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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th November 2022

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

Also present: Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts.

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr B. Flack (Vice-Chairman) – clash of meetings; Cllr. H. Samuelson – unwell; Ward Cllr. D. Smith – work commitments and County Cllr. R. Thomas – meeting clash.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

It was noted that Cllr. King had been re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. No other changes were reported.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 10th October 2022.

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was incorrect at the end of the Minutes. This being rectified the Minutes were presented for Approval.

Proposed Cllr. King, Seconded Cllr. Russell and All Members present **AGREED.**

These being approved the Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Finance:

4.1: (Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.)

Approval for invoice payments – November 2022

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| DD | Lili Waste Services | Waste Collection November | £93.02 (Vat £15.50) |
| Bacs | Mr K Waddington | Handyman Wages October | £164.63 |
| Bacs | Mrs D Horswell | Clerk Salary October | £765.39 |
| Bacs | HMRC | PAYE & NIC October | £176.23 |
| DD | XLN | Telephone & Broadband November | £70.92 (Vat £11.82) |
| Bacs | BVHMC | Hall Hire 14/11/22 | £20.00 |
| Bacs | Meadow Grange | Winter Bedding | £17.70 (Vat £2.95)Paid <i>between meetings.</i> |
| Bacs | Meadow Grange | Varnish & Winter Bedding | £37.58 (Vat 6.26) |
| Bacs | Commercial Services | Quarterly Grounds Maintenance | £921.78 (Vat £153.63) |

Total Paid Out: £2,267.25

Received in: BVH – 50% Waste Collection Sept/Oct & Grass Cutting 16/9/22 £99.69

Bank Statement as at 31st October 2022 - Current Account £41,932.91

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

All payments approved by all Cllrs. Present.

4.2: To Receive: AGAR Conclusion of Audit 31st March 2022

Following the submission of the Parish Council's Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2021/2022 to the External Auditor the report and certificate has been received with no matters of concern. **Noted and Received.**

4.3: 2022 – 2023 National Salary Awards: The LGA has notified NALC that they have come to an agreement on the new pay scales for 2022-2023 to be implemented from 1st April 2022. Employers are encouraged to implement this pay award as swiftly as possible. **Noted and Approved.**

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

Planning Applications:

22/01977 - Single-storey rear extension - **15 Chapel Lane** - **Blean Parish Council have some concerns about this application and are inclined to raise objection due to the considerable depth of the new rear extension resulting in potential loss of sunlight and outlook to the rear windows of the adjoining bungalow no 17.**

22/02036 - Roof extension, dormer to rear, together with rooflights and solar panels to front - **20 Chestnut Avenue** - **Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application or the revised plans.**

22/02262 - Two semi-detached two-storey dwellings with associated parking, following demolition of existing bungalow – **8 Blean Common** – **Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application but requests that, as the southern boundary of the site adjoins the Blean Conservation Area, the City Council's Conservation Officer assesses the potential impact of this development on the adjoining Conservation Area.**

22/02313 - Erection of attached two-storey dwelling - **21 Chestnut Avenue** –**Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application ,however raise concerns that in the original planning permission for vehicular access onto Blean Common (ref CA/16/01846), the plans clearly show that vehicles have a turning area so that they can safely enter and leave the site in forward gear. This is clearly shown by the approved plan 16 -02-02a under condition 2 of that permission. However, this does not seem to have been correctly provided at the site and nor is it in the proposed plans. From a highway safety point of view Blean Parish Council consider that CCC/Kent Highways should look into the safety of the existing/proposed vehicular access onto Blean Common before considering and determining the application.**

License

Reference:- LAPFV/22/02575 - Meadow Grange Nursery - General description from Part 3 - Operating schedule: We now wish to sell alcohol in the farm shop and remove the current

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restrictions that are in place. Our current license has a general condition within annex 2, to only sell local beers and wine for consumption off site. We now wish to expand our range to sell alcohol products with no restrictions on type or origin. We would like to make an adjustment to the license which would enable us to serve alcohol within our cafe and garden centre 7 days a week between the hours of 11:00-1800 Monday - Saturday and 11am -1600pm Sundays. We would also like to hold up to 12 events per year for customers, during the event we would like to sell and consume alcohol on the premises between the hours of 1800pm -1100pm Dates for these events have not been chosen – **Blean Parish Council has no objection.**

Decision Notices by CCC:

22/01874 - Extension to roof with rooflights to front and dormer to rear, together with two-storey rear extension – **20 Chapel Lane – GRANTED**

22/01977 - Single-storey rear extension – **15 Chapel Lane – GRANTED**

22/01946 - TPO No 8 1990, - crown reduce one Ash tree and one Field Maple by 30%, located at the front of the property - **Honeysuckle House, 28 Honey Hill – GRANTED**

22/01548 - Relocation of boundary fences belonging to Greenfields and Melrose and erection of a fence - **Melrose And Greenfields, Pean Hill - GRANTED**

5.1 Gladmans: Initial Case Management Conference held on 21st October.

Cllr. Hutt spoke, on behalf of Blean Parish Council as a Rule 6 party, at this meeting. It was also attended by the Planning Inspector, a representative of Gladman Developments Ltd and CCC Planning officer.

Inquiry Timetable (circulated to Cllrs. for information).

The timetable for the submitting of documents and of the Inquiry has been received and circulated. Cllrs. Flack, Hutt and Jeffers are working on the Statement of Case to be submitted by Blean Parish Council.

6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:

6.1 Ward Cllr. Ricketts:

Cllr. Ricketts spoke on the following:

- Highway works – Planting trees and bridge repairs.
- CCC Capital Grants
- Sub-letting of beach huts
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Fly-tipping
- Draft Local Plan Consultation

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6.2 County Cllr. Thomas:

Cllr. Thomas, in his absence, had sent the following report:

Kent County Council are holding a consultation on a new primary school at Thanington. Details at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/thanington-primary-school>

At last week's Joint Transportation Board two Active Travel proposals, in (Longport) Canterbury and Herne Bay (town centre), were recommended for approval.

<https://democracy.canterbury.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=126&MIId=13085>

You will of course be aware of the Local Plan consultation and the circulation plan for transportation movements around Canterbury. Please do check out the subset of consultations and submit your response(s) before the end date in January. <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/main-item/cabinet-urges-public-to-have-its-say-on-draft-planning-blueprint/>

Further to this there are two drop in sessions for associated strategies which are:

'As part of our current consultations on the draft Open Space Strategy and Tree and Woodland Strategy, we will be holding one public meeting for each of the strategies.

These will take place as follows:

Tree and Woodland Strategy
Thursday 1 December, 10am to 12pm
The Guildhall, St Peter's Place, Canterbury CT1 2DB

Open Space Strategy
Monday 5 December, 2pm to 4pm
The Guildhall, St Peter's Place, Canterbury CT1 2DB

There is no need to register to attend, you can simply come along on the day.'

On a similar theme there was an update about cycle lockers too <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/cycle-lockers-available-at-watling-street-car-park/>

The council has unveiled its parking/park and ride initiative in the build up to Christmas <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/free-park-and-ride-as-the-city-lights-up-for-christmas/>

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Flytipping is always a scourge on the countryside. A small win announced but if there are other hotspots that need bringing to the council's attention do let me

know. <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/woolage-green-flytipper-pleads-guilty-in-court/>

To keep abreast of the upcoming decisions by the council's cabinet there is a forward plan detailing what, when and who etc. The latest version can be viewed at

<https://democracy.canterbury.gov.uk/mgListPlanItems.aspx?PlanId=302&LLL=0>

Nasons redevelopment given the go ahead overcoming Stodmarsh issues. <https://www.kentonline.co.uk/canterbury/news/green-light-for-drastic-26m-high-street-transformation-276671/>

Kent County Council has a consultation on a country parks strategy <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/countryparksstrategy>

Through my open space contacts, at East Kent Parks Forum, we're hoping to hold a briefing session in the first week of December. If anyone would like to attend do let me know.

7. Reports and Updates:

7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

At the recent AGM, Anne Clifford was re-elected as Chair, with Godfrey King re-elected vice Chair. Bookings continue to be encouraging, with a number of parties over the Christmas period and in the New Year. The Christmas Makers market, with lunches, light refreshments and Santa's Grotto will be held on Saturday December 3rd. These markets are proving very popular, raising cash for stall holders, some of whom represent charities.

Increasing fuel costs and other commitments have meant a slight increase in hiring costs, with hirers being very understanding about the need for this to happen.

7.2 N.H.W:

It was noted that reports of scams have been received and circulated.

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

Cllr. Russell reported that all footpaths that had been walked were fine and that the issue with the kissing gate had been resolved.

7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.

Cllr. Jeffers reported that Bourne Lodge Close will be closed on Monday for carriageway repairs.

7.5 Clerk's Report:

Recreation Ground

Ken has varnished the planters at the bus shelter, but he has reported that they are rotten and will

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need replacing next spring.

Ken has reported that a group of lads have been seen jumping up and down on the youth shelter and the bus shelter at Tyler Hill Road/Blean Common junction.

The rope for the fort has been delivered and replaced.

Vicarage Lane - new street name sign has been put in place.

The defibrillator check was completed on 8th November and updated on The Circuit website.

Standards Committee Update on Local Government Ethical Standards – response to CCC by 14th November.

Proposal of amendments of CCC's Member's Code of Conduct and Arrangements for dealing with Councillor Conduct Complaints. Both documents form part of the Council's Constitution. A report will be submitted to CCC's Standards Committee on 21 November 2022 at 10am (at the Guildhall). It will also be presented to CCC's Council meeting on 5th January 2023.

Draft Local Plan – Guildhall Consultation meeting – 2nd November. Cllr. Hutt & Cllr. Jeffers to attend.

KALC Canterbury Area Committee meeting – signing of the Parish Charter – Monday 21st November at 5pm in the Guildhall – Cllr. Hutt to attend.

Outstanding Issues:

Repainting the white lines of the disabled bay outside the shop – reported to CCC and is on the contractors list to do.

Bus Shelters - Works Orders have been raised by CCC for jet washing of the two bus shelters.

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

Another training session is to be held which is hoped will attract more volunteers than the last one. Also, another practical session to be held.

The idea of contacting the Rough Common group to co-ordinate with them was discussed.

8. Matters raised by the Public:

No Members of the public present.

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

9.1 Draft Local Plan – CCC briefing session attended by Cllr. Hutt and Cllr. Jeffers:

The briefing session was for villages and Parish Councils. There is a small development shown on the Draft Local Plan at Mill Field in Tyler Hill Road. The consultation ends on 16th January 2023.

9.2 Recreation Ground – picnic table:

There was a discussion on the various designs, and it was thought that a wheelchair accessible one would be the best option. It was agreed to discuss it at the December meeting when Cllr. Flack would be present to give her thoughts.

9.3 Nature Reserve meeting – Cllr. Hutt Report:

Cllr. Hutt had met with Hazel Bielby, who is a volunteer in the Nature Reserve, and discussed

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various matters including the re-instatement of the paths around the pond.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Russell mentioned that work is being carried out in the fields at Honey Hill Farm which probably needs to be kept an eye on.

10.2 Cllr. King reported that the panel in the bus shelter at Tyler Hill Road/Blean Common junction is still missing and it was noted that the bus shelters have still not been cleaned despite works orders being raised some time ago. The clerk will chase up with CCC.

Cllr. King also mentioned a hedge along Blean Common that is growing out onto the pavement making it difficult for pedestrians to pass and especially mobility scooters.

10.3 Cllr. Jeffers reported a mirror at a property on Blean Common which is positioned too low and is a hazard for pedestrians. He is going to check which property it belongs to.

10.4 Cllr. Hutt put forward a suggestion that when the village sign is put back up it might be a nice idea to have a plaque put up stating that Blean is the home of Bagpuss. This would obviously have to be agreed by the creator's family.

Cllr. Hutt also said that before being put back up it should be checked that the original siting for the post and sign meets with current Highway regulations.

11. Any Other Business for discussion at the next meeting:

The next meeting will be on Monday 12th December at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

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

Date _____

Signature _____