

Blean Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, School Lane, Blean
on Monday 8th July 2019

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Those Present: Cllr. B. Flack (Chairman); Cllr. G King; Cllr. J. Rouse; Cllr. H. Samuelson; Cllr. P. Wakeling; Cllr. A. Jeffers and Clerk D. Horswell.

Also present: Ward Cllr. Dan Smith and five members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: – Cllr. L. Harvey – Family Commitments; Cllr. L. Williams – work commitments; County Cllr. R. Thomas – at Chestfield Parish Council meeting; Ward Cllr. Alex Ricketts – work commitments and PCSO Tom Daley – Training Course.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:
Cllr. Flack declared that she now has a role as a Kent Constabulary Civilian Custodian Inspector
There were no other changes or Declaration of Interests from Councillors.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last meeting held on 10th June 2019:
Proposed by Cllr. Rouse, seconded by Cllr. Samuelson and all Members present
AGREED.
Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Banking Report July 2019 Approval for invoice payments

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection July 2019	£97.50 Vat £16.25
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages June 2019	£175.13
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary June 2019	£719.13
Bacs		Ink Cartridges	£53.00
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC June 2019	£147.60
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband July 2019	£58.25 Vat £9.71
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire July 2019	£15.00

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Bacs	Meadow Grange Nurseries	Bedding Plants Compost Roundup	£66.25 Vat £11.05
Bacs	Cutters Garden Services	Strim 2 x footpaths Hedge & shrub cutting recreation ground	£120.00 £220.00 Total: £340.00
Bacs	TDP Limited	Planter	£330.11 Vat £55.02

	<u>Total Paid Out</u>	<u>£2,001.97</u>
<u>Paid In</u>		
BVHMC – Waste Collection May		£33.10
Favour House Church – Payments for 2 x use of recreation ground		£30.00
BVHMC – Use of recreation ground for Annual Fete		£25.00
	<u>Total Paid in</u>	<u>£88.10</u>

Bank Statement as at 30th June 2019

**Current Account £40,564.78 (Not including all the transactions above)
Includes Innovation Grant of £2,000 (for setting up Youth Council) of which there is
a balance of £1,839.25**

It was noted that the payment to TDP Limited was for a new planter to be placed
alongside the rainbow seat in front of the shops.

A new noticeboard has also been ordered for the area by the layby opposite the
Royal Oak.

Both have been purchased with the help of a grant of £900 from CCC Rural
Opportunities Fund (received as shown in June Banking Report).

5. PLANNING REPORT July 2019

Planning Applications:

**1. 19/00960 - Proposed two-storey rear extension and cladding to front - 37 School
Lane, Blean, CT2 9JA - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

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2. 19/00869 - Proposed roof extension above existing single-storey rear extension - 88 Blean Common, Blean, CT2 9JJ – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Decision Notices by CCC:

1. 9/00821 - Application for lawful development certificate for proposed single-storey rear extension with 3 no. rooflights following demolition of existing conservatory - 25 Mount Pleasant, Blean, CT2 9EU - WOULD BE LAWFUL

Appeal:

Site address: The Mill House, 40 Tyler Hill Road, Blean, CT2 9HT

Description: Proposed detached single-storey dwelling.

Application ref: 18/01945

Appellants name: Mr E Vant

Appeal ref: 3230513

Appeal start date: 13 June 2019

A discussion was had on the appeal concerning The Mill House, 40 Tyler Hill Road.

6. Report from Ward Cllrs, County Cllr. and PCSO:

6.1 The clerk read out a report from County Cllr. Thomas:

£68,000 has been given to Hadlow Parish Council for the provision of two minibuses, in a community transport scheme. There is sometimes some help available from KCC for rural transport where otherwise it would be extremely difficult if not impossible.

At the Kent Show, this weekend, KCC is ran a stall with the theme of being green. A Kent Biodiversity Strategy consultation was launched on June 24, details available on the KCC website. Also KCC is working on “Kent’s Plan Bee”, the pollinator Action Plan, really important for food supplies and especially in this rural county. Details can be seen at <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=113&Mid=8188>

Finally, KCC Public Protection constantly sends put warnings of the latest scams. Two to be aware of recently are cold callers claiming to be from the National Insurance Enforcement Agency to say your number is being held because of something illegal alleged you have done. Court proceedings are out against you,

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so pay the “fine” now”, and it will cost you to unfreeze your NI number and so access the benefits of this. Of course the scammers are taking your money if you follow their links.

The second one is even worse. Criminals go round and steal mail from outdoor letter boxes, and if they get bank and other details, they order multiple credit cards in your name, using the correct details from your stolen mail. The cards duly arrive in the outside letter box and are stolen by the criminals without the householder ever being aware. The criminals then raid your account using these cards. Advice is either to not have an outside letterbox or be vigilant and only have the key yourself to unlock the outside mail box.

Never disclose any personal details such as bank numbers or date of birth no matter who the person says they are.

Report any concerns to Kent Trading Standards, details on KCC website, or the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06. Contact Kent Police on phone 101 and you can also report it to Action Fraud if you have already been scammed. This may help track down the scammer.

Cllr. Samuelson mentioned other scams that are being circulated.

6.2 Ward Cllr. Report:

Cllr. Dan Smith reported that there is to be a public consultation meeting in Rough Common village hall on 12th July 2.30 – 6.30pm regarding Quinn Estates’ plans to increase the number of houses to be built on land at 51 Rough Common Road.

6.3 PCSO Report: No report.

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

7.1 *Village Hall Report: (attached to these minutes)*

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

Cllr. Flack said that Security Kits which had been supplied from CCC Community Safety Team will be distributed to any resident wishing to have one by the NHW Street Monitors. Contact David Greenman.

7.3 *Speedwatch Update:*

Mike Gladman gave a Speedwatch update in which he reported that at a recent session on Blean Hill on 1st July a total of 49 speeding vehicles out of 313 were recorded in one hour which is the highest so far. There is a problem with

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recruitment with more volunteers needed. The trials on Pro-cams have been rejected but not taken off the table completely.

The driver of the vehicle reported at the last meeting as travelling at 69mph has been visited by the police and given a written warning.

Cllr. Samuelson gave thanks to Mike for his work on Speedwatch.

8. Matters raised by the Public:

The following issues were raised by members of the public present:

- Footpaths CB27 and CB18A have brambles growing across them
- CB25 has ivy growing across it
- There are brambles growing across the pavement from the hedges by the Blean Tavern which is closed.

9. Matters to be discussed:

9.1 Highway Improvement Plan

Cllr. Flack explained that this is a new instrument created by Kent Highways and Highway Stewards. Parish Councils need to fill in their requirements and submit to Kent Highways who will look at them and say whether the requirements asked for are possible. She added that including the A290 improvement plans on Bleans will keep it in the forefront and open up discussions with Highways so that the Parish Council is consulted and kept in the loop.

All Councillors present agreed with the first draft which will now be submitted to the officers leading this project.

As regards the Tyler Hill Road and Crab and Winkle crossing point Cllr. Flack said that she had had a meeting with Ruth Goudie from CCC regarding the red markings that are already under the existing road surface.

9.2 Parish Plan 2020-2025

The Parish Plan is up for renewal in 2020 so Cllr. Flack asked Councillors to think how this will proceed and to look at the previous questionnaire used which will be emailed out. It will then be up for discussion at the September meeting.

9.3 Capital Grant Application

This funding from CCC has to be a 50/50 funding. Cllr. Flack suggested that we could apply for a flashing speed indicator to be positioned in a place approved by Kent Highways. Cllrs. agreed for products and prices to be sought..

9.4 Website Issues

The clerk explained that there are new regulations coming out regarding websites and being that the existing website is not too user friendly it might be the right time

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to look at other website providers. Cllrs. agreed we should explore the possibilities and discuss it further at the September meeting.

9.5 VE day Celebrations

Cllr. Flack said that it was planned to have a village celebration involving the Village Hall, Parish Council and other various groups.

9.6 Change of meeting dates to: 10th Sept/ 7th Oct/ 4th Nov

Due to Cllr. Flack having CCC meetings that clash with the Parish Council meetings in September, October and November it was agreed that the meeting dates would be changed to Tuesday 10th September, Monday 7th October and Monday 4th November.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Wakeling mentioned the hedge by the Royal Oak which is overgrown. Although this is the landowner's responsibility, the problem has been reported to KCC as it is now difficult for pedestrians to walk past and we have had reports of people in mobility scooters, pedestrians and parents with pushchairs having to go into the road as they cannot get along the pavement.

10.2 Cllr. King mentioned the dead tree on the footpath behind 43 Blean Hill – this has already been reported to P.R.O.W.

Cllr. King also reported that the bus stop post opposite Tyler Hill Road has been reinstated. The actual bus stop sign and timetable will be installed by Stagecoach.

10.3 Letters will be sent to residents in the village whose hedges are overhanging pavements and roadways.

11. Any Other Business for discussion at next meeting:

Ward Cllr. Smith mentioned about trees being planted to create green spaces. Cllr. Flack commented that Blean Parish Council has a beautiful Nature Reserve in which extensive tree planting has taken place.

Next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 10th September.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Date _____

Signature _____

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BVHMC Report for Blean Parish Council meeting on July 8th 2019

- 1 The treasurer reported that £1900 had been raised at the annual summer fair and was well supported by the community. Monthly coffee mornings continue to thrive with the assistance of the many faithful volunteers who give up so much time and effort to help. The BVHMC social events program is suspended during the rest of July and August but will resume in September.
2. The treasurer also reported on there being a healthy bank balance of £40755.79 which includes the general account, the building fund and savings.
3. Bookings for the hall continue to flourish and compared to last year there has been a small increase in private hire bookings. Overall it has been a very positive couple of months with a steady number of enquiries and bookings for regular users as well.
4. The purchase of a microwave was discussed and agreed as several hall users had requested one for heating soup or baby's bottles etc
5. Sadly Tea towels will no longer be provided by the hall for users as the question of who should wash them has become an increasing problem.
6. The cleanliness of the hall has very much improved since the appointment of Russell, the caretaker and he has proved to be an excellent addition to the hall
7. The AGM to be held on October 28th was reviewed and decided that it will be more of a community inclusive event, with light refreshments in order to attract the local community to come along and hear about the work of BVHM. Hopefully this will encourage more people to volunteer in the near future.
8. The VE day celebration on Friday, the 8th of May 2020 will go ahead with a celebration for all the community to enjoy. Details to be discussed at a later date.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH report- June/July 2019

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

Five reports, relevant to the village, were received from Kent Police between 05 May and 02 July 2019 and forwarded to the 17 links around the village of Blean.

No particular crime predominated over this period but a special report was sent by the police. It pinpointed steps that could be taken to protect properties during the vulnerable summer months.

Here is an example of the sort of advice the police have issued with regard to this area of crime:

Keeping your Home Safe and Secure

During the warm weather people are more likely to leave their doors and windows open to ventilate their properties. Walk in burglaries do increase during the Summer months, so don't be complacent, if you cannot see the door or window then it should be shut and locked. If you are out enjoying your garden, remember to shut and lock all windows on the front of your property.

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- *Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes*
- *Double-lock any door*
- *Make sure that any valuables are out of sight*
- *Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening*
- *Never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways*
- *In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on*
- *If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night*
- *Set your burglar alarm*
- *Make sure the side gate is locked*
- *Lock your shed or garage*
- *Lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor*