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## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th November 2026.

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**Those Present:** Cllr. P. Hutt (Chairman); Cllr. H. Samuelson (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. J. Russell; Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. S. Mohan and Clerk Mrs D. Horswell.

**Also present***:* Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts; Ward Cllr. S. Jupe; Ward Cllr. D. Smith and three members of the public.

**1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**
No Changes to DPI's; Cllr. Samuelson declared an interest relating to agenda item 4.1 - Grant to Blean Pre-school.

**3.To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 12th October 2026.**
The Minutes were **PROPOSED by Cllr. Jeffers, SECONDED by Cllr. Samuelson and APPROVED by all Members present. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

**4. Finance:**
**4.1 To Discuss: Grant to Blean Pre-School.**
Lorraine, the leader of Blean Pre-school was present to answer questions raised by the Council. She explained the funding arrangements which had changed and affected cash flow. Before a decision is made Lorraine was asked to quantify the accounts. Decision deferred to the December PC meeting.

**4.2 Invoice Payments November (**Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting).

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| DD | Lili Waste Services | Waste Collection November | £158.44 (Vat £26.41) |
| Bacs | Mr K Waddington | Handyman Wages October | £220.38 |
| Bacs | Mrs D Horswell | Clerk Salary October | £933.25 |
| Bacs | HMRC | PAYE & NIC October | £377.39 |
| DD | XLN | Telephone & Broadband November | £116.07 (Vat £19.35) |
| DD | HugoFox | Monthly Website Charge | £11.99 |
| DD | HugoFox | Monthly Email Charges | £20.99 |
| Fee | Unity Trust Bank | Monthly Service Charge | £7.00 |
| Bacs | BVHMC | Hall Hire November | £24.00 |

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| Bacs | Kompan Ltd | Safety Surface Repair | £478.44 (Vat £79.74) |
| £351.16 paid from S106 money | | | |
| Bacs | KCC | Contribution to seat at Winding Pond | £200.00 |
| Bacs | Commercial Services | Grounds Maintenance July/Aug/Sept | £2236.43 (Vat £372.74) |

**Total Paid Out: £4,784.38**

**Bank Statement as at 31st October 2026 - Current Account £64,173.54***
*(This does not include the outgoing or all the incoming transactions in this banking report).*

- **Includes Community Infrastructure Levy money from 2025/2026 - £24,273.51.**

**PROPOSED by Cllr. Jeffers, SECONDED by Cllr. Samuelson and all Cllrs. present APPROVED the bank payments.**

**4.3 To Accept: Budget 20272028 (**circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting)
After discussion it was agreed to defer the acceptance of the budget until the December meeting.

**4.4 To Discuss & Approve: Precept requirement for 2027/2028 (**circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting).
As the budget had not been accepted the precept requirement was also deferred until the December meeting.

**4.5 To Discuss: Save the Blean - Barrister's Fees - Reg 19 - Local Plan –** pending.

**5**. **PLANNING REPORT November 2026**

**Planning Applications:**
**26/01495 - T.P.O no 3 1995, Willow- Crown reduce by 2-3 meters in height and 2 meters laterally - 12 Honey Hill – Blean Parish Council has no objections – GRANTED.**

**26/01560 - TPO No.4/2013, trees marked as blue on sketch plan- Fell located to land at rear - The Damsons , 41A Chapel Lane - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application – WITHDRAWN.**

**26/01761 - TPO 4/2013- Fell 11 dead Ash trees and fell Goat Willow located to land at rear of The Damsons - The Damsons, 41A Chapel Lane – Comments by 4th December.**

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**Decisions by CCC:**

**25/00389 - Two-storey detached dwelling. - 29 School Lane – GRANTED**

**5.1 Update: 25/02369 – 140 Blean Common – application for car wash –** still awaiting decision.
Ward Cllr. Jupe has contacted the planning officer dealing with this case and received the following reply:
'I am beginning to make significant progress on my backlog of applications and so I am hoping to be able to get the report finalised as soon as possible. I do appreciate the delay with this and there is a significant number of public representations on the system and so this will take time to get through but this is a priority'.

**5.2 Update: Blean Common Development.**
Cllr. Jeffers reported that there is a 2m fence that has been erected at the back of the Royal Oak car park. Also, there are two signs none of which have consent. An email will be sent to the Ward Cllrs.

**6. Reports from Ward Cllrs:**
**6.1 County/Ward Cllr. Ricketts** reminded Cllrs. of CCC consultations**:**
Annual Parking review – by end of November.
CGR consultation by 17th December - he encouraged support for Chestfield Parish Council regarding their parish boundaries.
Town and Parish Council elections consultation – by 19th November.
CCC Budget consultation.
He reported that there are not many school transport appeals.
CCC have passed a motion that Cllrs. undergo DBS checks which is not mandatory at the present time. Report attached to these minutes.

**6.2 Ward Cllr. Smith** spoke of the building of a garage on Tile Kiln Hill which is being investigated.

**6.3 Ward Cllr. Jupe** referred to the poo signs for the recreation ground and nature reserve which she is chasing up – agenda item 9.5.She has visited Godfrey who has settled into the care home. She has told him of the 'Freedom of Canterbury' award which has been moved forward to January.
Blean museum is now being run by Barry and Neil.

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Cllr. Samuelson mentioned a car that is parked on Tyler Hill Road causing an obstruction which he had already reported before. Ward Cllr. Ricketts said to copy him in.

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

**7.1Village Hall Report: - Cllr. Russell:**
The village hall regular hirings are going very well.

**7.2 N.H.W:**
All relevant reports are circulated to Cllrs. weekly.

**7 .3 Footpath Report: Cllr. Samuelson.**
The footpaths walked are all pretty good.

**7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.**
Nothing further to report.

**7.5 Speedwatch Report: Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Mohan:**
Nothing to report.

**7.6 Clerks Report.**
**November Report**

**Recreation Ground**
Ken feels well enough now to take back over from Meadow Grange the emptying of the bins and litter picking on the recreation ground.
Some branches that fell during the recent high winds on The Green have been cut down by Meadow Grange.
The large planters have been planted up for winter.
The dead trees outside the shops have been cut down.

**Faults Reported:**
28/10/25 CB18 – Overgrown vegetation and blocked drainage - Ref: 251014820– Awaiting

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Allocation.
3/9/25 CB14 – Fallen Tree – Ref: 251227405– In progress.
22/4/26 CB7 – Ruts in pathway Ref: 260419264– Awaiting Allocation. This issue with ruts in the pathway at Monkey Court has also been raised with Southeast Water and the RSPB Reserve Manager – further correspondence on 8th Sept. from RSPB to SE Water asking for an update.

**Correspondence Circulated:**
**KALC Planning Conference,** taking place on Friday, 16th October 2026 at the West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham, ME13 7RH.
**Broad Oak Water: Stakeholder Advisory Group -** We are holding our next Broad Oak Water Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday 21 October 2026 from 2pm–3pm. Please note that this meeting will now be held online via Zoom rather than in person.
**Kent Ramblers: Meeting for Footpath Volunteers** - The meeting will be held at Lenham Community Centre, ME17 2QT, on Saturday 7 November.
**KALC Canterbury Area Committee** - Copy of Hackington PC Community Governance Review (CGR) Response.
**CCC - Community Governance Review** - Book your timeslot for parish witness sessions. CCC are planning to host 'witness sessions' for parish council representatives to meet with CCC to ask questions or seek clarification about the Draft Recommendations for the CGR, to help you prepare your consultation submissions.
These sessions will be held on Wednesday 11 November (all day) and Thursday 12 November (morning only). Slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so please let us know if you would like to attend. We would appreciate as much flexibility as possible when allocating times, but please let us know of any constraints on your availability.
**KCC - Road Safety and Active Travel Newsletter - Issue 10.**
**KALC - NOTICE OF THE 79th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 2026.**
**Meet your local officer : Wed 11 Nov 11:00 – Blean Village Hall**

**Consultations:**
**CCC - Have your say on our draft Licensing Policy - Read the draft Licensing Policy and share your views by completing our survey by 9am on Tuesday 17 November 2026.**

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**CCC - Have your say on the timing of parish and town council elections - Please give us your views by completing the consultation form by 9am on Thursday 19 November 2026.**
**CCC - Have your say on the Community Governance Review: proposals - Please give us your views by completing the consultation form by 9am on Thursday 17 December 2026.**
**Consultation on the draft Taxi and Private Hire Policy - Have your say now - read the draft policy and complete the survey by 9am on Monday 11 January 2027.**

Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Mohan offered to attend the CCC Community Governance Review witness sessions being held on Wednesday.

**8. Matters raised by the Public:**
A resident raised the matter of delivery drivers parking on the corner of Bourne Lodge Close and School Lane but it was said that delivery drivers are exempt.

**9. Matters to be discussed and updates on pending projects:** (Any relevant papers circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting)

**9.1 Update: BPC Highway Improvement Plan –** ongoing.

**9.2 Update: LGR and CGR.** Cllr. Hutt will submit a Community Governance Review: proposals response from BPC.

**9.3 Update: Martyn's Law.** Cllr. Samuelson will keep an eye on this.

**9.4 Update: Recruitment of new Parish Councillors.** No further update.

**9.5 Update: 'Dog Poo' notices from CCC for Keirs Meadow & Recreation Ground.** Ward Cllr. Jupe to chase up with CCC.

**10. Councillors' Reports.**
**10.1 Cllr. Russell** reported that the tree stumps outside the shops are a trip hazard. Email owner.

**10.2 Cllr. Mohan** reported that Cllr. Bobrowicz and colleagues are meeting with Professor Harrington and MP Rosie Duffield regarding Save the Blean. Cllr. Mohan referred to an email which he had received from Holly of Kent Wildlife Trust regarding a talk from Friends of Sarre Penn group

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which Ward Cllr. Jupe will attend also.

**10.3 Cllr. Jeffers** reported that he had attended the last Save the Blean meeting and they are looking to keep initiatives and the STB profile up. Suggestions of calendars and Christmas cards and organising litter- picking in the parishes, Cllr. Mohan will organise one in Blean and involve the school and the Beavers/Cubs. Cllr. Jeffers also mentioned the newly opened Blean café and how reasonable the prices are with even a piano player in there when he visited.

**10.4 Cllr. Samuelson** said that the report on the school is available on the Blean school website.

**11. Any Other Business for discussion at the Parish Council meeting on 14th December.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.25.**

**Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings in the coming year, unless for any reason they have to be changed: 14th December.**

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

**Date** _____ **Signature** _____