

BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7:30pm at
Bekesbourne Pavilion.

Minutes to be agreed at the Next meeting

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

KCC Cllr Mike Sole

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Parish Cllr M.Evans

2. REQUESTS FOR DPI'S OR DISPENSATIONS RELEVANT TO THIS AGENDA (WRITTEN OR VERBAL)

Cllr Nicholson declared an interest as Churchwarden in item 10: Planning application CA/21/02092

3. AGREE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes from the meeting held on the 10th August 2021 are a true and accurate record.

4. DEAL WITH MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

A member of the public has been in contact with Cllr Sladden and KCC Cllr Sole regarding access to the recreation ground and the equipment in it for her daughter who is a wheelchair user. The member of the public has requested a crossing be installed on station road by the bus stop, as there are a number of children who wish to cross here.

Cllr Sole recommended that the Parish Council add this to the Highways Improvement Plan. Clerk to look into what grants are available for accessible equipment in the recreation ground.

5. COUNTY/CITY CLLR REPORTS

KCC Cllr Sole sent his report in advance of the meeting, this was circulated to all Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr sole added that he is available to meet during the week to identify and discuss issues in the parish, and that the parish council are to contact him via email to arrange.

No report from CCC Cllr L.Jones.

6. UPDATE ON CHALKPIT HILL (Mike wheeler)

M.Sole and the Parish Council had previously discussed the dangers pedestrians are faced with on Chalkpit Hill. M.Wheeler created a petition with residents of Aerodrome road to present to KCC requesting a footpath be installed on some or all of that stretch of road. The petition gained 118 signatures. M.Wheeler contacted KCC Cllr M.Sole; the director of Kent Highways, and the KCC Scheme Project manager who met with M.Wheeler for a site visit. It

was mentioned that the land registry documents show that KCC own and are responsible for 250m on the bend. KCC are not able to pursue the installation of a footpath in the current budget, as estimates suggest £20,000-£25,000 for the installation. M.Wheeler requested that the Parish Council obtain quotes for grounds clearance on the bend so that walkers have access to the verge.

After discussion, the Parish Council agreed to the following:

- Update the Highways Improvement Plan to emphasise the need for a footpath to be installed on the bed as a priority.
- Clerk to contact KCC to have the verge on their land cleared and maintained
- Clerk to contact land owner on the other side of the fence to request that the vegetation be cleared and managed that is encroaching on KCC land.
- Clerk to post on website a link to encourage members of the public to report using the online tool.

7. FINANCE MATTERS

i) Approve Payments

N.Purcell	Clerk Salary August 2021	£461.50	Approved
M.Evans	Shredding of PC documentation with company 'MBE'	£55.00	Approved

It was unanimously agreed that the clerk's salary be set up as a standing order for 30th of each month.

ii) To make a decision regarding the Zoom subscription

It was agreed that the Zoom subscription of £14.39 per month be cancelled, and to reinstate the subscription if the need arises in the future.

8. NOTICEBOARD INSTALLATION

As some time has passed since the new noticeboard choice was agreed, the price has now increased to £835.00 ex.VAT. Cllrs were happy to proceed pending quotes for installation on the recreation ground. Clerk to obtain quotes and report back.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK REPORT

9.1 EMAIL 1)

Hi Nicola,

Sorry to email again about the allotment parking. I've come home this evening and [name omitted] is still the one to keep parking on a bend next to allotment gates. We lost the extra turning space to make way for the entrance to the new builds and he continues to flaunt the rules.

I don't know whether he thinks he has special privileges but it's just dangerous.

I'm assuming he signed his new agreement for the year which states we should park in the allotment to which he very rarely does. He may only be "10mins" or so but it will only take less than 5 seconds to hit his car or a child because we can't see round corners.

We have cars come flying in and out of the new builds like it's a race track and more children playing out now as its school holidays so we have to pay extra attention in the close.

Apologies for the rant. I was away recently and walked passed allotments while walking Ruby and they had a polite sign little sign to allotment holders to park in the grounds while on site, no dogs and respect other allotment holders. Maybe the parish can do that?

Comments: Clerk to send a reminder email to allotment holders that it is stated in their contracts not to park on the road, and to use the hardstanding within the allotment gates.

9.2 EMAIL 2)

Hi Nicola

We, as a church, were wondering what celebrations may be in the pipeline for the Queen's Jubilee in and around our parish. We will want to mark the event in some way and want to see what events were already planned as it may make more sense to offer support to others running an event than to plan something from scratch.

It would be lovely if you could let me know what plans are already in place.

many thanks

Bridge Group Parish Administrator

Comments: Clerk to respond accordingly after discussion in item 11 on the agenda.

9.3 EMAIL 3)

Hi Nicola, I hear congratulations on your new addition to your family are due. How lovely. I wondered if anyone is giving up their allotments as we walked around them today as the gate was open the [names omitted] were there. It is obvious some of the plots have not been worked at all this year and quite frankly are a disgrace. Such a shame when people are waiting to take them over. I've heard some of the new occupants in Aspinall close want one and I would willingly take my name off the list if that's true as we do have a big garden.

Comments: Clerk and Cllr D.Sladden to conduct inspection of the allotments.

9.4 EMAIL 4)

[names omitted] keep coming into the allotments making remarks to and about allotment holders. Now [name omitted] has been in taking photos of all the different allotments. There are 2 allotments that pay a gardener to do a lot of the work for them.

I fit mine in around full-time work fostering teenage boys and family contact worker.

Our job is complex , my allotments are my calm time.

Comments: The council agreed that as long as the allotment holders are abiding by the rules stated in their contracts, there is no issue with how the allotments are maintained. The allotments are not being sublet by having a gardener employed to help therefore no action is to be taken here.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Application updates:

CA/21/00742	2 Springfield Cottages, Bokesbourne Lane, West Of Bokesbourne Hill, Bokesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DX, Detached Garage	GRANTED
CA/21/00836	Parsonage Barn, School Lane, Bokesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5ER,	GRANTED

CA/21/01222	Highland Court Farm, Coldharbour Lane, Bridge, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5HN, Commercial development comprising of 6no 1,000 sq ft B1 units with mezzanine floors	GRANTED
CA/21/01657	<i>Land At The Hill, Littlebourne, Canterbury, Kent</i> <i>Outline planning application for up to 115 residential dwellings (including affordable housing), introduction of structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space and children's play area and surface water flood mitigation and attenuation. All matters reserved except for access.</i>	AWAITING DECISION

10.2 New Applications

CA/21/02092	Erection and display of 1 no. non-illuminated interpretation board. Saint Marys Church, Patixbourne Road, Patixbourne, Kent, CT4 5BP	Open to comments until 1 st October
Comments: The Parish Council wish to support this application		

11. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Date for celebrations set as Saturday 4th June 2022. Clerk to post on website to encourage community support in the formation of a sub-committee to organise the event. Suggested budget of £500. This is to be kept on the agenda moving forward.

12. AOB

Cllr Young updated that the 'mud kitchen' which is an accessible piece of equipment has been purchased and Cllrs agreed for Cllr Young to identify the best location and install.

Clerk to liaise with Cllrs A.Nicholson and C.Sladden to arrange a date for appraisal to take place.

Cllr C.Sladden advised that other councillors consider looking at training and consider running for chair as Cllr Nicholson does not wish to run for chair again next year. Clerk to look at what training is available on KALC.

Cllr Duplock updated that the developer that had been in talks with the VHMC regarding the renovation has withdrawn.

13. TO SET A DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th November 2021

Meeting ended at 9:08pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....