

Blean Parish Council
Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022

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Those Present: Cllr. B Flack; Cllr. P. Hutt; Cllr. J. Russell; Cllr. H. Samuelson; Cllr. M. Akers; Cllr. A. Jeffers and Clerk Mrs D. Horswell.

Also present: Ward Cllr. D. Smith and one member of the public.

1. To elect a Chairman and receive Declaration of Acceptance:

Cllr. Hutt was **Proposed** by Cllr. Flack, **Seconded** by Cllr. Russell for the position of Chairman. All Cllrs. present **AGREED**.

Cllr. Hutt signed a Declaration of Acceptance counter-signed by the clerk.

2. To elect a Vice-Chairman and receive Declaration of Acceptance:

Cllr. Flack was **Proposed** by Cllr. Hutt, **Seconded** by Cllr. Russell for the position of Vice-Chairman. All Cllrs. present **AGREED**.

Cllr. Flack signed a Declaration of Acceptance counter-signed by the clerk.

3. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. Hutt welcomed everyone to the meeting and said that he will do the job as well as he can.

Cllr. Samuelson thanked Cllr. Flack for the sterling work she has done as Chairman for Blean since 2014.

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. G. King – wife unwell; Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts – in London; County Cllr. R. Thomas – attending Chestfield PC meeting; PCSO Lawrence – attending other duties.

4. Changes to Register of Members Interests & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

No changes or D of I besides the usual ones were declared

5. To approve Minutes of the last Meeting: of 11th April 2022:

The Minutes were agreed and approved as being a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

6. Appointment of Cllrs with responsibilities to report on:

Highways – Cllr. Jeffers

KALC Representative - Cllr. Flack who declared that she was on the Working Party for the Parish Charter.

Footpath Wardens – Cllr. Samuelson and Cllr. Russell.

Village Hall Representative - Cllr. King

7. Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (circulated to all Cllrs. prior to the meeting)

All Cllrs. present **AGREED to Adopt**.

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Total Paid In: £28,943.00

Bank Statement as at 31st April 2022 - Current Account £51,561.95
(This does not include all the outgoing transactions in this banking report).

8.1 Following a review of effectiveness of the system of internal control - To accept and approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 - to be signed by Chairman and clerk following approval by Council.

All Cllrs. present **AGREED.**

8.2 To accept and approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2021/2022 - signed by the clerk prior to the meeting and to be signed by the Chairman following approval by the Council.

(AGAR papers and Internal Auditor's report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting)

All Cllrs. present **AGREED.**

All documentation required will now be sent to PFK Littlejohns, the External Auditors, for examination.

9. Planning Report May 2022 (Planning Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting.)

Planning Applications:

1. 22/00624 - Single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory 17 Mount Pleasant – Blean Parish Council has no objections.

**2. 22/00741- Replacement dwelling together with detached garage - 11A School Lane
Comments by 20th May**

3. 22/00785 - Two-storey side extension and part two-storey and part single-storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory - 3 School Lane - Comments by 20th May

4. 22/00804 - Retrospective single-storey rear extension and single-storey detached Outbuilding - 11 Chestnut Avenue - Comments by 20th May

5. 22/00856 - Relocation of existing concrete sectional garage - 21 Chestnut Avenue - Comments by 3rd June.

Decision Notices by CCC:

1. 22/00128 - Two-storey side extension following demolition of single-storey side extension - 21 Chestnut Avenue - GRANTED

Appeals:

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

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10. Reports from Ward Cllrs; County Cllr. And PCSO

10.1 Ward Cllr. Smith:

Reported on the bus changes, in particular, the withdrawal of No. 27 bus which has been withdrawn due to commercial reasons. Residents can write to Stagecoach with their thoughts.

Resident David Gammon said that as from 1st June there will be a change in the timetable for the No.4

Cllr. Flack said that she has spoken to the Stagecoach Services Manager who said that the changes are due to lack of drivers and commercial reasons. They are offering incentives to get new drivers trained.

Cllr. Smith also reported that the e-scooter trial has been extended to the end of the year.

Cllr. Jeffers questioned about the green credentials to which Cllr. Flack responded that she would forward an email to him.

10.2 Ward Cllr. Flack:

Reported on the following CCC consultations

Change in parking restrictions

New trial in the Dane John gardens

Public Spaces Protection Orders

She said that it is important that people participate in the consultations.

She also spoke of the Ukraine Displaced persons scheme with the numbers settled in Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay and the rural areas. CCC are working with the various agencies to help with language etc.

Cllr. Flack reported that she had visited two new developments:

South Quay Shed in Whitstable which is very impressive with all the units being leased. It is hoped to have them all open by the end of June with all the businesses being local traders.

New Riverside Development:

This is hoped to be open by mid to late summer with twelve other units and a cinema. The quality is excellent with affordable schemes.

Cllr. Samuelson commented that he had noticed that in the advertising posters for this development there were no disabled persons or people of colour.

10.3 PCSO Report: Attached to these Minutes.

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10.4 County Cllr. Robert Thomas in his absence had sent the following report with links:

1. Support for apprenticeships announced today <https://kccmediahub.net/use-levy-to-back-business-and-bright-futures-urges-kcc745>
2. Support for Mental Health Awareness Week <https://kccmediahub.net/mental-health-awareness-week-tackles-loneliness745>
3. KCC support for 'No Mow May'
<https://kccmediahub.net/kents-plan-bee-rest-your-lawnmower-for-no-mow-may-and-help-pollinators745>
4. Escooter trial to be made permanent <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/canterbury-escooter>
5. Consultation on Kent and Medway Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 22-25 <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/safeguarding-adults-board-plan>
6. Following consultation The Canterbury Academy will proceed with its business plan to establish a Specialist Resourced Provision (SRP) at The Canterbury Academy Trust Campus. It is proposed to establish a SRP for 8 students with Hearing Impairment (HI).
<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/the-canterbury-academy>
7. Tree "joy" with the iconic plane tree in the Westgate Gardens chosen for the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy initiative
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/306/westgate-gardens-plane-tree-features-in-queens-green-canopy>
8. There's a new consultation on the locking of gates within the Dane John Garden at night <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultation-item?id=1&r=34>

11. Reports and Updates:

11.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

It has been necessary to completely replace the heating apparatus and a radiator in the Committee Room. The security camera system has needed attention, a costly replacement of the posts around the car park is under way, attention to the trees identified in the recent survey, considerable increase in the cost of electricity and gas supplies, electrical servicing and repair to some of the outside lighting, and the replacement of the sink in the main hall kitchen. Recently repairs to the south end wall and window, and to the roof have also taken more money from our limited resources.

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In view of the above, and the fact that the cost of phase two build will be in the region of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds, the committee have unanimously decided that we are in no position to proceed with the work to provide the foundations for the Phase two building extension so the matter will have to lapse and not be proceeded with.

A completely new planning application may be made some time in the future when fund raising makes the build possible, subject to approval by the city council.

On a positive note, the lettings officer has reported more bookings and enquiries from our regular groups and private hirers.

11.2. Footpaths Report – Cllr. Samuelson: All footpaths that have been walked are fine.

11.3 N.H.W. Report – Please see report attached to these minutes.

11.4 Highways Report:

It was suggested, as there had been no response from Sebastian Bures regarding a site visit to the Tyler Hill Road/Crab and Winkle crossover, to write to Simon Jones of KCC.

12. Matters raised by the Public:

1. David Gammon raised the matter of notices in the village indicating that two thousand homes were to be built land owned by the University.

Cllr Hutt responded that there has recently been a 'Call for sites' by CCC but there are no applications on the horizon at the present time.

2. The matter of pavement parking opposite the shops was also raised to which Cllr. Flack said that a Police Officer can only issue a ticket if a person is in the vehicle whereas a Parking Enforcement Officer can issue a PCN. Officers do come and attend but residents need to keep reporting cases. It was also noted that the disabled space needs repainting.

3. A resident had written to BPC with a request to have the conifers between their property and the recreation ground trimmed with work needing doing on a damaged tree/branch.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to ask Goodfellers Tree Surgeons to take out the damaged tree/branch and give a quote for taking down the conifers out of nesting season.

13. Matters to be discussed:

13.1 Plaque for Rowan Tree and Jubilee Gathering:

After discussion, it was agreed to be suggested to residents to bring a picnic to the recreation ground. This will be put on the Facebook Blean Residents page.

The wording of the plaque to be positioned by the recently planted Rowan tree for the Platinum Jubilee was discussed.

13.2 Update on Speedwatch: Cllr. Akers is taking on the task of rejuvenating the village Speedwatch scheme of which there are five volunteers at the present time. It is hoped more will come forward. Cllr. Russell offered to help him with the administrative tasks.

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13.3 Update on repair of village sign:

The clerk reported that this is ongoing and will take a while for all the relevant persons to complete the repairs.

14. Councillors' Reports:

14.1 Cllr. Flack reported that it had been reported to her that there was unpleasant activity at the end of Bourne Lodge Close but after having it inspected nothing could be found.

There was a lot of development work being carried out at 16 Chapel Lane resulting in dust and vermin which CCC Environmental Health are dealing with.

14.2 Cllr. Samuelson reported that Blean Primary School has achieved 'outstanding' ratings, one of only three schools to achieve this in Kent. Congratulations were given to the school.

14.3 Cllr. Akers had asked villagers for their thoughts on the recycling bins but had had no response so had not carried it any further.

Cllr. Flack responded that the red boxes are the only solution as the blue inserts are not manufactured anymore.

14.4 Cllr. Hutt reminded Councillors of the online CCC training on 6th June.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13th June.

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

Date _____

Signature _____

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT- March 2022/April 2022

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET
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e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

6 reports, relevant to the village, were received from Kent Police between March 19th and 8th April forwarded electronically to the 17 links around the village of Blean.

E-scooters are still being tested on Canterbury's streets. The following gives a break down on how these test are progressing:

Update 6 May 2022

The Department for Transport (DfT) have granted a further extension of the Canterbury electric scooter rental trial, which had been set to end on 31 March. The trial will now run until the end of November 2022.

To facilitate this extension, the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, which can only be in place for up to 18 months, must be made permanent for the rest of the trial period. However, the [Made Order](#) can be revoked at any point. This only allows the use of the Bird trial e-scooters. The use of all other e-scooters remains illegal.

The extension is to allow more data about the use of electric scooters to be gathered and reported back to DfT. The extension only permits Bird e-scooters to be used in Canterbury.

More information on the Made Order can be found on the [Highway and Traffic Regulation Order and Public Notice Hub](#). More details on the trial can be found in the [consultation document](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) available from the Documents section.

Your feedback continues to be very important in helping to evaluate the trial. If you would like to tell us your views, please complete the feedback form below.

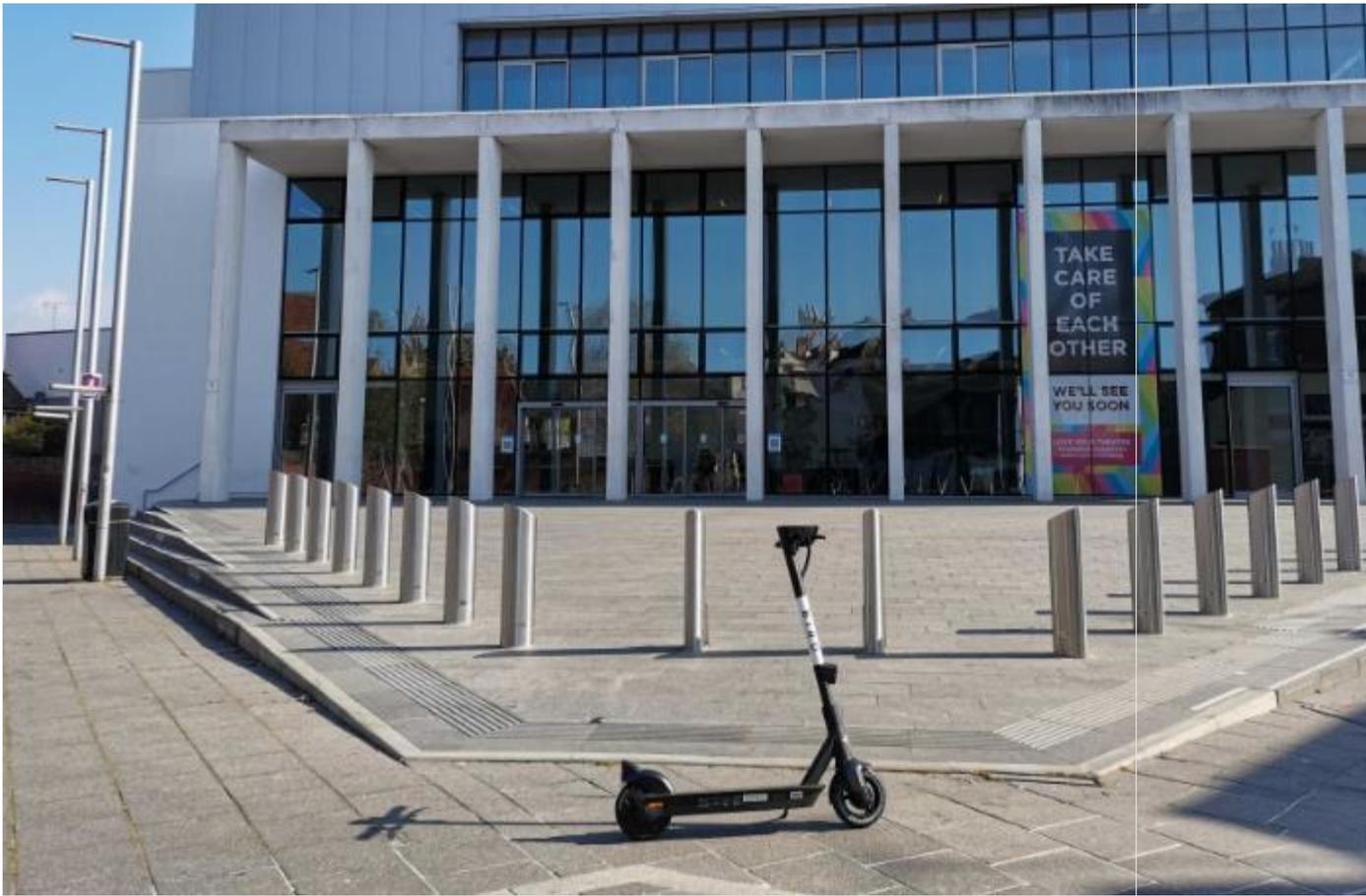
To report safety concerns about equipment owned and operated by Bird, email canterbury@bird.co([External link](#)) or call 01484 509145. Any issues reported through these means will be shared with KCC and in some circumstances with Kent Police.

Safety concerns about electric scooters outside the trial should be reported to Kent Police directly.

On 2 November 2020, we launched a trial of rental e-scooters in Canterbury.

The
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aims to bring affordable, environmentally friendly e-scooters to the city as part of a Department for Transport (DfT) national trial.

Throughout the trial, only e-scooters provided by Bird on a rental basis are allowed. You can register to rent an e-scooter through the Bird app. You can download this through:

- [Google Play\(External link\)](#)
- [Apple Store\(External link\)](#).

Any private e-scooter use on the highway remains illegal.

The e-scooters use the same road space as bicycles and are not permitted to travel on the pavement, or outside of the trial area.

The trial has been delivered in phases so that we can listen to feedback and review safety and usage data. More information on the trial is available from the Documents section on this webpage.

The consultation period for the [Experimental Traffic Regulation Order\(External link\)](#) ran for six months from the 30 October 2020 to 3 May 2021. This was followed by a second consultation, from the 3 June to 31 August 2021 as the trial expanded to the wider urban area. The consultation reports for these consultations will be made available on this webpage.

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It is important to us that we continue to listen to your feedback throughout the trial. If you would like to tell us your views, please complete the feedback form below.

- [Tell us your views](#)
- [Past updates](#)

Please use this form to provide your feedback on the e-scooter rental trial in Canterbury.

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Timeline

- **Experimental Traffic Regulation Order consultation**

Canterbury Electric Scooter Rental Trial has finished this stage

30 October 2020 to 3 May 2021

- **Second consultation**

Canterbury Electric Scooter Rental Trial has finished this stage

3 June to 31 August 2021

- **Trial extension**

Canterbury Electric Scooter Rental Trial is currently at this stage

2 November 2021 to 30 November 2022.

Feedback, alongside other monitoring data collected throughout the trial will be analysed and considered.

David Greenman
NHW coordinator for Blean

PCSO Report

Crimes of note:

22nd April 2022- Interference with a Motor Vehicle Calais Hill TYLER HILL