

BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom.

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 Mary Evans
Parish Cllr David Sladden
Mrs Nicola Purcell, Clerk to the Council

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. ELECT CHAIRPERSON FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2021-2022

Cllr Ash nominated Cllr Nicholson for the position of chairperson. Cllr Young seconded. All in favour. .

Cllr Nicholson accepted the position of chairperson for the council year 2021-2022.

2. ELECT VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2021-2022

Cllr Ash nominated Cllr Duplock for the position of vice chair. Cllr D.Sladden seconded. All in favour.

Cllr Duplock accepted the position of vice chair for the council year 2021-2022.

3. RECEIVE APOLOGIES

None

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

Cllrs Duplock and Watt both stand on the VHMC

5. AGREE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllr D.Sladden was not listed on the attendees list. With this noted, it was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd March 2021 were a true and accurate record.

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

Cllr Nicholson noted that Playdale have not been back to make good the ruts in the grass which is disappointing. The new playground has been enthusiastically used by children. The bin at the recreation ground is not being emptied and contact has been made with CCC to resolve the issue.

7. APPOINT MEMBERS TO REPRESENT THE PC ON VHMS, RGMC, LS&NRG

VHMC- Cllr Duplock and Cllr Watt were happy to represent the PC for the council year 2021-2022. All in agreement.

RGMC- Cllr Evans happy to continue as committee chair, Cllr Young and Cllr Nicholson happy to continue to represent the PC for the council year 2021-2022. All in agreement.

LS&NRMG- Cllr Duplock has recently undertaken flood warden training and is happy to continue. Cllr Nicholson happy to continue as a member. All in agreement.

8. FINANCE MATTERS

i) Approve Payments

Clerk Salary March 2021 & April 2021	£923.00	Approved
Clerk Expenses (Stamp)	£0.85	Approved
KALC subscription	£371.04	Approved
Insurance Renewal	£850.16	Approved
Playground final Payment	£24,666.12	Clerk to contact company to enquire about making good the grass before payment is approved.
St Peters Church Grant	£500.00	Approved
St Mary's Church Grant	£200.00	Approved
RGMC CFF	£3,290.00	Approved

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERK REPORT

Correspondence April 2021

9.1 Email received from a new resident at Lackenden cottages requesting if the speed could be reduced by the cottages. I have responded informing the resident of the HIP and that the speed in the village as a whole is being addressed on there. Is there anything else the council would like me to mention?

Comments: speeding appeared to be a universal issue at the moment.

9.2 Email received requesting that the information for the 'zoo footpath' is correct so that it can be added to a walking routes website. I had previously circulated this, and thank you for your suggestions received thus far, but I need this to be discussed and a formal response agreed from the PC as a whole please as a sensitive issue.

Comments: The Parish Council expressed concerns that the advertising of this footpath was irresponsible given the situations that arose last summer when hundreds of visitors flocked daily to the footpath and therefore do not endorse any form of advertising of the footpath.

9.3 Email Received from a resident at Ebury Cottage on station road: *I would like to run pass you as I don't know if anybody actually pursued this, about the possibility of a pedestrian pathway being introduced across the full length of the front of our property extending the path access from the railway station to the road access into Bridge as this area can be a bit on the dangerous side when vehicles exit the roundabout? if this is something the Parish Council would be interested in purchasing from us could you let me know before I start to cut back, replace the metal fencing and replant the bushes at the front of the property which have got out of hand?.*

We have also recently applied for pre-planning for the re-site of our driveway onto the property taking away the shared access we have with Nicols Barn (location would be where you can see the green netting at the moment) as we are on the outskirts of the conservation

area we have been told that the Gravel driveway using recycled plastic gridding would be ok and the electric gate to the height we requested would also be ok, we have been told we will need to apply for planning permission to move the driveway entrance and erect a single storey double garage on the land in front of the bungalow of which I imagine you will see once the paperwork has been submitted.

Before I go too far and start spending hours planning and costing this project proposal can you see any reason why it wouldn't be accepted, only the gates would be visible from Station Road?

The resident is happy to attend a PC meeting once planning has been submitted to discuss and answer any questions.

Comments: No concerns raised about the residents proposals for planning. The offer of the purchase of land for a footpath would be something that Kent Highways would need to consider. As this Part of land has been on the HIP previously- clerk to contact Kent highways to ask them to liaise with the landowner.

9.4 Email received from an Aspinall Close resident regarding concerns over Parking in the road. Photographs have been sent in of people parking on the bend, and in front of the allotment gates. Possibly from residents in the new build? Requests support from the parish council on the matter.

Comments: Unfortunately, if residents are not parking illegally, there is not much action the parish council can take at this time. If problems persist then residents encouraged to report matters to the relevant authorities.

9.5 Email received from a local resident asking for advice regarding litter collection. They have seen a suggestion that if registered, litter picking can be collected by 'the council'. Does the PC know anything about this? It would certainly be very helpful to the dedicated local litter pickers if their bags could be collected rather than having to bung them in a public bin or take to the tip.

Comments: Clerk to make enquiries.

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9.6 Capital Grant application has been submitted which, if successful will contribute toward the purchase of new chairs and storage trolley for the new village hall refurbishment.

9.7 The Legal Challenge by Lawyers in Local Government, Association of Democratic Service Officers and Hertfordshire County Council, which was supported by NALC and the LGA, to extend the legislation to continue remote meetings was UNSUCCESSFUL. This is disappointing as it takes away our option as a local council to hold meetings remotely after 7th May 2021. We will need to agree a location for meetings moving forward while the village hall undergoes its refurbishment. I will also need to conduct a risk assessment once a location has been agreed.

9.9 A polite reminder that my current working hours are 10 hours a week Monday- Friday during office hours. (With the exception of meeting times) I have had increasing occasions where residents are phoning my landline at unsociable times to discuss parish matters, on times where I am perhaps not working or in the evenings once my children are in bed. Could

the PC discuss the option of the purchase of a parish council mobile phone- which can be switched on and off at agreed times for the public to contact me as clerk.

9.10 I am in the process of preparing the accounts for this year's Internal/External Audit. An appointment has been made for Thursday 27th May with the internal auditor. I will most likely call a meeting early June to sign off the accounts and get them sent off and published before I take 2 weeks Maternity Leave at the end of June.

9.11 We have been awarded a small amount (to be received) for the website hosting grant. The invoice for £126.00 says that it is for a 3-year period as we secured a special offer. Therefore KALC, we will only be able to provide grant of £42.00 as are only providing a grant for Year 1 costs. KALC also sent a reminder to check web accessibility compliance, so I will be looking into this.

10. PLANNING

10.1 Application updates:

CA/21/00103	Bekesbourne Farm Bekesbourne Hill Bekesbourne Kent One and a half storey detached building for agricultural use following demolition of existing buildings.	Granted
CA/21/00201	The Bine Lodge Bekesbourne Hill Bekesbourne Kent CT4 5EE Single-storey detached Oak Framed Garage.	Awaiting decision *Could not see any record of this application when searching for updates
CA/21/00153	Beaulieu Bekesbourne Lane West Of Bekesbourne Hill Bekesbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5DY First-floor side extension.	Granted
CA/21/00407	20 Bifrons Road Bekesbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5DE Erection of 02 no. two-storey semi-detached dwellings with associated parking.	Refused
CA/21/00349	Bekesbourne Village Hall Station Road Bekesbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5ER	Awaiting decision

10.2 New Applications

CA/21/00836	Parsonage Barn, School Lane, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5ER, Detached single-storey outbuilding for use as garage and storage.	Open for comments until 14th May 2021
<p>Comments: Concerns raised that a previous garage was built which was converted into a 2 storey dwelling without planning permission and had to gain retrospective permission which was granted and now a second application for a garage has been submitted. Questions over the sale documents allowing building or erecting any fence at the boundary so as not to impede the farm traffic. I am very concerned about this impeding on the farmhouse which is grade 2 listed.</p>		
CA/21/00742	2 Springfield Cottages, Bekesbourne Lane, West Of Bekesbourne Hill, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DX, Detached Garage	Open for comments until 7th May 2021
<p>Comments: No objections</p>		

11. AOB

There has been an increase in anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground especially at the weekends. It has been reported to the PCSO.

12. TO SET A DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

This is TBC pending our internal audit. Estimated to be beginning of June.

Meeting ended at 9:08pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....