

BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7:30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall

Minutes to be formally agreed at the next meeting.

Present: Parish Cllr David Sladden (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson
Parish Cllr Christine Ash
Parish Cllr Graham Duplock
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden
Parish Cllr Joanne Watt
Parish Cllr Mary Evans
Parish Cllr Emily Young
Mrs Nicola Purcell, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Receive apologies.

None received.

2. Requests for DPI'S or dispensations relevant to this agenda (written or verbal)

G. Duplock- Chair/Treasurer of the VHMC

3. Agree Minutes for previous meeting (14th November '22; Extraordinary meeting 18th November '22)

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes from the meeting held on 14th November 2022 were are true and accurate record and were signed by the chairperson.

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes from thee extraordinary meeting held on the 18th November were a true and accurate record and were signed by the chairperson.

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

None

The meeting was adjourned for parishioners' questions and comments on agenda- none

5. County/City Councillor Reports

KCC Cllr Sole's report was received and circulated to councillors ahead of the meeting.
No report received from CCC.

6. Planning

6.1 New Applications

Application no:	Proposal	Location	Status
CA/22/02668	Single-storey rear extension, side porch, installation of solar panels, use of outbuilding as ancillary accommodation together with external alterations to garage.	Nichols Barn, Station Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DD	Open to comments until 03/03/2023
COMMENTS: Councillors requested more time to look at this application. Therefore it was agreed that any comments were to be submitted to the clerk by 23 rd January to submit using s101 delegated authority.			

6.2 Application Updates

Application no	Proposal	Location	Status
CA/21/02787	Erection of 6 dwellings together with associated access, parking, landscaping and ancillary works.	Rosary House, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5EX	Awaiting decision
CA/16/00600	Hybrid planning application for urban extension of up to 4,000 dwellings. Full application details available online.	Land North And South Of New Dover Road, Canterbury, Extending North To Canterbury-Dover Railway Line, West To Nackington Road And South To A2	Awaiting decision
CA/22/02102	: Erection of a ready-mix concrete batching plant, cement and water storage silos, offices, stores and parking for HGV concrete mixers and cars, landscaping and ancillary development	Land At Highland Court Farm, Coldharbour Lane, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5HN	Awaiting decision
CA/22/02008	Installation of Heat Pump to side elevation.	6 Lysander Close, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5EZ	GRANTED
CA/22/02322	Single-storey rear extension.	22 Bifrons Road, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DE	GRANTED

7. Correspondence

7.1 Email received from resident asking if there's any mileage in the Parish Council writing to Kent Highways regarding the blocked drain just above Yew Tree Cottage? It's now completely blocked so that water just runs down the hill which is very nasty in icy weather.

Action: Nicola to report drainage to Highways

7.2 The following was received from resident regarding Patrixbourne roundabout: I would like to bring to your attention an area of road that desperately needs to be improved for safety. Please find attached photos of this which demonstrate the danger for my children - particularly my daughter who uses her electric wheelchair to meet her mobility needs. The roundabout at Patrixbourne is metres from our home and I do not believe it will require a great deal to improve it. My daughter is not able to move on to the grass when the traffic is coming towards us. The road is wide enough to have a pedestrian red tarmacked path for pedestrians, wheelchair users and push chairs which would benefit our community. The change of road colour will slow cars down, as in my experience they come too fast towards the roundabout in all directions. I would be grateful if this could be reviewed as my daughter has every right to enjoy the countryside around us. Any improvements made will be in line with:

Section 149 - Public Sector Equality Duty of the UK Equality Act.

Article 5 (Equality and non-discrimination) and Article 9 (Accessibility) of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which the UK is a signatory to and legally obliged to implement.

Many thanks for your help with this.

Mike Sole was CC'd into this email and responded with the following:

7.3 Dear parish councillors (Name omitted)'s email highlights a very important safety issue in my opinion. If the parish council would consider including this in their Highway Improvement Plan, I would be happy to follow up with KCC who would be able to assess the feasibility of any improvements.

Kind regards, Mike

Actioned: Council to note. This was then addressed under item 8 on the agenda.

8. Highway Matters

8.1 To update Highways Improvement plan for 2023

The parish council discussed the existing Highways improvement plan and made amendments to update it. This included the issues raised in item 7.2 and 7.3. Nicola will now contact KCC to pursue a meeting with the relevant KCC representatives to discuss what can be actioned.

9. Finance Matters

9.1 Payment schedule

Details	Amount Incl. VAT	Status
RGMC	£2,000	PAID
Clerk back pay from national salary increase	As detailed in closed section	PAID
Clerk November Salary	As detailed on salary slip	PAID (via standing order)
Clerk mobile phone November	£5.00	PAID (via standing order)
C&D Construction	£30,678.92	PAID
VHMC	£2,000	PAID
Clerk December Salary	As detailed on salary slip	PAID
Clerk mobile phone December	£5.00	PAID

The payment schedule was noted by council.

9.2 Receipts

£16,397.23 was received from VHMC toward valuation 6

£110.50 was received for an additional sale of leftover Jubilee mugs

10. Allotments

No updates. No new issues raised.

11. Village Hall Management Committee

G. Duplock gave the following update from the VHMC:

Things are going well, lots of enquiries and bookings are coming in. Currently on track for the projection of the VHMC's 4 year plan.

G. Duplock left the meeting for the remainder of this agenda item due to his declared interest.

The following information was circulated in a an email to councillors prior to the meeting:

Valuation 7 is due (£15,878.24 inclusive of VAT)

The VHMC have circa £6,000 in available funds. £16,000 has been applied for via ACRE's Rural Community Buildings Loan to fund upcoming invoices regarding the refurbishment.

There has been a slight delay in this application due to the local branch of ACRE being merged to a more central branch.

The VHMC are therefore requesting the Parish Council to assist with a further grant for the sum of £9,000 to cover the shortfall while the VHMC await the loan.

The parish council discussed this at length. It was noted that the parish council's contribution has already been significantly increased to cover the overspend on the refurbishment.

Resolved It was proposed by C. Ash and unanimously agreed that the parish council do not award the requested grant and that the parish council would urge the VHMC to chase the loan application. Clerk to meet with G. Duplock to seek clarification on the financial situation of the VHMC.

G. Duplock returned to the meeting.

12. Recreation Ground Management Committee

M. Evans gave the following update as chair of the RGMC:

The RGMC wish to note their thanks for the recently awarded contribution of £2,000 from the parish council. Things are progressing well and the RGMC have recruited new trustees, and steps are being taken to re-allocate the responsibilities associated with the running of the recreation ground/pavilion. The decision has been made to remain as an independent organisation/charity.

13. The Coronation of King Charles

At present the parish council have no plans for an event to celebrate. It was suggested that perhaps a tree could be planted at the recreation ground to commemorate the Coronation.

14. AOB- For information only

None

15. Date for next meeting and any items for agenda

- 13th March 2022

- Meeting closed at 9:21pm -

It was agreed that these minutes are a true and accurate record:

Signed: _____ (Chairperson)

Date: _____