

Blean Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, School Lane, Blean
on Monday 11th February 2019

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Those Present: Cllrs. B. Flack (Chairman); W. Leetham (Vice-Chairman);
L. Harvey; P. Wakeling; C. Dunster; J. Rouse and Clerk D. Horswell.

Also present: Ward Cllr. G. Metcalfe; County Cllr. R. Thomas and four members of
the public.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. G King – Unwell; Cllr. H. Samuelson – previous
engagement; Ward Cllr. Amy Baker and Ward Cllr. B. Fitter-Harding –
Conservative Group meeting.

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

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th December 2018:
Proposed by Cllr. Leetham, seconded by Cllr. Harvey and all Members present
AGREED.
Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Banking Report January 2019 Approval for invoice payments

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection January 2019	£92.40 Vat £15.40
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages December 2018	£167.00
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary December 2018	£692.66
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC December 2018	£147.25
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband January 2019	£36.26 Vat £6.04
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Colour Ink Cart	£28.00
Bacs	Commercial Services	2 nd Half Yearly invoice	£90.28 Vat £15.05

Total Paid Out

£1,253.85

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Paid in:

Cheque – UK Power Networks PLC - £46.42

Total Paid in £46.42

Bank Statement as at 31st December 2018

Current Account £23,390.62 (Not including all the transactions above)

Includes Innovation Grant of £2,000 (for setting up Youth Council) of which there is a balance of £1,839.25

Banking Report February 2019 Approval for invoice payments

DD	Serco	Waste Collection February 2019	£75.36 £12.56
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages January 2019	£167.00
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary January 2019 Postage .63p	£692.66
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC January 2019	£147.25
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire February 2019	£15.00
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband February 2019	£37.68 £6.28
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Reimbursement for: Materials for seat repairs	£22.12 Vat £3.69
		Materials for Rocket repairs	£32.20 Vat £5.37
		Annual Subscription for AVG Anti-virus	£49.99 Vat £8.33
		MS Office 365 Annual Subscription	£59.99

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Bacs	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal	£851.04

Total Paid Out **£2,150.29**

Paid in:

BVHMC – Waste Collection Oct 2018	£38.50
BVHMC – Waste Collection Nov 2018	£31.40
BVHMC – Waste Collection Dec 2018	£32.15
HPC – 50% Shred-it Document Disposal	£47.09
HPC – SLCC Annual Membership portion	£54.60

Total Paid in **£203.74**

Bank Statement as at 31st January 2019

**Current Account £22,282.55 (Not including all the transactions above)
Includes Innovation Grant of £2,000 (for setting up Youth Council) of which there is
a balance of £1,839.25**

Notes:

**KCC Grant approved but not yet received (to replace safety surface under elephant
springer)**

Internal Audit booked for 29th April.

**The Chairman gave thanks to Ken Waddington who had worked hard on making
new seats for the rocket which had been vandalised and has now extended the life of
it and also on installing the new bench and base for the bench.**

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5. PLANNING REPORT January 2019

Planning Applications:

1. 18/02292 - Proposed roof extension and 3 no. dormers to create additional living accommodation in the roof space - 11 The Green, Blean, CT2 9HR - Blean Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Applications Received since last meeting:

1. 18/02560 - Proposed three-storey medical school building with associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works - University of Kent, Park Wood Road, Blean – Blean Parish Council supports this application and think it is good to see the two universities working together on this project.
There are reservations on the transport plan with the thought being that there needs to be an objective not to use private vehicles for transport between the two universities.

2. 19/00133 - Proposed detached single-storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and associated car-port, parking, driveway and landscaping – Land adjoining Linden Lea, 2 Blean Common, Blean, CT2 9ES – Comments by 22nd February

The Chairman asked Members to consider when making a comment that an application for a dwelling on this site has already been granted and this was just a change in the design.

Members agreed that, as there was very little change, that, Blean Parish Council had no objections.

Decision Notices:

1. 18/00384 - Proposed detached single-storey dwelling and associated works - Land adjoining Linden Lea, 2 Blean Common, Blean, CT2 9ES – GRANTED

2. 18/01945 - Proposed detached single-storey dwelling - The Mill House, 40 Tyler Hill Road, Blean, CT2 9HT – REFUSED

CONDITIONS/REASONS:

1 The proposed dwelling would lie within the open countryside and with no justification having been demonstrated in accordance with the requirements of Policy HD4. By reasons of its location, the application site is poorly accessible to a range of day to day services including employment, leisure, shopping, education and other activities. The future occupiers will, therefore, have reliance upon private cars. The proposed

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development would, therefore, result in an unsustainable form of development and the proposal is contrary to policies SP1, SP4 and T1 of the Canterbury District Local Plan 2017 and the National Planning Policy Framework.

2 The proposal would give rise to an unnecessary, unsustainable, and harmful form of development outside the urban area and would represent an unacceptable encroachment into the countryside to the detriment of the open and spacious character of the area and would fail to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Tyler Hill Conservation Area. The proposed development would therefore fail to accord with policies DBE3, HE1 and HE6 of the Canterbury District Local Plan 2017 and with the National Planning Policy Framework.

3 The applicant has failed to secure the delivery of necessary measures to mitigate the impacts of the proposed development on the Thames, Medway & Swale Estuaries and The Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay 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 the advice of Natural England, would affect the integrity of a European site. The proposal is therefore in conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework and policies SP1, SP6 and LB5 of the Canterbury District Local Plan 2017.

3. 18/02098 - Proposed single-storey detached garage with storage in the roof following demolition of existing garage - Hothe Court Farm, Tyler Hill Road, Blean, CT2 9LU – GRANTED

4. 18/02199 - Proposed two-storey side and single-storey rear extensions - Giles Cottage, Giles Lane, Blean, CT2 7LT – GRANTED

5. 18/02224 - Proposed two-storey detached science hub to provide student learning space, offices, a meeting room, IT and welfare facilities - Department Of Biosciences, University Of Kent, Giles Lane, Blean, CT2 7NZ – GRANTED

6. 18/02292 - Proposed roof extension, 1 no. dormer and 2 no. rooflights - 11 The Green, Blean, CT2 9HR - GRANTED

6. Report from Ward Cllrs, County Cllr. and PCSO:

6.1 County Cllr. Thomas reported on:

- **Setting of the budget by both KCC and CCC.**
- **Notification of a bus portal which will be very useful. He mentioned that 44% of bus services are subsidised.**
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- Kent Community Oasis Garden 13th – 19th May which is Mental Health week.

6.2 Ward Cllr. George Metcalfe spoke on:

- Power cuts – Power networks – Tel No. 0800 3163105 if residents have any problems
- St. Edmunds school who have won an English Speaking Union Debating Competition
- Park & Ride at Wincheap and the plan to extend it into Hambrook Marshes – consultation runs until 19th February
- National Campaign on Toxic Air

Cllr. Thomas also spoke, as a City Cllr., about CCC renewing CCTV cameras from analogue to digital, BT 5G roll-out and the next waste contract which will still include a similar collection method and rotation.

6.3 PCSO Report: *(Report attached to these minutes).*

The Chairman said that the PCSO's pop into the lunch clubs at Blean and Tyler Hill when they can.

7. Reports and Updates: (Reports circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting)

7.1 *Village Hall Report:*

The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee met last Monday when the Committee looked at the conceptual drawings for Phase 2.

Interviewing is taking place for the post of caretaker initially for ten hours per week.

7.2 *N.H.W. Report (attached to these minutes)*

All NHW advice is passed to street monitors.

Mainly scams so be constantly aware and talk to neighbours.

7.3 *Speedwatch Update:*

Mike Gladman, the new Speedwatch co-ordinator, reported that the equipment has been returned from Unipar. It has been tested which has resulted in a new eye being fitted to extend the range of vision. The scheme is now back up and running with nine volunteers and two more that can be called upon. Although Mike is running the practical side, a co-ordinator is needed who can use a computer to upload the data but, in the interim, the clerk will send in the sheets to the Police Speedwatch co-ordinator.

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Mike has spoken to Blean School who are enthusiastic for Speedwatch sessions to be operated outside the school.

The Chairman gave thanks to Mike for all his hard work on getting it up and running again.

8. Matters raised by the Public:

8.1 Mrs Letts said that there was still rubble on CB7. Cllr. Thomas will chase Kent Highways up.

8.2 Mr. Jeffers raised the matter of the closure of the Blean Tavern and what was happening. It was noted that the car park has been very useful in being used for school parking.

8.3 Cllr. Flack raised the matter of the Post Office which had been open two sessions a week in the shop but has now ceased. Post Office Ltd is still willing to offer the facility but need a sub-postmaster to run it.

9. Matters to be discussed:

9.1 Update: Youth Council – Cllr. Samuelson:

In his absence Cllr. Samuelson had sent a report:

After the initial open meeting held at the end of last year, we convened a first meeting at the end of January. At this stage, 5 children have come forward and are keen to be involved ranging from year 6 to year 12 age.

At the meeting in January we discussed the kind of things that would be liked, for the village together, and how we could get involved with village events.

Ideas such as Activity days, new football goals, easter party, enhancements to playing field were discussed.

A further meeting has been arranged for after half term.

It's a good starting point, but we do need to get more children involved. This can be done in a number of ways but needs to be the priority for a medium term venture. I will propose a marketing campaign, that can be funded from the grant to ensure that we have a stable platform moving forward and that it can be self run.

Cllr. Harvey added that this has planted the seed for the future, a postal drop will be done around the village and they will consult with the school Council to get some ideas.

9.2 Update: seat outside shops:

The rainbow seat has now been installed and the plinth repaired. Cllr. Flack thanked Ken, the handyman, for all his hard work on this. The plaque will be put back on the seat as soon as possible.

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9.3 Update: Previous Speedwatch Equipment – Cllr. Samuelson:

Cllr. Samuelson sent an email to say that there had been no uptake from Blean School to have the equipment. Cllr. Thomas will ask whether any school in his area might like it.

9.4 Chapel Lane parking (item from last meeting):

The Parish Council has heard from CCC Transportation Department that white lines are to be painted across residents' driveways in Chapel Lane to deter vehicles being parked across them. The clerk has written to Mr Corrighan, who first raised the matter, to advise him of the action being taken.

9.5 Replacement of two dead trees on Westfield:

The trees will be replaced by CCC as there is a replacement scheme in place.

9.6 Highway Issues:

Red Tarmac Gateway Scheme – Royal Oak

Cllr. Flack explained that this is at the safe haven crossing point at the Royal Oak. It has been explored many times about a zebra crossing being installed at this point but, due to legislations, this is not viable so it was thought that a red tarmac surface would be useful as a highlighter.

Cllr. Thomas spoke of the Government Roads Fund which will be used on the A290 in 2020/2021. He will make sure that KCC work with the Parish Council to determine the works that are needed. Cllr. Thomas pointed out that the money that has been granted for the A290 extends along the whole road from the Westgate Towers to Seasalter.

Crossover point at Crab & Winkle/Tyler Hill Road

Cllr. Flack said that there had been a few near misses where the Crab & Winkle crosses over Tyler Hill Road. Where the surface is wearing off it is showing that there was originally a red tarmac surface there with a SLOW sign painted on the road but it has been resurfaced over. It was thought that it would be an effective way of making motorists aware at that point.

Cllr. Harvey said that cyclists and runners on the Crab & Winkle also don't stop as they are not aware that a road is there. Cllr. Leetham said that it needs a STOP sign and the 30mph speed limit needs extending.

Repainting of pinchpoint by Mount Pleasant:

Cllr. Flack said that the white gates at the pinchpoint need repainting but it is not safe for the village handyman to do so KCC will be asked to do it.

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9.7 For Information – CCC Annual Parking Review – consultation closes at noon 15th February:

Requests have been put in for double yellow lines on the junction of Chestnut Avenue and School Lane. Also, for a pavement parking ban on the pavement on the opposite side of the road from the shops.

9.8 For Information: – Gladman Update:

Now Gladmans have challenged the decision made in the High Court which CCC won, there will be a one day hearing on 12th March. It could take up to three months before we get the result.

9.9 Parish Council Election;

All the existing Parish Council stand down this year. Members of the public who are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should have their nomination papers in to CCC by 3rd April.

In view of this the Chairman put forward a motion that the next meeting be moved from 11th March to 18th March which will also be the date of the Annual Parish meeting followed by the short Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council meeting in April is cancelled.

Proposed by Cllr. Leetham, Seconded by Cllr. Rouse and all Members present
AGREED.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Harvey reported that the drains in the road are blocked at the Blean Tavern.

10.2 Cllr. Leetham said that he has chased KHS about resurfacing the Crab & Winkle at Amery Court but has received no reply. He has also chased Eastbridge Hospital about the culvert but, again, has received no reply.

10.3 Cllr. Rouse mentioned about the shop door that is still not repaired. This is thought to be because of the insurance. She asked about the law of cyclists having bells on their bikes which Cllr. Leetham explained.

10.4 Cllr. Dunster reported that the pavement is still cracked on the south side of the Blean sign.

11. Any Other Business for discussion at next meeting:

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Date _____

Signature _____

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Dear Parish Councillors, NHW.

Enclosed is a report for the rural areas for January 2019.

REPORTED CRIME INCIDENTS.

Blean, Rough Common & Tyler Hill

Burglary, Giles Lane

Upper and Lower Harbledown

Theft Limes Place-Harbledown

Chartham & Chartham Hatch

Attempt Burglary- Tower View , Chartham

Petham, Pett Bottom, Waltham, Bossingham, Upper & Lower Hardres, Nackington, Anvil Green and Garling Green.

Theft of a bike-Street End

Criminal Damage to a vehicle- Kake Street- Waltham

Bridge, Patixbourne, Bishopsbourne, Kingston, Bekesbourne

Exposure- Patixbourne

Barham, Woolage Village, Woolage Green ,Womanswold, Adisham

Littlebourne, Stodmarsh, Ickham, Wickhambreaux, Grove Ferry and Bramling.

There has been a lot of thefts and burglaries in the rural of late and with the night's drawing in there could be a lot of activity, so please keep doors and windows locked. Please report anything to the Police on either 101/999. Also there has been a large amount of smashed windows in cars in Canterbury, please don't leave any personal belongings in you cars and leave them unattended. Also there appears to be a lot of scams, one impersonating Police officers asking for money and other various scams asking for details of pin numbers and also money. If things don't appear right to you then please let Action Fraud know via their website and ring it in to the Police.

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We have also conducted various Speed Surveys in and around the Parishes, these results have been passed onto Speed Watch.

Regards

Gavin, Amy and Emma

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH report- December/February 2018

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET
Phone: 01227 450853/mob 07843962986
e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

Ten relevant reports were received from Kent Police between December 28th 2018 and February 7th 2019 and forwarded to the 16 links around the village of Blean.

Burglary features a lot in the police reports including distraction burglary. The latter is often mentioned in reports.

A comparatively new police unit was mentioned in one of the reports and here is a brief overview of their work:

Regional crime unit makes more than 400 arrests in 2018

The police unit tasked with tackling serious and organised crime across the eastern region has made more than 400 arrests and seized more than 110 kilograms of drugs in 2018.

The regional organised crime unit, which is part of the Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU), is tasked with managing the threat posed from crime types such as firearms supply, county drugs lines, child sexual exploitation, cybercrime and modern day slavery.

In 2018, officers from the unit arrested 438 people, secured jail sentences of almost 500 years, recovered 63 firearms, and seized 90 kilograms of Class A drugs and 23 kilograms of cannabis.

Almost £5 million has also been confiscated by the unit from convicted criminals

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under the Proceeds of Crime Act, and 27 account freezing orders have been secured using new legislation introduced this year.

Officers use a range of specialist tactics and work closely alongside police forces and partner agencies to disrupt dangerous offenders operating across Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent.

Hannah Wilkinson, head of the regional organised crime unit, said: "It's been a really successful year for ERSOU as we continue to grow and expand our capabilities.

"Thanks for the hard work of our officers and partner agencies, a large number of prolific criminals will be spending Christmas behind bars and we've taken a significant quantities of drugs and illegal firearms off the streets.

"We're looking forward to continuing the fight against serious and organised crime in 2019, and protecting people across the eastern region from harm."

Successes for ERSOU this year include:

- Six members of an organised crime group who ran a multi-million pound drugs supply business in Luton being jailed for almost 100 years*
- Two brothers jailed for defrauding more than 200 victims out of almost £17 million*
- Two men sentenced after pleading guilty to being involved in a series of ram raids across the eastern region*
- Securing what is believed to be the country's first ever account forfeiture order following the introduction of new legislation*

About ERSOU

The Eastern Region Special Operations Unit (ERSOU) tackles serious organised crime and the terrorism threat across the eastern region.

It is made up of a regional organised crime unit (ROCU) and a counter terrorism policing unit (CTP).