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

**Planning Applications:**

**1. 22/00741**- Replacement dwelling together with detached garage - **11A School Lane** - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**2. 22/00785** - Two-storey side extension and part two-storey and part single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory - **3 School Lane** - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**3. 22/00804** - Retrospective single-storey rear extension and single-storey detached\_Outbuilding - **11 Chestnut Avenue** - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application although do question whether some of the proposed materials are in keeping with the surroundings?

**4. 22/00856** - Relocation of existing concrete sectional garage - **21 Chestnut Avenue** - Blean Parish Council have no problems with the applicant relocating their existing garage so that they use the access onto Blean Common. However, BPC would question whether the 2016 permission for this access has been implemented correctly. In particular, the 2016 plans and an appropriate condition require that there is sufficient turning space within their land so that vehicles can enter and exit the site in forward gear. However, this does not seem to have been provided at the site. From a highway safety point of view BPC consider that CCC should look into this before considering and determining the application.

**5. 22/01004** - Single-storey detached garage - **The Oast House, Pean Hill** – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.

**6. 22/01011** - Change of use and part demolition of existing agricultural building to dwelling and associated external alterations - **Brook Farm, Denstroude Lane** – Given that planning was previously granted for four separate dwellings, 19/10181, Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application although would comment that in this application there are windows and a door looking into the existing agricultural barn.

**Decision Notices by CCC:**

**1. 21/02356** - Replacement dwelling, including associated garage and single-storey outbuilding, following demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding - **3 – 5 Tile Kiln Hill** – **GRANTED**

**2. 22/00624** - Single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory - **17 Mount Pleasant** - **GRANTED**

**3. 22/00741**- Replacement dwelling together with detached garage - **11A School Lane** -**GRANTED**

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**4. 22/00926** - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single storey side extension and front porch – **8 Westfield - Would be lawful**

**5. 22/00856** - Relocation of existing concrete sectional garage - **21 Chestnut Avenue – GRANTED**

**5.1 Gladmans:** Have sent their third monthly update to the Planning Inspectorate.

Cllr. Hutt commented that all Gladmans documents and updates are published on the Parish Council website.

**5.2 21/02466- Chapter Farm Denstroude Lane:**

Following a discussion, it was agreed by all Cllrs. present to ask Ward Cllr. Flack to 'Call in' this application on the Parish Council's behalf.

This is on the grounds of cumulative impact to the wider area, impact of a rural lane and noise impact to surrounding residents.

Ward Cllr. Ricketts also offered to call this application in.

**6. Reports from County Cllr; Ward Cllrs and PCSO:**

**6.1 County Cllr. Thomas:**

Report attached to these minutes.

Cllr. Thomas added the following matters:

Rough Common is losing its bus service to which KCC are going to see how they can support them.

There is a plan for a Green Wall near Santander and Nasons.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July there will be a new Bison Mural at the University.

**6.2 Ward Cllr. Ricketts:**

Cllr. Ricketts also spoke of the loss of the bus service in Rough Common and said that Blean is better serviced. From the perspective of Stagecoach they still have 30% of their drivers continually absent.

The draft of the Local Plan will be published in the autumn.

Call for sites has been responded to by the University but we need to wait until we see what is in the Local plan.

CCC has changed to cabinet meetings.

CCC offices are moving to the city centre with the old offices being put on the market.

Ward Cllrs. Flack, Smith and Ricketts all contributed to the Bison mural at the University from their Members allowances.

The market traders are changing from market to street traders licenses over which CCC will have more control.

**6.3 Ward Cllr. Flack:**

Report attached to these minutes.

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**7. Reports and Updates:**

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

Bookings are beginning to pick up now, with a number of children's birthday parties among the hirers. Arrangements well in hand for the forthcoming Summer Fete, which it is hoped will boost the funds, as increased fuel and other costs are seriously hampering the finances.

Thermostats are being purchased for fitting in all of the areas of the hall as a method of reducing the cost of heating, many hirers forget to reduce the temperature when they leave the building. The Sheriff of Canterbury will be opening the village fete on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

**7.2 N.H.W. Report & PCSO Report** – Report attached to these minutes.

**7.3 Footpath Report –Cllr. Samuelson and Cllr. Hutt:** Nothing to report.

**7.4 Highways Report** – Nothing to report other than a report from Cllr. Akers which he had sent in his absence regarding Speedwatch. The re-launch has been noted by Kent Police and they have offered support. Training now needs to be organized and a session with the advisor from Kent Police.

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

No matters raised as no members of the public present.

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

**9.1 Village Sign Update:**

This is with the repairers.

**9.2 Tree work quote:**

Quotes have been received for the low priority work to be carried out on identified trees and a quote for cutting down the row of conifers on the recreation ground boundary.

Concern has been raised about the impact the felling of the trees might have on the ditch that they border. The clerk was asked to get a quote for reducing the height.

**9.3 Innovation Board update:**

Cllr. Hutt is to digitise the board so that there will be a record of it if it needs to be replaced in future years.

**9.4 Commemorative Plaque for Rowan Tree:**

Ken has fixed the post and board for the plaque in position in front of the Rowan Tree which has been planted to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. He will fix the plaque on the board on the morning of the fete at which it will be unveiled by the Sheriff of Canterbury.

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**10. Councillors' Reports:**

**10.1 Cllr. Russell:**

Reported that the ditch that runs down the back of Woodlands Estate needs cutting back which she is willing to do.

**10.2 Cllr. Jeffers**

Raised concern over the wooden bollards which are missing on the recreation ground.

Cllr. King responded that the village hall committee has got the matter in hand although the quotes received are high. Cllr. Hutt asked for BPC to be kept informed.

**10.3 Cllr. Hutt:**

Reported that he has updated the website.

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.19pm.

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

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Report: Canterbury City Councillor Robert Thomas June 2022**

**LOCAL PLAN**

The Local Plan review is to be extended to the year 2045 and the city council's draft is to be published in the Autumn.

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/312/public-to-have-its-say-on-draft-local-plan-in-the-autumn>

**HIGH STREET**

Two important changes to the high street are up for consideration

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/318/new-st-georges-street-plans-would-see-trees-retained>

& <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/316/street-trading-consultation-opens-for-views>

**CORPORATE**

Kent County Council has agreed its new corporate vision in the Strategic Statement  
<https://kccmediahub.net/net-zero-skills-community-and-change-at-heart-of-kcc-vision745>

Canterbury City Council are inviting offers for the Military Road offices

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/317/councils-military-road-office-up-for-sale>

Speed limit reduction on A257, Littlebourne <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/canterbury-road-littlebourne-speed-limit>

Proposed speed limit reduction on Stone Street, Petham <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/stone-street-petham-speed-limit>

There has been good news for Herne Bay with additional funding from Active Travel to provide improvements by the pier <https://kccmediahub.net/funding-granted-for-two-further-active-travel-schemes745>

The consultation responses are being considered before a final decision is taken on a new road crossing on Oxford Street, Whitstable.

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/oxfordstreetwhitstable>

**HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Additional funding is being used to promote physical activity in Kent

<https://kccmediahub.net/3-4million-investment-to-promote-physical-activity-in-kent745>

**BUSINESS, ECONOMY & REGENERATION**

A number of business opportunities have been announced in recent weeks

1. <https://kccmediahub.net/get-help-to-grasp-export-opportunities-kent-businesses-urged745>

2. <https://kccmediahub.net/business-grants-to-give-more-people-chance-of-memorable-north-downs-stay745>

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3. <https://kccmediahub.net/action-plan-to-improve-post-16-opportunities745>
4. <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/307/future-investment-priorities-for-herne-bay-taking-shape>

**ENVIRONMENT, WASTE DISPOSAL & CLIMATE CHANGE**

Kent County Council's new Household Waste Recycling Centre has scooped an award  
<https://kccmediahub.net/allington-household-waste-recycling-centre-scoops-award745>

A Kent County Council country park has been chosen to help celebrate the jubilee  
<https://kccmediahub.net/kcc-country-park-chosen-to-help-celebrate-queens-jubilee745>

Canterbury City Council has chosen NES for environmental enforcement work  
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/309/council-chooses-nes-for-environmental-enforcement-work>

Canterbury City Council plans to issue fines for those idling in the city  
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/314/council-warns-turn-off-your-engine-or-face-20-fine>

**COMMUNITY**

Action Fraud is warning residents to remain vigilant against holiday fraud when booking flights or accommodation online.

Last year, Action Fraud received 4,244 reports of holiday and travel related fraud, with victims losing an average of £1,868. Fraudsters may target you by pretending to be from the airline or flight comparison websites.

Remember to stay safe online! Check the web address is legitimate, do your research before booking and always look for the ABTA logo before booking. If a deal is too good to be true, it probably is.

Report scams or get advice from Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133.

**HOUSING**

Kent County Council's No Use Empty scheme, to bring residential and commercial properties back into use, goes from strength to strength  
<https://kccmediahub.net/successful-no-use-empty-scheme-widens-its-impact745>

**CONSULTATIONS**

Work at Long Rock, Swalecliffe <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=58>

Draft new Canterbury conservation area appraisal and management plan  
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=59>

Trial night time closure of Dane John Gardens gates  
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=34>

**KENT POLICE UPDATES** - link for the past month's crime statistics in each village as well as contact details for your neighbourhood team.

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Blean Chartham, Chartham Hatch, Lower Hardres, Petham, Upper Hardres & Waltham  
Chestfield Harbledown Hackington Rough Common

**APPLY** Adoption and Fostering

Assisted Bin Collection

Births, death, marriages, ceremonies

Business Support

Bus and Travel Passes

Community grants and funding

Disabled Parking Blue Badge

Film in Kent

Free School Meals

Garden Waste Collection

Highways Permit – close a road, tourist signs, skip on highway, dropped kerb

Kent Adult Education classes

Library Services – books, magazines, newspapers, archives, iPads and more

**REPORT** Bus Feedback

Environmental issues – bins, litter, dog fouling

Flytipping

Illegal Parking

Kent Highways – potholes, drainage, pavements, streetlighting etc

Missed Bins or phone 01227 947860

Planning Enforcement

Public Rights of Way

Trading Standards

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs>

**Short report from Cllr B A Flack**

My apologies for not being able to be with you tonight. I am attending the CCC first Cabinet meeting as portfolio holder for Place. Here are the details of the Cabinet members.

The current Cabinet comprises of six members and they are listed below with their portfolios:

[Ben Fitter-Harding](#) - Strategy and Improvement (Local Plan, Digital, Communications, Projects)

[Rachel Carnac](#) - Corporate (Finance, Efficiency)

[Barbara Anne Flack](#) - Place (Regeneration, Property, Parking)

[Joe Howes](#) - People (Housing, Community)

[Andrew Cook](#) - Environmental Services (Wastes, Grounds Maintenance, Litter)

[Ashley Clark](#) - Enforcement and Open Spaces

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There are a number of consultations taking place at the moment and the one that may interest you and Blean residents is the Street Trading in Canterbury and the Conservation Area Management plan

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=60>

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=59>

The majority of residents will have now received the Council Tax refund for Band A - D properties. Here is the link for the form if residents have not yet received it.

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/council-tax/council-tax-energy-rebate/>

There are at present two planning applications that have caused concern to a group of residents in the past and also presently. These are Chapter Farm and Brook Farm. Chapter Farm is about to be determined and I would ask the Parish council if they would wish me to call this application into the Planning Committee looking at the grounds of cumulative impact, impact of a rural lane and noise impact to surrounding residents. The Brook Farm application is being considered by the Parish Council tonight and I will await your comments.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Blean Fete and I am sure Cllr Hutt will fill you in on the details about the Sheriff's visit and the unveiling of the plaque for the Platinum Jubilee tree.

Kinds regards

Barbara

### ***PCSO Report***

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*Information provided by: PCSO William Lawrence Canterbury Community Safety Unit.*

### ***Crimes of note:***

17/05/2022-Theft from motor vehicle Chestnut Avenue BLEAN  
18/05/2022-Theft from motor vehicle Hackington Road TYLER HILL  
19/05/2022-Theft of motor vehicle Hackington Road TYLER HILL  
22/05/2022 Theft of Parcel Nickle Court CANTERBURY

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### ***Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:***

Nothing To Report

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<i>Items of good work:</i>
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*Updates of previous reported issues:*

- Nothing to report