

# BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL



## Sheet 2281

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

**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; County Cllr. R. Thomas and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr B. Flack (Vice-Chairman) – unwell.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

No changes were reported with Cllr. King declaring an interest in any matters relating to the village hall.

#### **3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

**Proposed Cllr. King, Seconded by Cllr. Jeffers and AGREED by all all Members present.**

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.)**

DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection January	£116.28 (Vat £19.38)
		Additional payment for 14/11/22	£2.16 (Vat £0.36)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages December	£164.63
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary December	£824.26
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC December	£199.65
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband January	£70.92 (Vat £11.82)
Bacs	Goodfellers	Hedgecutting in Nature Reserve	£1,080.00 (Vat £180.00)

**Total Paid Out: £2,455.74**

**Bank Statement as at 31st December 2022 - Current Account £37,493.61**

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

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DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection February	£93.02 (Vat £15.50)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages January	£164.63
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary January	£824.26
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC January	£199.65
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband February	£70.92 (Vat £11.82)
Bacs	Blean Village Hall	Yearly Utility Bill for office 2022	£385.46
Bacs	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal	£862.16
Bacs	Blean Village Hall	Hall Hire for 13/2/23	£20.00

**Total Paid Out: £2,620.10**

## Received in

UK Power Networks	Yearly Wayleave Rental Payment	£50.19
BVHMC	50% Waste Collection Nov & Dec	£77.52

**Total Received in: £127.71**

**Bank Statement as at 31st January 2023 - Current Account £35,156.44**

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

**Proposed Cllr. Akers, Seconded by Cllr. Hutt and AGREED by all all Members present.**

## **4.2 To Receive: Landscape Services Maintenance Contract Renewal 2023/2024**

£2,693.28 increased to £2,908.74 - An increase of £215.46 per annum

## **4.3 To Receive: Zurich Municipal Insurance Renewal (Renewal Date 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023)**

Long Term Agreement until 2025.

## **4.4 To Receive: Notification from Lili Waste of price increase.**

Increase of .70p per 660Ltr bin per week x 52 = £36.40 per annum.

This is divided with the village hall who pay 50%.

*(All papers circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting)*

All the price increases have been allowed for in BPC's 2023/2024 budget.

**All Received and Noted.**

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

### PLANNING REPORT January & February 2023

#### Planning Applications:

**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 – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application subject to the loss of the leylandii tree being replaced with a suitable replacement native tree.**

**22/02494** - Single-storey side extension - **11A School Lane – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**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 – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**22/02477** - Single-storey side extension - **75 Honey Hill - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**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 – No further comments from BPC.**

**22/02574** - Application for Listed Building Consent for replacement timber windows and replacement porch - **12 Honey Hill - No comments from Blean Parish Council.**

**23/00023** - First floor side extension and single-storey rear extension following demolish of existing rear extension and garage, together with outbuilding following demolition of existing shed - **124 Blean Common – Blean Parish Council has no objection to this application subject to condition that the proposed outbuilding is ancillary to the existing dwelling and is not used as a separate residential unit.**

**23/00062** - Single-storey side extension - **Lucketts Farm, Blean Hill - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

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**23/00168** - Dormer to front elevation - **16 Trueman Close – Comments by 10<sup>th</sup> March.**

### Decision Notices by CCC:

**21/02997** - An application under Conservation Habitat and Approved Species Regulation 2017 to determine likely significant affects on European Site for the change of use from agricultural buildings to dwellings – **Lucketts Farm, Blean Hill – APPROVED**

**22/02494** - Single-storey side extension together with external material changes – **11a School Lane – GRANTED**

**22/02545** - Two-storey extension and single-storey extension together with single-storey detached outbuilding for use as ancillary accommodation – **3 – 5 Tile Kiln Hill – GRANTED**

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## Gladmans Blean Common Inquiry

A meeting was had between Members of Blean Parish Council and Chestfield Parish Council in December to discuss the Gladman's planning inquiry and the impact the planning application would have on the drainage situation in Chestfield.

This led to Chestfield Parish Council sending in their comments and concerns about the flooding impact it would have on Chestfield.

### **5.1 Gladmans: Update on Blean Common Inquiry**

The inquiry is to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March in The Guildhall, Canterbury which will be attended by Cllr. Hutt. All the evidence has been submitted.

Gladmans are disputing that Canterbury City Council have sufficient housing numbers in The Local Plan. Residents can attend and will be able to speak at the discretion of the Planning Inspector, The Inspector is to make a site visit prior to the Inquiry commencing.

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### **6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:**

#### **6.1 County Cllr. R. Thomas spoke on the following matters:**

- Council Tax meeting
- Community Services Consultation
- Drop-in at Canterbury Library – 15<sup>th</sup> February
- Kind Charles Coronation
- The fee for street closures will be waived.

#### **6.2 Ward Cllr. Ricketts spoke on the following matters:**

- Levelling - up Fund: Canterbury were successful.
- The elections will be the day after the King's Coronation in which the matter of having to provide I.D. is the big issue. If voters have no eligible I.D. they can apply for a free Voter Identification Certificate by the deadline of 25<sup>th</sup> April.
- Boundary Commission Review: Parish Councils are welcome to submit their views.
- Local Plan:
- St. George's Street upgrade

### **7. Reports and Updates:**

#### **7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King**

Cllr. King spoke of the need by the Village Hall Committee to raise the hire charges from 1<sup>st</sup> March due to the rising utility costs to which all users have been understanding about. He explained that the heating is now being controlled by Hive which means there is no waste of heating. Cllr. King said that he is no longer the Secretary and Treasurer of the Blean Museum although he is still involved in the running of it.

#### **7.2 N.H.W:**

The clerk reported that due to ill health David Greenman can no longer be the NHW co-ordinator so there is a need for a replacement. For the present time all reports are being sent to the clerk for distribution. We have the list of the NHW Street Monitors but do not know if it is up to date.

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

No reports of any problems and spring is coming where footpaths will be able to be walked and checked more regularly.

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### **7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.**

Cllr. Jeffers mentioned the potholes by the Royal Oak which makes his house shake when lorries and buses go by. He has reported it to KCC Highways and is hoping that it will be tagged onto the Denstroude Lane roadworks.

He also mentioned the amount of dog poo on the footpaths along Blean Common. Cllr. Ricketts will look into getting a sign.

There are problems with the pumping station at Pean Hill/Honey Hill so future works will be done in this area.

### **7.5 KCC Meeting: Crab & Winkle/Tyler Hill Road Crossover:**

Cllr. Thomas is not happy with the response from KCC speaking of casual reduction measures and he will respond to them asking for options. He apologized on behalf of KCC for the poor response. This will be kept as a standing agenda item until the matter is resolved.

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

Cllr. Akers said that it is the wrong time of the year to do any sessions due to the weather and, in the meantime, he is trying to get more volunteers trained. Rough Common NHW are interested to come in with Blean as they have volunteers but no co-ordinator. There is a conference being held on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

### **7.7 Clerks Report**

#### **Recreation Ground**

Ken is back working after having a heart pacemaker fitted.

He has reported that he has been clearing up cans and bottles (some smashed) in the private road behind the houses next to the shops.

**The white lines of the disabled bay outside the shop** and double yellow lines have been re-painted.

**Bus Shelters** – the two bus shelters in the village have been jet washed and cleaned by CCC.

#### **Fly-Tipping**

A tyre which has been dumped on CB7 (footpath between Chestnut Drive and A290) had been reported to CCC for removal. CCC emailed me to say it had been removed but Ken said on Tuesday it was still there so I have reported it again. Also to KCC as it is a KCC footpath.

**The Internal Audit** has been booked with Lionel Robbins for 11<sup>th</sup> April.

**Annual Tree safety survey** in Recreation Ground and Nature Reserve - applied for quote from Lushlands.

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**Village Sign** – we are waiting for the quote for the post and fitting. KCC have confirmed that they are fine with the height and positioning as it is to be put back in the existing plinth and on land that is owned and maintained by BPC.

Cllr. Hutt has taken photos of the repaired sign and he said it looks very good.

## **8. Matters raised by the Public:**

The matter was raised regarding lack of information when there are diversions on the roads. Cllr. Thomas said that most of the information is by email.

A new resident to the village introduced himself to the meeting.

**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 £286.41 from the closing of the NHW fund which could go towards the cost of it.

### **9.2 To arrange the date for Annual Assembly (April) and speakers and Annual BPC meeting (May).**

The Annual Assembly was booked for 10<sup>th</sup> April but as it is Easter Monday it was agreed to change it to 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

Elysia and her colleagues from the Wilder Blean Project are provisionally booked to give an update. It was agreed to contact the fire brigade as well to see if they are available to give a presentation on home safety.

The Annual BPC meeting was booked for 8<sup>th</sup> March but due to the regulations following the election Cllrs. do not take office until 9<sup>th</sup> May and Parish Councils have to have their first meeting between 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May so it was agreed to change the meeting to 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### **9.3 Upcoming Election Process.**

The relevant papers will be sent to the clerk for distribution to Cllrs. wishing to stand for re-election and any resident who wishes to become a Parish Councillor.

## **10. Councillors' Reports:**

**10.1** Cllr. Russell mentioned the plastic free project that she has been in contact with Hackington Parish Council about and who she knows are attending a meeting. She would like to liaise with HPC about the project which all thought was a good idea.

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

Cllr. Thomas said he will send information on the Kent Resource Partnership.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm** in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_