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Prior to the Parish Council meeting a public meeting was held to which eighteen residents attended. This was to discuss the application below which is to be re-determined by a Planning Inspector at an inquiry in late February/early March 2023.

Site Address: Land At Blean Common, Blean, CT2 9JJ Application ref: CA//15/02523

Description: Outline application for the erection of up to 85 residential dwellings (including up to 30% affordable housing), structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space, surface water attenuation, vehicular access point from Blean Common and associated ancillary works. All matters reserved with the exception of the main site access.

Appellant's name: Gladman Developments Ltd

Appeal ref: J2210/W/16/3156397

The Chairman of the Parish Council led the discussion with residents adding their comments. Residents were encouraged to submit their comments to the Planning Inspectorate by the 23rd December 2022.

There then followed the Parish Council meeting.

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

Also present: Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts; Ward Cllr. D. Smith and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr B. Flack (Vice-Chairman) – in hospital and County Cllr. R. Thomas.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

No changes were reported.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 14th November 2022.

Proposed Cllr. Jeffers, Seconded Cllr. Akers 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 December | £93.02 (Vat £15.50) |
| Bacs | Mr K Waddington | Handyman Wages November | £164.63 |
| Bacs | Mrs D Horswell | Clerk Salary November | £1,236.75 |

Includes salary increase (NALC) and backpay to 1st April 2022

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| Bacs | HMRC | PAYE & NIC November | £374.01 |
| DD | XLN | Telephone & Broadband December | £70.92 (<i>Vat £11.82</i>) |
| Bacs | BVHMC | Hall Hire 12/12/22 | £30.00 |
| Bacs | SLCC | Annual Membership Fee | £177.00 |

Total Paid Out: £2,146.33

Bank Statement as at 30th November 2022 - Current Account £4139,683.36

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

All payments approved by all Cllrs. Present.

4.2. To Present and Approve: Budget 2023/2024

The budget had been circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr. Hutt, Seconded by Cllr. Samuelson and approved by all Cllrs. Present.

4.3. To Discuss and Approve Precept 2023/2024

After discussion it was agreed to set the precept at **£22,825.00** which is the same as 2022/2023. The reserves are estimated to stand at £30,000 at the end of the financial year (31st March 2023) which is in line with guidelines as set out by KALC to have 6 months to a year's expenditure in reserves. There will still be sufficient reserves to match fund any grants we may receive for projects. The quote for the tree maintenance in the Nature Reserve has been accounted for in the 2023/2024 budget also any election expenses we may incur as well as replacement battery and pads for the defibrillator.

Proposed by Cllr. Samuelson, Seconded by Cllr. Jeffers and approved by all Cllrs. present.

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

Planning Applications:

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, raises 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**

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Highways should look into the safety of the existing/proposed vehicular access onto Blean Common before considering and determining the application.

22/02483 - T.P.O no 3 1995 - T1 - Laylandii - fell, T2 - Weeping Willow - to reduce tree by approximately 30% (2-3m in height and 2m on side growth) in front garden – **12 Honey Hill – Comments by 23rd December**

22/02494 - Single-storey side extension - **11A School Lane – Comments by 6th January**

22/02553 - TPO No 8 1990, Ash tree and Field Maple re-pollard to previous cutting points, located at the front of the property - Honeysuckle House, **28 Honey Hill – Comments by 13th January**

22/02477 - Single-storey side extension - **75 Honey Hill - Comments by 13th January**

22/02545 - Two-storey extension to West elevation and single-storey extension to North elevation together with single-storey detached outbuilding for use as ancillary accommodation - **3-5 Tile Kiln Hill - Comments by 13th January**

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 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 – **No objection by Blean Parish Council**

Decision Notices by CCC:

22/02036 - Roof extension, dormer to rear, together with rooflights and solar panels to front - **20 Chestnut Avenue – GRANTED**

Appeal

20/02414 - Car park for use of existing public house and development of existing car park to provide 6 two-storey houses with associated vehicle access and parking - **4 Blean Hill**

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The appeal has been **DISMISSED**.

Appeal Decision

Site visit made on 6 September 2022 by D Szymanski BSc (Hons) MA MRTPI an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State

Decision date: 18 November 2022

Appeal Ref: APP/J2210/W/21/3278160 4 Blean Hill, Blean CT2 9EF •

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a failure to give notice within the prescribed period of a decision on an application for planning permission. •

The appeal is made by Gregory Bunce of Prime Folio against Canterbury City Council. •

The application Ref CA/20/02414, is dated 27 October 2020. •

The development proposed is new car park for use of existing public house, and development of existing car park to provide 6 houses with associated vehicle access and parking.

Decision

1. The appeal is dismissed and planning permission is refused.

Procedural Matters

2. Only the original applicant has the right of appeal. While initially submitted in the name of Mr Gideon Israel of Lakebridge Ltd., the appeal proceeds in the name of the original applicant, Gregory Bunce of Prime Folio.

3. The appeal has been submitted due to the failure of the Council to give notice of its decision within the prescribed time period. The Council has subsequently advised it objects to the application for the following reasons: The applicant has failed to provide sufficient information to demonstrate that the development would not have an adverse effect on the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve SAC and RAMSAR or that the proposal would achieve nutrient neutrality. As such, it would be contrary to the Habitat Regulations (as amended) to grant consent for development which, on advice of Natural England, would affect the integrity of a European site. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies LB5 and LB6 of the Canterbury District Local Plan and National Planning Policy Framework. The proposed development is located outside of any settlement identified as suitable for residential development within policy SP4 and the proposal does not meet any of the exceptional circumstances listed under policy HD4 where new houses in the countryside would be supported. The proposal would therefore represent an unsustainable and harmful form of development, contrary to policies SP1, SP4 and HD4 of the Canterbury District Local Plan 2017. Appeal Decision APP/J2210/W/21/3278160

<https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> 2 The applicant has failed to secure the delivery of necessary measures to mitigate the impacts of the proposed development on Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA and Thames, Medway and Swale SPA. Without such mitigation measures, it would be contrary to the provisions of the Habitat Regulations and Directive to grant consent for development which, on advice of Natural England, would affect the integrity of a European site. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policies SP1, SP6, LB5 and LB9 of the Canterbury District Local Plan and NPPF.

4. I have had regard to these views in setting out the main issues below.

5. Since the appeal was lodged Natural England (NE) has provided updated its advice in relation to nutrient level pollution in a number of river basin catchments¹ including for the Stodmarsh Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area and RAMSAR site (herein Stodmarsh). It also clarified there could be effects upon the Special Protection Area designation, which was not referred

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to in the Council's reasons it objects to the application. The 2021 Housing Delivery Test (HDT) results were published on 14 January 2022. The Council and the Appellant have been given the opportunity to comment upon the implications of these matters for their cases, which I have taken into account in determining this appeal. Main Issues

6. The main issues are: • the effect of the proposed development upon Stodmarsh, the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay Special Protection Area (the TSSPA) and the Thames, Medway and Swale Special Protection Area (the TMSSPA) as habitats sites; and, • whether or not the proposed development would be in a suitable location having regard to policies for the location of new housing. Reasons Habitats sites

7. The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended) (the Regulations) require that where a plan or project is likely to result in a significant effect on a European site (habitats site), a competent authority is required to make an Appropriate Assessment (AA) of the implications of that plan or project on the integrity of the European site in view of its conservation objectives. In this case the Council objects to the application due to its alleged effects upon three sites (Stodmarsh, the TSSPA and the TMSSPA). Any likely significant effects (LSEs) arising from a development need to be considered alone and in combination with other development in the area, adopting the precautionary principle.

8. The appeal site lies within the catchment of Stodmarsh. Its importance is due to its wetland habitats, reed beds and grazing marshes. The designated qualifying features are its assemblages of wetland invertebrates including the Desmoulin's Whorl Snail, and rare wetland birds, including wintering and/or breeding Bearded Tit, Bittern, Gadwall, Hen Harrier, and Shoveler. 1 Natural England - Advice for development proposals with the potential to affect water quality resulting in adverse nutrient impacts on habitats sites – March 2022. Appeal Decision APP/J2210/W/21/3278160 <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> 3

9. The appeal site is also located within identified zones of influence of the TSSPA and the TMSSPA. The TSSPA includes a range of coastal habitats used by a large number of migratory and wintering birds. It supports an important breeding population of Little Tern and important wintering populations of Golden Plover and Turnstone, which are its qualifying features. The TMSSPA is a wetland that provides habitats for important assemblages of wintering and breeding migratory birds and water birds assemblages, and supports notable populations including Dark-bellied Brent Goose and Dunlin. These are its qualifying features.

10. The conservation objectives of all the habitats sites are to maintain or restore the integrity of the sites by maintaining or restoring the extent, distribution, structure, function and supporting processes of the habitats of the qualifying features and species, the population of each of the qualifying features and species, and the distribution of the qualifying features and species within the habitats sites.

11. Nutrient levels (phosphorus and nitrogen) are resulting in eutrophication in parts of Stodmarsh, adversely affecting the protected habitats and species, such that some of the lake units are now in an unfavourable condition. While research is ongoing, Stodmarsh is thought to be at risk from additional nutrient inputs, including from new developments coming forward within its catchment. NE has adopted a precautionary approach that LSEs on Stodmarsh and its designated features and species, due to the increases in nutrients from wastewater from new development, cannot be ruled out2 .

12. This proposal would result in six additional dwellings within the Stodmarsh catchment, so could result in LSE due to increased nutrient inputs. NE has been consulted advise that the attainment of nutrient neutrality is a way of securing mitigation for new development, and there is an updated

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methodology to calculate it. The appellant has provided calculations and suggested a variety of planning conditions in respect of a detailed surface water drainage scheme not discharging onto the highway, a detailed foul water drainage scheme to require discharge into sealed cesspits, the emptying of cesspits by a new management company to one four named sewage treatment works outside the catchment, and provision for purchase by the Council in the future.

13. NE is satisfied that tankering foul water out of the catchment is an acceptable means of mitigating the impacts associated with the discharge of foul water. However, it is of the view there is insufficient evidence to determine whether there would be a residual impact associated with surface water run-off.

14. In respect of the proposal to condition a scheme for foul-water disposal by tankering off-site, I have not been provided with written assurance that the named water treatment works would either be willing, or under any obligation, to take wastewater from the proposed development. In addition, once tankers carrying wastewater are outside the appeal site, it is not clear that the deposit and processing of wastewater would be within the appellant's control. Therefore, I am not satisfied this condition meets the tests of being either reasonable or enforceable, and would ensure there is no LSEs on Stodmarsh. 2 Advice on Nutrient Neutrality for New Development in the Stour Catchment in Relation to Stodmarsh Designated Sites - For Local Planning Authorities (November 2020).

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15. The appellant is of the view surface water run-off may not result in increased nutrients given the level of hard surfacing and vegetated areas would be similar, and the level of fertilisers applied on the site would be unchanged. The appellant's nutrient calculation suggests both the current and proposed land use can be classed as residential urban land so inputs would be the same. However, the area for the new dwellings and car park is currently a public house car park and garden, with little if any area used for a residential land use. Therefore, I am of the view the calculation is not sufficiently rigorous.

16. Vegetation within the appeal site is relatively informal and it is not clear what level of fertiliser is used upon it. The proposal would result in a number of new garden areas, that would be likely to be used for more intensive landscaping, cultivation and ornamental planting, and be subject to pet waste deposit. These are likely to result in an increase in nitrate and phosphate loading into surface water. For similar reasons in respect of that of foul-water, I cannot be certain this could be mitigated by planning condition, and would ensure there is no LSEs on Stodmarsh.

17. Studies have found that a range of outdoor sporting and recreational activities result in disturbance of birds at the TSSPA and the TMSSPA. The proposal would introduce six new dwellings within zones of influence, in which it is identified that future new housing is likely to result in increased visitors and recreational disturbance to TSSPA and TMSSPA and their qualifying features. Therefore, the effects of this scheme alone and in combination with other development would have LSEs on the TSSPA and TMSSPA.

18. The Council has produced a Strategic Access, Management and Monitoring Plan³ for the TSSPA setting out a variety of mitigation measures (SAMMs) delivered through a partnership project to ensure that development, does not have an adverse effect on the integrity of the TSSPA. Mitigation measures include on-going monitoring and surveys, wardening, signage and interpretation, and educational measures. This is funded by a per-dwelling tariff, required to be secured by means of a planning obligation.

19. For the TMSSPA there is a Strategic Access, Management and Monitoring Strategy⁴ setting out a variety of mitigation measures (SAMMs) to mitigate bird disturbance, delivered through a local

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partnership (Bird Wise project). The SAMMs include wardening, education, interpretation and signage, new and/or enhanced infrastructure, and enforcement and monitoring. This is also funded by a per-dwelling tariff, required to be secured by a planning obligation.

20. NE advocates the principle of designating zones of influence and the identification of the pathways of effects. Based upon the evidence before me, I am satisfied that subject to a payment being secured against the appeal scheme via planning obligations or other suitable mechanisms, the measures would overcome the LSEs on the TSSPA and TMSSPA.

21. The appellant states they will pay the necessary contribution via a planning condition requiring the payment of a specified amount of money to the Council in relation to the TSSPA only. NE has not objected to the condition. However, the Council is of the view a planning obligation is necessary. There is no Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Plan in respect of the Canterbury section of the Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA, Main Report, Version: Final, November 2017. 4 Thames, Medway and Swale Estuaries – Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy. Unpublished report by Footprint Ecology (2013). Appeal Decision APP/J2210/W/21/3278160 <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> 5 means of index linking the sum in the condition, to ensure it reflects the costing of mitigation at the time it is used, or guaranteeing it will be only used to deliver the necessary mitigation in the future. Therefore, I do not have sufficient certainty the mitigation is secured or would adequately mitigate the LSE on the TSSPA. Moreover, the condition does not secure a payment to mitigate the effects upon the TMSSPA.

22. Therefore, the proposed development does not make adequate provision to mitigate the recreational disturbance impacts and thus maintain or restore the integrity of the TSSPA and TMSSPA. I cannot be certain that it would not have LSE upon their integrity. The appeal scheme makes no other provision to mitigate the impacts and thus maintain the integrity of the TSSPA and TMSSPA.

23. Applying the precautionary principle, in the absence of appropriate mitigation being secured, the appeal scheme would have significant adverse effects upon the integrity of the TSSPA, TMSSPA and Stodmarsh. For this reason, the appeal scheme would fail to adhere to their conservation objectives. Imperative reasons of overriding public interest do not exist, it has not been put to me there are no alternative solutions, and no compensatory measures will be provided. Therefore, section 63(5) of the Regulations precludes the proposal from proceeding.

24. For the reasons set out above in respect of Stodmarsh the proposal conflicts with the Habitats Regulations and Policies LB5 and LB9 of the Canterbury District Local Plan (2017) (the Local Plan). In respect of the TSSPA and the TMSSPA it conflicts with the Habitats Regulations and Policies SP6, LB5 and LB9 of the Local Plan. In combination and amongst other things the policies seek to avoid a net loss to biodiversity and ensure development that may be likely to have an adverse impact upon the integrity of the habitats sites will not be permitted unless adequate mitigation measures are secured to ensure no adverse effect upon their integrity. It also conflicts with paragraph 180 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) (the Framework) which states that if significant harm to biodiversity cannot be avoided or adequately mitigated, then planning permission should be refused.

25. Policy SP1 of the Local Plan refers to the Council taking a positive and proactive approach and applying the presumption in favour of sustainable development in accordance with the Framework. Therefore, it is of less relevance to this main issue than the policies I have set out above. Location

26. Policy SP4 of the Local Plan sets out the strategic approach to the location of development. The pre-text explains it adopts a sequential approach to the sustainable location of new development, with

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a settlement hierarchy based upon their size and range of services. New development will be focussed towards named settlements proportionate to their size and hierarchy position. Provision of new housing that of a size, design, scale, character and location appropriate to the character and built form of the local centre of Blean, will be supported within the settlement provided it is not in conflict with other plan policies.

27. The Council has put it to me the development is within the countryside, however, it has provided little substantive reasoning or pointed me towards criteria it has applied to reach this conclusion. The Local Plan does not define Appeal Decision APP/J2210/W/21/3278160

<https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> 6 the built confines of villages on the proposals map, and there is little clear explanation of how settlements should be defined. The appellant is of the view the appeal site is approximately 800m from the southern boundary of Blean and 2km from the northern boundary, so is a central part of the local centre.

28. From what I saw, the appeal site forms part of a linear pattern of development along Blean Hill which includes significant clusters of dwellings and other built development both to the north and south of the appeal site. The largest concentration of dwellings and facilities appears to be approximately 300m north of the appeal site. However, there are significant groups of properties either side of the highway to the south, including Blean Primary School which is a clearly a sizeable facility serving the local centre, a wellness centre, and a pet day care facility.

29. Blean Hill outside the appeal and much of it to the north and south had continuous footway and street lighting on the eastern side, with a 30mph speed limit. While I noted a village sign close to the junction with Tyler Hill Road, this was well within the larger concentration of dwellings, therefore, it does not appear to mark the southern boundary of the settlement. Neither could I see any other signage that might demarcate the south of Blean.

30. Given the significant clusters of development either side of the appeal site, the location of the primary school and other facilities to the south, the nature of the highway, its speed limit and street lighting, this is suggestive the appeal site can be considered as part of the local centre for the purposes of Policy SP4. There is no substantive case put to me by the Council that would lead me to an alternative view. Therefore, based upon the limited evidence before me, the appeal site is within the local centre. As I have found the development not to be located in the countryside, Policy HD4 is not relevant to this proposal.

31. The Council's objection to the application is specifically in relation to it being located outside a settlement. For the reasons set out above, I find the proposed development would be in a suitable location having regard to policies for the location of new housing, in compliance with Policy SP4 of the Local Plan, the relevant provisions of which I have set out above.

32. Policy SP1 of the Local Plan refers to the Council taking a positive and proactive approach and applying the presumption in favour of sustainable development in accordance with the Framework. Therefore, it is of less relevance to this main issue than Policy SP4. Other Matters

33. The Council's objection to the application in respect of Policy SP4 appears to be only in respect of the principle of its location, and has not substantiated or reasoned harm or policy conflicts with regard to any other matters set out within the policy. The appeal site is located within the Blean Conservation Area (BCA), within which Section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires that special attention is paid to the desirability of preserving or enhancing its character or appearance. I have noted interested party representations in respect of matters including heritage assets, character and appearance, and assets of community value.

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34. The appellant has also provided evidence in respect of the aforementioned matter and other matters to advocate compliance with relevant policies and Appeal Decision APP/J2210/W/21/3278160 <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> 7 benefits of this proposal. There would be economic and social benefits, including in respect of housing land supply and delivery through the provision of the appeal scheme, and there is likely to be other benefits such as in relation to minor biodiversity enhancements on the site.

35. However, Regulation 63(5) of the Regulations 2017 states that the competent authority may agree to a plan or project only after having ascertained that it will not adversely affect the integrity of the European site. Therefore, even if I were minded to take the view the proposal would result in all the benefits set out by the appellant including preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of the BCA, I cannot allow the appeal. Conclusion

36. While I have taken the view the proposal would not conflict with Policy SP4 of the Local Plan, in-light of my findings above in respect of Stodmarsh, the TSSPA and the TMSSPA the proposed development would be contrary to policies of the development plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. Moreover, it would conflict with the Habitats Regulations, under which as the competent authority, I cannot allow this appeal.

Therefore, the appeal is dismissed and planning permission is refused.

Dan Szymanski INSPECTOR

6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:

6.1 Ward Cllr. Ricketts:

Cllr. Ricketts urged the Parish Council to respond to The Draft Local Plan.

6.2 County Cllr. R. Thomas:

In his absence Cllr. Thomas has sent the following report:

Hopefully, you will have heard that I met with Cllr Flack and the Kent Highways Team at the end of November to discuss the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) - most notably with regards to the thorny issue of the Crab and Winkle Way road surfacing on Tyler Hill Road, the A290 improvements and to chase an update on a previous statement by a KCC officer that an average speed cameras could be considered. With regards to the Tyler Hill Road surfacing we were assured that an options paper/update would be made available so that it could be considered at the February parish council meeting. This will hopefully include what is legal, what the costs would be and what implications, if any, of any changes. It may be that some options are not legal, would not receive funding from KCC or may not be retained when the roads need resurfacing. We shall see what the update brings.

The HIP meetings will be at least once a year but hopefully on a pragmatic basis if more changes are needed in the parish.

In terms of other areas of council work you may find the following of interest:

Bus services have been challenging for a long time, pre-pandemic as much as post-pandemic, but applications are now open for the Community Transport Scheme if local initiatives need funding.

<https://kccmediahub.net/applications-open-for-community-transport-grant/>

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Trading Standards action in Canterbury

<https://kccmediahub.net/trading-standards-seize-hundreds-of-illegal-vapes-in-partnership-day-of-action-in-canterbury/>

Reminder for parents of children under five about getting the flu jab with the rising cases of Strep

<https://kccmediahub.net/parents-urged-to-have-children-vaccinated-against-flu-2/>

New road surfacing technology being trialled to increase the length of durability

repair <https://kccmediahub.net/new-method-of-treating-kents-roads-to-be-trialled/>

New money and debt advice in Kent

<https://kccmediahub.net/new-kent-money-advice-hub-launches-as-need-for-debt-advice-grows/>

Consultations

Gypsy and Traveler Sites - Pitches Policy

<https://kccmediahub.net/consultation-opens-on-kccs-gypsy-and-traveller-sites-pitches-policy/>

7. Reports and Updates:

7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

The makers market and Christmas lunch was very successful and well attended. Santa's Grotto was very popular with children from a wide area.

Bookings for the New Year are encouraging, with a number of parties and also returning hirers.

The cafe which has opened in the parade of shops in Tyler Hill Road is proving very popular with residents and visitors to the village. The delicious food and warm welcome is a huge success.

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.

No reports of any problems.

7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.

It was noted that the streetworks in Vicarage Lane have been extended to the 14th December.

7.5 KALC Report – Cllr. Flack

No report as Cllr. Flack is in hospital.

7.6 KCC Meeting:

This was reported on by Cllr. Thomas in his County Cllr's report above 6.2.

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

Only one person is available for the December training session.

Cllr. Ricketts stated that he is trained and happy to do a shift. It was suggested that Blean Speedwatch group merge with Rough Common. Cllr. Akers will speak with them.

8. Matters raised by the Public:

No matters raised by the public present.

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

9.1 Recreation Ground – Picnic table and planters.

It was decided to seek grant funding for this project with the Parish Council having sufficient funds to match fund.

9.2 Nature Reserve – quote for tree and hedge management.

A quote has been obtained from Goodfellers for this work which has been circulated to the Parish Council for approval. All Cllrs. present agreed to the work being done.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Jeffers mentioned that there is a thought that the GP surgery in Tyler Hill Road may not re-open.

10.2 Cllr. King mentioned the newly opened café which is very good and busy.

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

11.1 Cllr. Russell said that she had been contacted by Cllr. Bobrowicz from Hackington Parish Council to ask if Blean Parish Council would be interested in getting involved in a plastic-free initiative.

11.2 Ward Cllr. Ricketts spoke about the Lord Mayor Charity Fund and asked for people to let him know of anyone they think who may be eligible.

There being no meeting in January the next meeting will be on Monday 13th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.26pm.

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

Date _____

Signature _____