

Blean Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022

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

Also present: Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts; Ward Cllr. D. Smith and one resident.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr. J. Russell – on holiday and Cllr. H. Samuelson – sickness.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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

Cllr. Flack reported that she is now a CCC Cabinet Member. No other changes were reported.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 13th June 2022.

Amendment to June Minutes from Ward Cllr. Smith ref 6.2 'for the Bison mural I contributed privately as I had already used my funds to support the Canterbury Heritage Design Forum for their work in professional commentary with heritage matters on planning applications across the whole of the Blean ward (and beyond)'.

These being **approved** the Minutes were **signed** by the Chairman as a true record.

4. Finance:

4.1: (Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.)

Approval for invoice payments

DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection July	£86.11 (Vat £14.35)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages June	£164.63
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary June	£765.39
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Petty Cash Screwfix	£8.35 (Vat £1.39)
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC June	£176.23
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband July	£70.92 (Vat £11.82)
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire 11/7/22	£18.00
Bacs	Meadow Grange	Gloves/Liquafeed/Gravel/Brushes	£48.86 (Vat £8.15)
Bacs	Cutters Garden Services	Strim Footpaths	£120.00
Bacs	Goodfellers Tree Surgeons	Tree maintenance	£150.00 (Vat £25.00)

Total Paid Out:

£1608.49

Paid in:

BVHMC – Waste collection and grass cutting May & June £118.65

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Bank Statement as at 30th June 2022 - Current Account £51,132.30

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

Payments approved by all Cllrs. Present.

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

PLANNING REPORT July 2022

Planning Applications:

22/01175 - Retrospective application for conservatory between the main house and an outbuilding
- **17 Tile Kiln Hill** – Comments by 29th July.

Decision Notices by CCC:

22/01004 - Single-storey detached garage - **The Oast House, Pean Hill - GRANTED**

Appeals:

Gladmans: Have sent their fourth monthly update to the Planning Inspectorate.

There was a discussion on the latest update and it was agreed to send in comments to the CCC Planning Officer dealing with the case and to write to Chestfield Parish Council regarding the flooding impact.

6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:

6.1 Ward Cllr. Ricketts:

Cllr. Ricketts reported on:

- A similar development in Rough Common
- The bison being released into Blean Woods and the visit to the mural at the University. The artist is interested in doing other work in the area.
- He had attended the first Scrutiny sub-committee meeting and Safety Partnership with the Police which was a good meeting. It may need a sub-committee.
- He is setting up a meeting with Matthew Arnold from Stagecoach.

7. Reports and Updates:

7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

The past month has been slightly quieter than usual, but enquiries for bookings are still coming in.

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Affinity Trust are set to return to the hall post pandemic, forming two separate groups to hold meetings in the committee room. Pregnancy Yoga have had to cancel due to lack of numbers making it financially unviable.

An enquiry was received from a Blean school parent wishing to book the hall for Year 6 leavers picnic. The parish council was contacted by the Lettings Officer, and was told that the Parish Council are happy for this to go ahead without the need to seek their permission nor to request insurance to use the recreation ground for games and a picnic as the precedent has been set.

A couple of bookings have been secured for a christening party and a birthday party in August, with others in the pipeline for the Autumn.

Cllr. Hutt reported that he had met with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the village hall committee to discuss various matters. The main concern was the replacing of the wooden posts around the car park which is a matter of high priority.

There is to be a working group who will carry out jobs that need to be done in the Hall on 14th August. They are asking for volunteers from the various hiring groups to help.

7.2 N.H.W. Report & PCSO Report –

The only matter was theft from a motor vehicle at Pean Hill.

The clerk was asked to ask the PCSO to make contact with Cllr. Russell regarding the Woodlands Estate.

7.3 Footpath Report:

Cllr. Russell has walked Footpaths CB19, 26, 20, 20B, 29, 18, 77 and 17.

7.4 Highways Report:

Cllr. Hutt expressed disappointment regarding the lack of communication with KCC Highways regarding the Crab and Winkle Way/Tyler Hill Road crossover. The recent email from them indicated that they did a site visit but had not informed the Parish Council so there had been no opportunity for input. Cllr. Flack suggested writing to KCC Simon Jones or the Cabinet Member David Brazier. All Cllrs. present agreed to this action.

It was also noted that the road markings on the cycle route have worn away.

Cllr. Russell, in her absence, had sent in a report on Speedwatch in she reported - I sent an email to Alan Watson on 20 June asking for his availability for the training however I've not heard back as yet. I've kept our group updated.

7.5 Clerk's Report:

Ken has reported that the drains in the village have been cleared and cleaned.

Footpath CB7 has been reported to KCC as it is in need of lower vegetation clearance.

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Three trees in the recreation ground have had the ivy removed by Goodfellers as identified in the tree survey (the quote has been reduced by 50% as there was not as much work required as first thought) and the row of conifers are to be trimmed next week. The residents have been informed. Capital Grants Application form received from CCC – closing date 3rd October.

Use of recreation ground by Imago, a charity for carers and their families, on 10th August has booked the Hall and would like to use the recreation ground as well. As it is an organised event and there will potentially be quite a large number of people attending, insurance and a risk assessment is required as per BPC insurers' criteria. The organiser is happy about this as they have insurance and the organiser is coming to visit the Hall on Monday and do a risk assessment, copies of which will be sent to BPC. Blean School year 6 Leavers will meet on the recreation ground, as they do each year, for a picnic and games on the last day of term. They will be accompanied by teachers and parents.

Hall Maintenance Working Party 'The Blean Management Committee has been discussing ways to keep our maintenance and running costs down, as I am sure you are all too aware of the inevitable rises of utility bills and other outgoings which are looking increasingly likely to affect us over the next few months. The Committee has decided to hold a 'Maintenance Working Party' on Sunday 14th August at the hall from 9am onwards. We would be really grateful if at least one representative from each of our regular groups could come along to help restore and maintain our lovely village hall. Some of the tasks that need doing include:- cleaning paintwork, sanding and glossing, sorting out the chairs in the storeroom, cleaning out the store, tidying the shed etc. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for anyone who is willing to spare some of their time, even if it is just for a couple of hours.'

CCC Planning Training – 20th July – online.

Hoath PC have emailed details of the Canterbury Climate change Action Festival and Awards. Canterbury Christ Church University will host the Festival on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th September between 10.00am and 4.00pm to coincide with the national Great Big Green Week. The Awards will be presented on Sunday 25th between 4.00pm and 6.00pm (TBC). Stalls will showcase green projects underway in the District, presentations will share latest climate-related ideas and there will be family climate-related activities for all ages

8. Matters raised by the Public:

No matters raised by the public present.

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

9.1 Parish Charter:

Cllrs. agreed that this was a useful document that formed the relationship between Parish Councils and CCC. If passed by KALC Canterbury Area Committee at their meeting on Wednesday it will go to CCC for agreement in September.

9.2 Village Sign Update:

The repairer should have all the quotes by the end of the week for everything including the sign

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writing.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Flack:

Reported that the vegetation along Tyler Hill Road is overgrown.

Cllr. Flack will contact Ruth Goudie from CCC regarding the York Gate on the Crab and Winkle Way.

Cllr. Flack also reported that she had attended the opening of the Bagpuss exhibition at The Smallfilms Gallery at The Beaney. This is part of the heritage of Blean..

10.2 Cllr. Akers:

Reported that he had tested the Speedwatch kit and will order the long-sleeved jackets ready for operation.

10.3 Cllr. Hutt:

Reported that the lines of the disabled bay at the shops need repainting also in Chapel Lane. Cllr. Flack suggested asking residents if there are any other lines that need repainting while the crew is out. Cllr. Hutt will put it on the Blean Residents Facebook page.

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

Cllr. Flack suggested that there is a need for a new Parish Plan.

There being no meeting in August the next meeting will be on Monday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Committee Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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

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Signature _____