

BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024.

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Those Present: Cllr. P. Hutt (Chairman); Cllr. H. Samuelson (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. G. King; Cllr. M. Akers; Cllr. J. Russell; and Clerk Mrs D. Horswell.

Also present: Ward Cllr. D. Smith; Ward Cllr. S. Jupe and two members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: County Cllr. R. Thomas - meeting clash and Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts – meeting clash.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed: No changes in DPI's and Declarations of Interest were declared.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 10th June 2024.

Cllr. Jeffers commented that under **Agenda item 5 Planning CA/24/00240 & CA/24/00241** - Application for Listed Building Consent for external and internal alterations including single-storey rear extension - **Badgers Farmhouse , Badgers Close** the discrepancy regarding the decision notice has still not been rectified on CCC website and the Officer's report has not been uploaded. Cllrs. would like to know on what grounds this application has been refused. Ward Cllr. Smith was asked to take this matter up with the relevant planning officer.

Cllr. Jeffers also enquired whether the matter of the expenditure of the Section 106 money is being dealt with due to a possible time-limit to which the clerk responded that it was.

These items being noted, the Minutes were **Proposed by Cllr. Samuelson and Seconded by Cllr. Hutt, AGREED by all Members present and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

4. Finance:

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

DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection July	£138.48 (Vat £23.08)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages June	£244.07
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary June	£854.72
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC June	£272.81
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband June	£93.54 (Vat £15.59)

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DD	HugoFox	Monthly Website Charge	£11.99
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire 18/7/24	£24.00
Bacs	KALC	Cllr. Akers Planning Training	£60.00 (Vat £10.00)
Bacs	Goodfellers	Tree Work on Recreation Ground	£300.00 (Vat £50.00)
Bacs	Meadow Grange	Handyman Supplies	£17.98 (Vat £3.00)
Bacs	Cutters Garden Services	Strim 3 footpaths & cut RG Hedge	£650.00

Total Paid Out: £2,667.59

Bank Statement as at 30th June 2024 - Current Account £56,031.46

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

Note: This includes CIL money from October 2023 of £2,091.16

Proposed by Cllr. Samuelson., Seconded by Cllr. Jeffers

All Members present **APPROVED** and **AGREED** the bank payments.

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

Planning Applications:

24/00882 – roof extension together with Juliet balcony to existing extension East elevation – **30 Tile Kiln Hill** – BPC have no comments on this application.

Decisions by CCC:

CA/24/10012 - Outline application for the erection of 8 detached dwellings. All matters reserved except access and layout - **Land West Of Pean Hill - REFUSED**

Appeals

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

24 School Lane

Retrospective application for single-storey detached agricultural storage.

Application Ref: CA/23/00521

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Appeal Ref: 3335774

Butlers Court Farm Blean Common

6 detached dwellings consisting of 3 no. one and a half storey, 2 no. two and a half storey and 1 no. 2 storey dwelling together with formation of access and associated hardstanding following demolition of existing industrial buildings.

Any additional comments by 21st June.

For Discussion:

Comments to SBC

Dunkirk - Winterbourne Fields Planning Application - 24/502123/EIOUT

It was agreed to contact Dunkirk Parish Council to offer support.

6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:

6.1 County Cllr. Thomas report: Sent in his absence.

With the election now over Kent County Council has been working through the manifesto pledges and items expected in the King's Speech to understand the operational and financial changes ahead for the county council. One example would be the mandatory housing targets announced by Rachel Reeves. KCC will need to understand the infrastructure implications of any additional housing required over and above Local Plan targets.

The other update I have is the attached infographic highlighting the achievements in the Environment team in the 23/24 municipal year.

[Environment and Circular Economy Division Achievements 23-24 Infographic.pdf](#)

6.2 Ward Cllr. Jupe gave her report:

Cllr. Jupe spoke of the house building targets and she had had a report of rats at Westfield.

6.3 Ward Cllr. Smith gave his report:

The CCC Planning Portal still has a problem due to the I.T. issues causing a CCC planning meeting to be cancelled last week. A discussion was had on the Planning Portal and the issue of documents not being uploaded onto it by CCC.

The Draft Local Plan is still being collated with 4,000 responses being received of which 1,500 were responses regarding the Blean C12 plan.

The KCC Transport Assessment has still not been received which Cllrs. agreed needs to be seen.

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7. Reports and Updates:

7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

The Fete was held on Saturday June 29th, to raise funds for the village hall. It was a lovely fine day, but with a cooling breeze so not too hot.

The event was very well attended and a very satisfying total of £3,400 was raised.

7.2 N.H.W:

All relevant reports are circulated to Cllrs. weekly.

7.3 Footpath Report: Cllr. Samuelson.

No report.

7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.

No report.

7.5 Speedwatch Report: Cllr. Akers and Cllr. Russell.

Nothing to report.

7.6 Clerks Report:

- Meadow Grange are watering the five new planters (three at the Memorial Area, one opposite the shops and one opposite the Royal Oak) as and when they require it.
- Ken has varnished the two benches on The Green.
- The overgrown vegetation at the entrance to Monkey Court which was obstructing the visibility driveways of the neighbouring properties has been cut back by KCC.
- Hazel has reported that the beekeeper has put a beehive back into the Nature Reserve with a new swarm of bees.

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

2024: 9th September, 14th October, 11th November, 9th December.

2025: 10th February, 10th March, 14th April and Annual Parish Council meeting on 12th May.

8. Matters raised by the Public:

No further matters were raised.

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

9.1 Update: Moving of the Bench in the Nature Reserve.

This had been discussed at the June meeting and it was agreed to get quotes.

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9.2 Update: Decision on the style of the new benches in the recreation ground.

A document with styles and costings had been circulated to Cllrs. Following a discussion the decision was agreed to purchase five moulded seats in brown/black with associated fixing kits at a cost £1,725.00 + delivery costs. This is to be paid out of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money received from CCC.

9.3 Update: Expenditure of s106 money.

The clerk has spoken to Hazel regarding the portion of money (745.20) that is available for a project in the Nature Reserve and she will discuss it with Michael (volunteers). The Pre-school is to be contacted for their ideas on the play equipment portion.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. King reported that the hedge which was obscuring the P.R.O.W. sign in School Lane has been cut back. He also reported that the steps have gone at the barrier in CB3 which means pedestrians have to climb over it. He suggests the metal is removed.

10.2 Cllr. Jeffers reported that the vegetation bordering the field next to the Royal Oak car park is encroaching the pavement. Clerk to contact the owners although it is not certain who owns the land now.

10.3 Cllr. Jeffers also reported that Rubix Estates has written to Cllrs. regarding Mill Field in Tyler Hill Road and has suggested a meeting. They have met previously so will arrange a meeting and report back to the Parish Council.

10.4 Cllr. Samuelson has received a message from a resident regarding the path that runs parallel with Amery Court farm which is overgrown. **This will be reported on P.R.O.W.website.**

10.4 Cllr. Hutt mentioned that CCC have bought 67 homes in Herne Bay Road, Broad Oak for social housing.

11. Any Other Business for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting on 9th September 2024.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.08pm.

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

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Signature _____