

## Blean Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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**Those Present:** Cllr. B. Flack (Chairman); Cllr. G King (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. P. Hutt; Cllr. H. Samuelson and Clerk D. Horswell.

**Also present:** Cllr. Ben Fitter-Harding (Leader of CCC); Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts; and County Cllr. R. Thomas.

Four members of the public were also present.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. P. Wakeling (difficulties with connecting to Zoom) and Ward Cllr. D Smith.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr. Fitter-Harding for attending the meeting. She reminded the meeting that Ben used to be a Ward Councillor for Blean and is now Ward Cllr. at Chestfield as well as being Leader of the City Council.

Ward Cllr. Ricketts stated that he would have to leave the meeting at 7.30pm as he had another meeting to attend.

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

Cllr. Flack declared an interest in Item 4.2 as she is Vice-Chairman of KALC Area Committee. There were no other changes or Declaration of Interests from Councillors.

#### **3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

Proposed: Cllr. Hutt, Seconded: Cllr. Jeffers and All Members present **AGREED** and **APPROVED**. The Minutes and were **Signed** by the Chairman as a true record.

Cllr. Fitter-Harding gave a talk in which he explained that, as CCC Leader, he is doing a tour of the Parish Councils and he will give a brief update on the work of CCC and then answer any questions.

He spoke of the impact that Covid 19 has had on CCC resulting in a £9million hole in the budget.

Other issues he spoke of were:

- Waste – which is going in-house from 1<sup>st</sup> February
- Housing Service – also going in-house
- Enforcement – Parking and Planning
- Support for economic recovery

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- Transformation of the Council to make it better and more efficient
- Concurrent Function Funding to Parish Councils – of which there will be no financial change for the next two years
- Local Plan and Transport Strategy
- Working with parishes on building houses

Questions:

Q. What were his thoughts on planning enforcement?

A. General Planning Enforcement is out of CCC control with the Planning Enforcement team being condensed.

A member of the public raised the matter of the speeding of vehicles through the village.

Cllr. Fitter-Harding said that, although CCC is not a transport authority, ideas for infrastructure have to be looked at.

**4. Approval for Invoice Payments and authorisation:** (Banking Reports for November and December circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting.)

Due to there being no meeting in November the transactions were approved by email and paid between meetings.

### Banking Report November 2020

#### Approval for invoice payments

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection November 2020	£98.10 <i>(Vat £16.35)</i>
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages October 2020	£186.13
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary October 2020 Includes backpay from April for new pay scale as approved by NALC. Reimbursement for Zoom Pro Monthly Payment November	£838.23  £14.39 <i>(Vat £2.40)</i>  Total 852.62

Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC S October 2020	£205.36
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband November 2020	£61.13 <i>(Vat £10.19)</i>
Bacs	Commercial Services Trading Ltd	Grounds Maintenance July/Aug/Sept 2020	£1179.20 <i>(Vat £196.53)</i>
Bacs	Goodfellers Tree Surgeons	Reducing windblown tree to fence height	£240.00 <i>(Vat £40.00)</i>
Bacs	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit Fee	£240.00 <i>(Vat £40.00)</i>
Bacs	Meadow Grange	Plant & Compost	£18.00 <i>(Vat £3.00)</i>

Total Paid Out £3,080.54

**Bank Statement** as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Current Account £33,887.10

(Including the transactions paid in but not the outgoing transactions above).

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**Banking Report December 2020**

**Approval for invoice payments**

<b>Method of payment</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Gross Cost</b>
DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection December 2020	£72.24 <i>(Vat £12.04)</i>
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages November 2020	£185.93
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary November 2020 Reimbursement for Zoom Pro Monthly Payment December  Ink Cartridges & Laminator sheets	£732.03  £14.39 <i>(Vat £2.40)</i>  £64.97 <i>(Vat £10.83)</i>  Total £811.39
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC S November 2020	£160.86
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband December 2020	£61.13 <i>(Vat £10.19)</i>
Bacs	Goodfellers Tree Surgeons	Reduce row of conifers in recreation ground to reduce chance of storm damage	£720.00 <i>(Vat £120.00)</i>  <i>Agreed and paid prior to meeting</i>
Bacs	KALC	Area Committee Honorarium to Canterbury Area Secretary	£30.00
Bacs	SLCC Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Membership	£144.00



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

### PLANNING REPORT November 2020

#### Planning Applications:

1. **20/01984 - 2 no. single-storey side extensions and replacement of front timber windows to UPVC - 40 School Lane** - Blean Parish Council has no objection in principle to the extensions however they are concerned that the use of upvc windows and the slack pitch for the utility roof extension will detract from the appearance of the host property which is located in the Blean conservation area. Would be interested to know views of CCC Conservation Officer on these points.

2. **20/01215 - Change of use of a part of an existing stable building to a single holiday let - Chapter Farm, Denstroude Lane – further information** Blean Parish Council stand by their previous comment to ask for this application to be called to Committee on the grounds of culminate impact on the area, residential amenity impact and visual impact in a rural area.

There are other areas of concern from the Parish Council which include localised flooding, located in an AONB and, finally, in conflict with policy TV8.

#### Decision Notices by CCC:

1. **20/02020** - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single-storey rear extension - 31C Chapel Lane - **Would be lawful**

2. **20/02062** - Application for lawful development certificate for existing change of use of land from agricultural to garden - 30 Tile Kiln Hill - **WAS LAWFUL**

### PLANNING REPORT December 2020

#### Planning Applications:

1. **20/02414** - Car park for use of existing public house and development of existing car park to provide 6 two-storey houses with associated vehicle access and parking - **4 Blean Hill – Comments by 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

2. **20/02477** - Two-storey rear and side extensions to both cottages with new driveway to no. 14 following demolition of existing single storey rear extensions - **14 And 16 Chapel Lane – No objection by BPC.**

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**3. 20/02518** - Detached two-storey dwelling with associated garage, parking, driveway and landscaping - **Land Adjoining Linden Lea, 2 Blean Common - – No objection by BPC.**

There was a discussion on the 4 Blean Hill application which included the residents present at the meeting putting forward their concerns. Cllr. Flack will speak with the Planning Officer and to the other Ward Cllrs. as it was thought that the application could be called-in to the Planning Committee.

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

**6.1 County Cllr. Report – Cllr. Robert Thomas:** Please see report attached to these minutes.

**6.2** The Ward Cllrs. had nothing further to add to Cllr. Fitter-Hardings report.

**6.3 PCSO Report** Please see report attached to these minutes.

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

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

There is limited activity only in the hall at present, with just a few groups meeting under strict hygiene regulations. With little business to discuss the meeting scheduled for December 7th had been cancelled, and any admin points will be dealt with online. Cllr. Samuelson said that he was surprised that groups could still meet in the Hall. Cllr. King replied that they are following Government guidelines and A.C.R.E. advice.

#### **7.2 N.H.W. Report (report attached to these minutes)**

Cllr. King said that he had read of a scam regarding roof repairs and he then encountered someone trying to do just that in the village last week. He spoke to him and he shot off.

#### **7.3 Footpath Report –Cllr. Samuelson and Cllr. Hutt**

No report as too wet to walk the footpaths. Cllr. Samuelson said he keeps a check on the school footpath for litter and will walk the others when it is drier.

#### **7.4 Parish Council Update – clerk (report attached to these minutes)**

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

Matters had been raised by the public on planning earlier in the meeting.

### **9. Matters to be discussed:**

#### **9.1 Vacancies on the Parish Council**

There are still three vacancies for Parish Councillors. Any enquiries to the clerk.

#### **9.2 Update: Parish Council Website**

It was agreed that the re-direction to the new website will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> January. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Hutt for all his work on producing the new website.

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### **9.3 For Discussion: Interpretation Board on The Green.**

Cllr. King had reported that the board is difficult to read and Ken has tried to clean it but it is faded. Cllr. Flack said that she has found the file on her PC and when the printers are open again we will get a new one printed. She said that she thought it would cost approx.. £100 .

Proposed – Cllr. Flack, Seconded – Cllr. Samuelson, **AGREED** by all Cllrs. present.

### **9.4 For Discussion: Play equipment for people with disabilities/special needs.**

This request had been raised by a resident and Cllr. Flack suggested that a basket swing would be dual purpose and allows an adult to participate also. It was agreed to get estimates and decide where it could be sited in the recreation ground. Cllr. Flack suggested that a CCC Capital Grant could be applied for with match funding by the Parish Council from the VAT refund.

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

**10.1** Cllr. King reported that a signpost is down on CB7 in Chestnut Avenue. Clerk has reported to PROW.

**10.2** Cllr. Hutt mentioned speeding traffic on the A290. County Cllr. Thomas said that the first phase of the road improvements are being done this year with the second phase next year.

**10.3** Cllr. Samuelson said that the school had faced challenges over the last three or four months but there had only been two actual Covid cases in the school.

**10.4** Cllr. Jeffers mentioned the dog bin on Woodlands footpath which has collapsed. The clerk has reported this to CCC.

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

There being no further business Cllr. Flack thanked all Cllrs. for their work in the past year and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**

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

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

**Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2021 are:**

**8<sup>th</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September,  
11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **REPORTS**

### **Kent County Councillor Robert Thomas Parish Council Report - December 2020**

#### **1. COVID-19**

**Local Track and Trace** commenced on Friday 27th November through the Kent Track Local Tracing Partnership. A phone call will be made to the resident from a local number e.g. 01227 where the national track and trace has been unable to reach the individual.  
<https://kccmediahub.net/kent-local-tracing-partnership-media-release745>

#### **Tier 3**

Kent has issued a statement following the government update that Kent will be in Tier 3 from 2nd December <https://kccmediahub.net/statement-regarding-kent-tier-3-announcement745>

**Business grants** are available through Canterbury City Council at <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/180/businesses-urged-to-be-ready-for-grant-applications>

**Knock and Check** is the winter campaign that Kent County Council is supporting to ensure that residents are supported during these difficulties focusing on a neighbourly approach [www.kentcf.org.uk/knockandcheck](http://www.kentcf.org.uk/knockandcheck)

#### **2. Highways**

The council also keep a record of pothole and patching repairs on a weekly basis. The latest figures can be seen below. To report faults please log them at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

#### **3. Free School Meals**

Following on from the recent support of food vouchers for families during the half term school break Kent County Council has also confirmed plans to offer the same at Xmas and will be working up plans for the February 2021 Half Term also.  
<https://kccmediahub.net/kent-county-council-plans-to-give-food-vouchers-to-eligible-families-this-christmas745>

#### **4. E-Scooter Trial**

Following the launch of the Canterbury trial in November, and Kent Police looking at concerns for enforcing non-trial e-scooters, the police have put together guidance as part for their enforcement action

#### **5. Affordable Housing**

You may recall that I chaired the cross-party Affordable Housing Select Committee at the start of 2020 which resulted in Council noting the report, and recommendations to

the Cabinet, in July? At the November meeting of Scrutiny Committee a report outlined that all eight recommendations were accepted by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development with actions outlined how to progress the recommendations. Further information can be seen at

<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/documents/s100561/Affordable%20Housing%20Select%20Committee%20Report%20-%20Response%20-%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf>

## **6. Getting Building Fund**

£32.4million from the government's Getting Building Fund has been approved for six more projects in the county. The projects will contribute to the Government's Build Back Better initiative to help the recovery of the economy and are set to deliver within 18 months. In total these projects will create and safeguard 1,405 jobs, assist 698 learners, unlock and deliver 246 new homes, and unlock 5,383sq m of commercial space.

**Thanet Parkway Railway Station (£11,999,000)** : the delivery of a new railway station in East Kent to improve connectivity to these coastal communities. The project will deliver a new train station which will be located approximately 2 miles east of Ramsgate on the Ashford International to Ramsgate line. The proposed station will provide two platforms suitable for use by 12-car trains.

**Romney Marsh Employment Hub (£3,536,466)**: this is the second stage of a project that provides infrastructure to services and brings forward the remaining five hectares of employment land in Folkestone and Hythe, creating 480 new jobs. Getting Building Fund investment will be part of a funding package to further develop the Mountfield Road Industrial Estate. This includes the development of a business hub of 751 sqm divided into 14 rooms of varying sizes, with offices built for businesses that will range in size from 2-10 employees.

**Javelin Way Development (£578,724)**: the provision of new educational and light industrial facilities, on the Henwood Industrial Estate in Ashford. The scheme consists of two elements: the construction of a 'Creative Laboratory' production space to be leased from Kent County Council by Jasmin Vardimon Company, a world-renowned dance company and creative organisation; and the development of 29 light industrial units for sale and/or lease, suitable for additional creative businesses as well as the general market.

**First and Second Floors, Building 500, Discovery Park, Sandwich (£2,500,00)**: the upgrade of chemistry, biology and write-up space in Building 500 at Discovery Park. The Discovery Park Incubator project will deliver flexible, collaborative workspace in which life science start-ups and SME's can establish their operations and grow as part of an innovative community. The project involves the refurbishment of two floors within the East Block of Building 500 at Discovery Park, to provide around 30,000 sq ft of lettable space.

**Performing & Production Digital Arts Facility at North Kent College (£12,625,000):** the provision of industry-leading training facilities for Performance and Production Arts at the heart of the Thames Estuary Production Corridor. This will enable the college to maintain and develop its established strengths in performing arts and digital design, respond to growing student demand and contribute to the long-term growth of the creative and cultural sector. Specifically, it will involve the construction of a new, high-quality two-storey building containing 2,836 sq m of educational floorspace, including a performance venue, dance studios, music performance spaces, digital design classrooms and workshops.

**The Meeting Place, Swanley (£1,490,000):** the provision of new business space and homes. The project will deliver a new and innovative 'work hub' alongside 17 new homes. This will be achieved through the redevelopment of a prominent site which is in Sevenoaks District Council ownership and which has been redundant for several years. The housing element of the scheme responds to the identified need for smaller units, especially for younger workers. The 'work hub' element will consist of 250 sqm of flexible space aimed at start-ups, home workers and people who might otherwise have had to commute for work.

Prior to the announcement of funding for these six projects in November two other projects in Kent and Medway secured £4.3million in funding: the roll-out of full fibre broadband to remote and rural parts of Kent and Medway to support businesses needing faster connectivity (£2.29 million), and Britton Farm, a new learning and skills hub in a repurposed shopping mall, supporting adults to retrain, upskill and access employment opportunities in Medway (£1.99 million).

This brings the total value of GBF being invested across eight projects in Kent and Medway to £37.3 million. These projects will all contribute to the Government's Build Back Better initiative to help the recovery of the economy and are set to deliver within 18 months.

## **7. Kent Plan Bee**

On 16th November 2020 Kent County Council held its inaugural Kent Plan Bee Summit.

To watch the summit go to <https://vimeo.com/481274408/91b85a13b9> includes wonderful contributions from the Kent Children's University

<https://vimeo.com/481393976/42214d73c9> &

<https://vimeo.com/481406649/364597e94c>

The county b-lines

An example of the bee-friendly bus stops that will rolled out across the county.

## **Consultations to note**

### **1. Canterbury e-Scooter trial**

<https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/canterburysescootertrial/consultationHome>

### **2. KCC budget 2021/22**

<https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Budget2122/consultationHome>

### **3. National Highways and Transport Survey 2020/21**

[https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/NTH2020\\_21/consultationHome](https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/NTH2020_21/consultationHome)

### **4. Kirby's Lane, St Dunstan's Street prohibition of entry**

[https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/St\\_Dunstans\\_Prohibition\\_Entry/consultationHome](https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/St_Dunstans_Prohibition_Entry/consultationHome)

### **5. London Road 20mph**

[https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/London\\_Road\\_speed\\_reduction/consultationHome](https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/London_Road_speed_reduction/consultationHome)

### **6. Sturry roads 20mph**

[https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Ashdene\\_Grove\\_Speed\\_Limit/consultationHome](https://kccconsultations.inconsult.uk/consult.ti/Ashdene_Grove_Speed_Limit/consultationHome)

## **NEWS ELSEWHERE**

### **Football Foundation**

Football Foundation's Local Football Facility Plan was finalised recently and outlines a number of projects which should be progressed. This work will be important as Canterbury City Council reviews its Local Plan and finalises a Playing Pitches Strategy. A Sports Forum was due to commence just prior to the global pandemic and it remains to be seen if the city council can afford to continue this initiative. Additionally we wait to see how the city council will use the developer contributions from the Kingsbrook Park development (Kingsmead) to support football initiatives.

<https://localplans.footballfoundation.org.uk/local-authorities-index/canterbury/canterbury-local-football-facility-plan/>

### **Barton Manor**

The free school which part of Barton Court Academy Trust, which used to be the Chaucer Technology school, has a new website and are consulting on their admission arrangements for 2023/24. The press release can be seen at <http://www.bartonmanor.org/238/latest-news/post/8/barton-manor-press-release> and the consultation at <http://www.bartonmanor.org/1220/consultation-on-the-admission-arrangements-for-academic-year-20222023-20232024>

### **City centre security**

Bollards erected in Canterbury to prevent hostile vehicle attacks has gone live <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/181/new-date-for-city-centre-security-bollards-system-switch-on>

### **Car Share**

A new car share scheme has launched in the city centre using hybrid vehicles.

<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/182/city-s-first-all-hybrid-car-share-club-launches>

### **Active Life**

I am a trustee at Active Life (AL), who oversee the leisure facilities for Canterbury City Council, and having been in and out of lockdown, not least of all using Kingsmead Leisure Centre (KLC) as the Community Hub for distributing food parcels and support to shielding residents in the district, they have now developed online classes. The classes are filmed at KLC and used across the whole of the Fusion Lifestyle (FL) network (as FL are AL's parent charity). Currently the use of the online classes are free and can be accessed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTNMa2MPhZ5UMhChzJ3IXcA>

### **Free online parenting**

Parents in Kent and Medway are to be given free access to an online parenting course that can help them understand their child's behaviour and improve family relationships, thanks to Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) and Kent County Council (KCC).

Access has been provided to the parents and carers of nearly 450,000 children and young people in the 'Solihull approach' parenting course.

There are four separate courses for parents, starting during pregnancy and continuing until a child's 19th birthday including a specific course for teens 'Understanding your teenager's brain'.

These courses give parents and carers some simple, practical strategies to both strengthen their relationships with their children and give themselves a confidence boost. Courses are available at [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk). Please use the access code Invicta to register for a free account.

The courses complement existing support available to families from health visiting and school health teams and we urge parents to get in touch if they need further one-to-one support. For more details of the parenting support available to families in Kent visit [www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/kent-baby/health-visiting-service/](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/kent-baby/health-visiting-service/) or [www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health)

### **£7 million for Emergency Department expansion**

To prepare for the expected increase in patients needing care this winter, the emergency departments in Ashford and Margate, which were originally developed in the 1970s and 1980s, are benefitting from a £7m expansion.

This new capital funding from NHS England will allow us to move forward with a three-year project to improve the experience for patients attending the departments.

This will improve the experience for patients attending the emergency departments, including modern, fit-for-purpose children's emergency departments, expanding waiting areas, additional cubicles and treatment space.

### **New operating theatres at Kent and Canterbury**

Four new operating theatres are being installed at Kent and Canterbury Hospital (K&C) this month following a successful bid for £14 million investment to treat more orthopaedic patients. The Trust is part of a national NHS pilot that aims to demonstrate that carrying out planned orthopaedic operations, such as hip and knee hospital to emergency operations, benefits both sets of patients.

Where these changes have been introduced, both in east Kent and elsewhere in the country, waiting times have reduced and fewer operations have been cancelled.

Once on site, work to connect and fit out the theatres and ward renovations will get underway, so that by next May, all patients needing planned inpatient orthopaedic operations will be cared for in new and improved facilities at K&C. Emergency operations will continue at QEQM and WHH.

### ***PCSO Report***

***Blean, Tyler Hill, & Rough Common***

***November 2020***

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

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

1/11/2020 Thorden court the university – theft of electric scooter. Filed.

03/11/2020 A vehicle parked outside a resident's house in Chapel Lane, Blean, suffered criminal damage. Filed.

6/11/2020 Suspicious vehicles parked outside a residents address in rough common road then were seen to drive off into blean woods.

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

- We are aware of nuisance bikes around the area we are conducting an operation alongside our community policing team colleagues on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know about any other nuisance bikes by either contacting myself or reporting by 101.
- I have also been aware of issues of dangerous driving and speeding along Rough Common Road I will pass this on to our community policing and roads

policing teams. I will also be patrolling the area to act as a deterrent.

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***Items of good work:***

- I am maintaining a visible presence in the area as much as possible by means of foot patrol and use of a marked police car.
- I am trying to patrol more in the area especially in the evening periods to provide a visible police presence and deter crime and anti-social behaviour.

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***Updates of previous reported issues:***

- Dangerous driving and nuisance bikes are still an issue I'm dealing with as previously stated we have the bike operation coming up on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

For the foreseeable future all Parish reports, correspondence and collations will be conducted by myself (PCSO LAWRENCE 61739). I am contactable via [William.lawrence@kent.police.uk](mailto:William.lawrence@kent.police.uk) should any further information, assistance or guidance be required. I look forward to any contact and wish all members and residents my regards.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY CALL 999**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT- Nov and Dec 2020**

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET  
Phone: 01227 450853/mob 07843962986  
e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

4 reports, relevant to the village, were received from Kent Police between Nov 1st and Dec 8th forwarded electronically to the 17 links around the village of Blean.

The build-up to Christmas has meant an increase in phone and computer and the police have been sending reports that give the low down on this criminal activity. Here is a typical report:

*Fake penalty notices – Phishing Email Overnight I have been advised of a number of you receiving the below phishing email impersonating HM Courts and Tribunals. This is a scam, please do not click on any links or pay any monies. You will never receive an email from HM Courts asking you to pay a fine in this way. Some indications that this is a scam email are that it is not sent from a GOV.UK email address. Secondly, the email does not include any details of location or vehicle registration. The odd amounts (and expressed as GBP indicates sent from abroad) that have been requested. Finally, the contact number is marked as, “Temporarily unavailable.” If you receive one of these phishing emails, please forward to report@phishing.gov.uk Additionally, I have included a warning from Action fraud on these types of Fraud*

David Greenman  
NHW coordinator for Blean.            Friday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2020

## **Parish Council Update - November and December 2020**

**1.** The fingerpost at Chestnut Avenue CB7 has fallen down – reported to PROW 22/9/20  
Ref: 200946140

**Response from PROW to the above 4/12/20** - Further to your fault report on a Public Right of Way, we have inspected the problem and scheduled the work. Minor works will be completed within a maximum of 10 weeks from inspection. Some minor works will be carried out sooner than this but some, such as signposting, may be grouped with similar work in the area to enable us to provide better value for money.

**2.** The streetlight at the beginning of Chestnut Avenue has been mended.

**3.** Part of the weight restriction sign in Tyler Hill Road near the junction of School Lane has fallen down and has been reported to Kent Highways.

**4.** Work has been completed by Goodfellers on the conifer trees that border 18 School Lane and the recreation ground to minimise damage during the winter.

**5.** The Waste Contract to empty the waste container outside the village hall has been transferred from Serco to Lili Waste Services and the contract completed and signed at no extra cost per week.

### **Consultations circulated to Cllrs.**

- CCC - 2021/22 budget
- CCC - Proposed changes to charges and conditions in council car parks
- CCC - Invitation to pre-consultation workshops - Climate Change Action Plan
- CCC - Our Future District 2040- update for Parish Councils
- KCC - Climate Adaptation Survey for Kent and Medway - 15 January 2021