

**BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13 JANUARY 2020**

Present: Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Graham Duplock
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden
Parish Cllr Joanne Watt
Parish Cllr Emily Young
Parish Cllr Mary Evans
Mrs Nicola Purcell, Clerk to the Council

Canterbury City Councillor L.Jones,
Kent County Councillor M.Northey

Members of the public: L.Turner, G.Moon, W.Riccini

53. Receive apologies

Hilary Scott-KCC candidate

54. Declarations of interest

A.Nicholson- Church Warden for St Mary's Patribourne.

G.Duplock- Village Hall Management Committee.

55. Agree Minutes for previous meetings

**In line with Government advice regarding social distancing- this is to be noted as a verbal agreement

On the minutes under point 77 it states that the VHMC had a meeting with another developer, but this should state "another meeting with the same developer"

The minutes then were unanimously agreed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting.

56. Deal with matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere.

M.Evans proposed the following:

- Clerk to contact Playdale 2 days before works start on the play area to review the weather and confirm start date still stands as Monday 1st February.
- A set of keys are handed to the workers to keep in their possession for the duration of the works.
- Clerk to write to them to discuss damages protection for the pavilion

No objections, motion carried.

**The meeting will be adjourned for parishioners'
questions and comments on agenda.**

57. Tribute to Jill Thomas

We sadly lost Cllr Jill Thomas after a short illness just a few days before Christmas. Cllr Nicholson presented the following tribute:

Jill has been incredibly important to these villages since her and her family moved here in 1998. Shortly after her arrival Jill became clerk to the Parish Council. Jill was

instrumental in the sale of the land at Cramner Close and later at Aspinall Close. Without that we would not be able to undertake some of the projects we are planning this year. Jill was a leading light of the Little Stour River Management Group and was a true fountain of all knowledge on community matters. Jill was very involved with the recreation ground, church charities, coffee mornings, and many a community get together. Her presence has permeated most of the village structure, and she will be sadly missed.

M.Evans added: Jill contributed an enormous amount of work to the refurbishment of the pavilion; she was a constant and conscientious presence. Her kind work has been recognised and valued. G.Duplock mentioned Jill's involvement with the book. "Bekesbourne, a little village with the big history". G.Moon noted that Jill started the walking group in the villages. M.Northey remembered that Jill was his 'key person' on a number of subjects, for example flooding issues in the village and found Jill to be a tremendous supporter.

We shall all miss her hugely as friend, colleague, and for her passion for life in the villages.

58. County/City Councillor Reports

58.1 KCC Cllr M.Northey gave the following report:

- Covid19 and Brexit are the two big issues facing Kent currently. There is a wealth of material and helpful links on the KCC website.
- The roll out of Covid19 vaccine is well underway and asymptomatic testing is now being offered.
- People are not going to be charged for their Kent Travel Passes for the months of January and February due to the national lockdown.
- KCC now have the power to clamp HGV's that are parked in areas that are not designated parking spots for HGV's. The details for reporting are on KCC's website.

58.2 Canterbury City Councillor L.Jones gave the following update:

- Waste collections- whilst this was already an issue for many area, this is now more evident with staffing issues due to Covid19. Therefore Serco are concentrating on grey, food and clinical waste bins. Canterbury City Council are imminently due to take over the contracts with their own Canterbury Environment Company. If there are any further issues L.Jones advised that she be contacted directly to try and action it quicker.
- Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) is now in place to support rough sleepers when the weather is really cold. Many have been accommodated in local hotels.
- Canterbury City Council is providing business grants. If any business are in need of grants then L.Jones advised to let CCC know.

59. Allotments

Clerk reported that as agreed last April, it is time to review the contracts and rental amounts for the allotments ready for the new financial year, as the water rates have gone up with inflation. Currently the total income for the year is £114 for all of the plots.

M.Evans Proposed a 25% increase on the rental figures. G.Duplock seconded. All in favour, motion carried.

Clerk would also like to review the content of the contracts, as these have not been updated in many years. D.Sladden and G.Duplock to accompany Clerk to conduct allotment inspections, date to be arranged.

60. Village Hall Update

G.Duplock reported that the VHMC have met with architect and are awaiting a second set of drawings which are expected at the end of the week.

G.Moon expressed concerns over the new plans and would prefer to see the kitchen moved to the front of the building as originally mentioned. J.Watt discussed the issue of storage, and the cost to move the kitchen. CCC Cllr L.Jones offered to liaise with building control on behalf of the VHMC. G.Duplock to send an email with details.

61. Finance matters-

Precept Budget 2021/22

The budget was screen shared and discussed. No additions or amendments proposed.

G.Duplock proposed to accept the budget as presented. M.Evans seconded. All in favour, motion carried.

62. Clerk Report/Correspondence

62.1 Clerk attended the area KALC meeting and circulated the minutes from this to all Cllrs. An email has been received requesting Canterbury Parishes be charged a £30 flat rate levy to raise an honorarium for our minute taker.

Clerk requested authorisation to pay this when the invoice is received. All in favour motion carried.

62.2 Clerk has been in discussions with Kent Highways about the bollards/signage at the A2. Highways state the bollards were placed there by CCC and that they will discuss this with them.

Cllr L.Jones requested clerk to put this in writing to her and she will liaise on the parish council's behalf.

62.3 A complaint has been received about the condition in which some of the allotment pitches are being kept. Clerk to conduct an inspection.

62.4 As requested, I lodged a complaint regarding the resurfacing on Station approach, a response was received some time later, but hasn't addressed the mess of the village hall carpark which was used without permission.

63. Planning:

CA/20/02780	The Old Post Office, School Lane, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5ER, Two-storey detached dwelling along with detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling.	Open to comments until 22 nd Jan 2021
<p>Council agreed to post comments in favour of the application with the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The historic post-box that was situated on site be returned to the site, as was not only a used amenity, but part of the historic street scene. Care and consideration be taken to the felling of trees, as is within a conservation area. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration made to where contractors will park their vehicles while the work is being carried out. The 'pull in point' adjacent to the property is often used as a parking bay, and this compromises the safety of other road users and walkers. (it has recently had double yellow lines painted) • What is the space above the garage being used for? It raised concerns that the space may be used for living accommodation at a later date. 		
CA/20/02870	Lion Cottage, The Street, Patricbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DA, Detached single-storey outbuilding for use as an artist studio.	Open to comments until 28th Jan 2021
The council support this application and understand that the previous application cannot be progressed, which the Parish Council also supported, and therefore this new application with the adjustment of location of the studio allows for things to progress. The new proposal is in keeping with the local area and the studio looks to be screened by the house, complementing the street scene.		
CA/20/02869	Westbury, Bekesbourne Hill, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DZ, Single-storey rear and side extension, together with dormer window rear, to allow use of roof space as living accommodation, following demolition of existing conservatory.	Open to comments until 28th Jan 2021
No comments on this application.		

For information:

CA//18/02358	A Gomez and Co Distribution Services Ltd, Coldharbour Lane, Bekesbourne, CT4 5HL Details submitted pursuant to conditions 03 (external lighting) and 04 (external plant and machinery) of planning permission CA/17/02182/FUL.	Awaiting decision
CA/20/02278	6B Bifrons Road, Bekesbourne, CT45DE Single-storey side and rear extension.	GRANTED

64. AOB- For discussion only

Fence at the back of the play area at the recreation ground is damaged, with new refurbishment upcoming it may be the time to speak to the land owners of the field behind it about repair/replacement.

65. To set date for future parish council meeting

- Next meeting to be held 8th March 2021 19:30pm via Zoom
- APM 12th April 2021 19:30pm via zoom

The meeting closed at 21.25

Signed (Chairman)

Date