

# BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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:** County and Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts and one member of the public.

#### **1. To Elect a Chairman and receive Declaration of Acceptance.**

Cllr. Hutt was nominated to continue as Chairman:

**Proposed by Cllr. Mohan, Seconded by Cllr. Russell and all Cllrs. present AGREED.**

#### **2. To elect a Vice-Chairman and receive Declaration of Acceptance.**

Cllr. Samuelson was nominated to continue as Vice-Chairman:

**Proposed by Cllr. Hutt, Seconded by Cllr. Jeffers and all Cllrs. present AGREED.**

#### **3. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**

**Apologies:** Cllr. M. Hayden – other commitment and Ward Cllr. S. Jupe – Sherrif duties.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

No declarations.

#### **5. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

The Minutes were **PROPOSED** by Cllr. Hutt, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Samuelson and **APPROVED** by all **Members present. The Minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

#### **6. Appointment of Cllrs for: Highways: Speedwatch: Footpaths: Village Hall Representative.**

The following appointments were agreed:

**Highways – Cllr. Jeffers**

**Speedwatch – Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Mohan.**

Due to the resignation of Cllr. Akers the speedwatch equipment has been returned to the office and a new co-ordinator will need to take on the role. New volunteers are needed.

**Footpaths – Cllr. Samuelson.**

**Village Hall Representative – Cllr. Russell.**

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**7. Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** (previously circulated to all Cllrs).  
**Proposed by Cllr. Hutt, Seconded by Cllr. Russell and all Cllrs. present AGREED.**

## **8. Finance:**

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

DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection May	£126.58 (Vat £21.10)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages April	£220.38
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary April	£876.73
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC April	£352.58
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband May	£116.07 (Vat £19.35)
DD	HugoFox	Monthly Website Charge	£11.99
DD	HugoFox	Monthly Email Charges	£20.99
	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Service Charge	£7.00
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire May	£24.00
Bacs	Landscape Services	Grounds Maintenance	£579.54 (Vat £96.59)
DD	Guardian Security	Annual Alarm Maintenance	£139.20

**Total Paid Out: £2,475.06**

### **Received In:**

HMRC	Vat Claim 2025/2026	£2,618.34
CCC	Precept 2026/2027	£26,247.00

**Bank Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Current Account £54,339.98**

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

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

**8.1 To Present and Approve - Lushland Annual Tree Survey Quotation for the Recreation Ground, Nature Reserve and The Green.** The quote is the same as last year.

**Proposed by Cllr. Samuelson, Seconded by Cllr. Russell and all Cllrs. present AGREED.**

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**8.2 To Present and Approve – Meadow Grange Quotation – replanting planters for summer and watering.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Jeffers, Seconded by Cllr. Hutt and all Cllrs. present AGREED.**

**8.3 To Note: Community Infrastructure Levy Parish Report April 2026 has been submitted to CCC and published on the Parish Council website.**

**8.4 To Note: Parish Capital Grant of £535.00 from CCC has been approved for two replacement seats on The Green. To be match Funded by the Parish Council.**

## **9. PLANNING REPORT May 2026**

### **Planning Applications:**

**26/00352 - Change of use of existing detached garage to self-contained dwelling with associated parking together with single-storey side extension - Land To Rear Of 1A Chapel Lane.**

**The Parish Council is concerned that there is insufficient space for two parked vehicles in front of the proposed new dwelling. If cars are parked in front of the converted building, then the parked vehicles would overhang and block the private access road serving the other nearby properties. This is because the parking in front of the building has a depth measuring a maximum 3.5 metres (scaled off the proposed block plan submitted), whereas KCC Parking Standards require a minimum depth of 5 metres. Therefore, Blean Parish Council objects to the application.**

**Decisions by CCC: None.**

### **Appeals**

**Appeal Ref: APP/J2210/W/23/3332825**

**24 School Lane**

**Retrospective application for single-storey detached agricultural storage.**

**Appeal DISMISSED.**

**Appeal Reference: APP/J2210/X/26/3378139**

**Application for lawful development certificate for existing use of agricultural land as residential garden - Lyndale, 24 School Lane, Blean, Kent, CT2 9JA**

**Decision 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – WAS NOT LAWFUL.**

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### **Appeal Start 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**9.1 Update: 25/02369 – 140 Blean Common – application for car wash.** No update.

**9.2 Update: Blean Common Development.**

A new substation has been connected to the National Grid.

**9.3 Update: Save the Blean.**

Cllr. Mohan reported that there had been two meetings recently which included a fund-raising meeting indicating that money is needed for a barrister. This will be done by crowd-funding on a pledge basis.

It was agreed to endorse the Hackington Parish Council representation for **Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19) consultation** with nothing further to add by Blean Parish Council.

## **10. Reports from Ward Cllrs:**

### **10.1 County and Ward Cllr. Ricketts:**

#### **CCC**

Cllr. Ricketts reported that there was no longer a coalition between Labour and the Liberal Democrats with Cllr. Dan Smith being removed as vice-chairman of the planning committee.

The Parish Forum is on 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Planning reforms may mean more call-ins to the Secretary of State.

#### **KCC**

Cllr. Ricketts spoke of the introduction of prayers and singing of the National Anthem at meetings.

Adult Social Care

He mentioned that a local Highways Officer who had always been very helpful was leaving.

## **11. Reports and Updates:**

**11.1 Village Hall Report:** - Cllr. Russell reported that the annual fete is due to take place on 27<sup>th</sup> June and, as always, volunteers are needed to help.

### **11.2 N.H.W:**

All relevant reports are circulated to Cllrs. weekly.

**11.3 Footpath Report: Cllr. Samuelson.** Nothing further to add.

**11.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.** Nothing further to add.

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### **11.5 Speedwatch Report: Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Mohan.**

As mentioned previously a new co-ordinator is needed and more volunteers to operate the sessions.

### **11.6 Clerks Report.**

#### **May Report**

##### **Recreation Ground**

Rubber safety surface worn away under one of the swings – contact a play area repair company. There has been a problem in the last week with the litter bins being full and litter scattered around outside the shops. It has been reported to CCC.

##### **Faults Reported:**

Dead trees outside shops reported to Landlord 1/8/25 – **response received.**

Surface of the Crab and Winkle Way – Reported to PROW - Ref 250880766 – **Closed. Other Agency Responsible.**

**CB18** – Overgrown vegetation and blocked drainage - Ref: 251014820 – **Awaiting Allocation.**

**CB14** – Fallen Tree – Ref: 251227405 – **Awaiting Allocation.**

**CB7** – Ruts in pathway Ref: 260419264 – **Awaiting Allocation.** This issue with Monkey Court has also been raised with South East Water and the RSPB Reserve Manager.

##### **Correspondence Circulated:**

**KCC Highways Information Pack 2026/27**

**Parish engagement event - 19 May 2026 at 6pm, Guildhall, Canterbury**

**KALC – Training Bulletin.**

**KALC News - May 2026**

**Landscape Services - Important Update on Fuel Costs.**

#### **Consultations**

**Canterbury District Local Plan (Regulation 19) consultation - [haveyoursay.canterbury.gov.uk](https://haveyoursay.canterbury.gov.uk)**

The consultation is open from **Monday 23 March until 5pm on Monday 18 May 2026.**

**Community Governance review:** you can provide your representations by emailing your comments to [consultations@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@canterbury.gov.uk). **This consultation closes on Sunday 5 July 2026.**

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

No matters were raised by the public present.

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### **13. Councillors' Reports:**

**13.1 Cllr. Mohan** reported on the Swing Riots talk which was given two weeks ago which he said was excellent. He also mentioned an event which is taking place on 31<sup>st</sup> May at Mount Ephraim Gardens celebrating The Swing Riots and the Bossenden Rising Festival.

Cllr. Mohan said he now has the application form for looking into registering The Royal Oak as a Community Asset and has spoken to others who have explored the same in their villages. Out of courtesy he will speak to the landlord to let him know.

**13.2 Cllr. Jeffers** asked whether we have heard any news on the Dog Poo notices from CCC. The Clerk will ask Ward Cllr. Jupe for an update. Cllr. Jeffers will contact Ward Cllr. Smith for an update on the planning matters he had previously emailed him about.

**13.3 Cllr. Russell and Cllr. Mohan** will attend when the Save the Blean petition is handed into the University.

### **14. Any Other Business for discussion at the next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June.**

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25.**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> December**

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_