recreation ground.

11. Any Other Business for discussion at the next meeting on 10th July.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

These Minutes remain as draft minutes until approved by the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Date _____

Signature _____