

BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beckley Village Centre
on WEDNESDAY 9 AUGUST 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Christopher Broadbent (CB) Chairman, Mrs Lauren Dobson (LD), Mrs Sue Evans (SE), Mrs Tina Langmead (TL) Mrs Deborah Ongley (DEO) Vice Chairman (arr.7.40pm) and Mike Rowe (MRO). Attending: County Cllr Ms Angharad Davies (AD) and District Cllr Martin Mooney (MM).

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk Mrs V Ades and three members of the public.

1. **Public Questions** – to allow questions (10 minutes) from members of the public following which they may leave the meeting if they wish, but must remain silent if they stay. A further period of public question time is allowed at the end of the meeting. No questions.
2. **Apologies for absence** received from Cllrs Mrs Parsons – (working commitments) and Ian Jenkins.
3. **Reports from:-**
 - County Cllr AED** – attached.
 - District Cllr MM** - RDC's accounts will be available in August for signing off and they are showing a small surplus. An investment into a church fund shows a return of 4.5%. Purchase of an old people's home has been converted into flats for people on the housing list. 1200 people are on the housing waiting list and approx. 10% of those are in temporary accommodation.
(7.40pm DEO arrived)
 - Parish Cllrs:** DEO reported the hedge at Pippins on Main Street is very overgrown. **Clerk to advise owners.**
There are potholes on A268 near Bixley Lane. **DEO to advise ESCC.**
4. **Declarations of interests whether personal or personal/pecuniary in accordance with the current Code of Conduct regarding matters on the agenda.** Members are reminded that they should review their current declared interests displayed on Rother District Council's website and let the Parish Clerk know if there are any changes to what has been declared. None declared.
5. **To consider and approve** the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the council meeting of 12 July 2017. Two alterations were made:- Item 1 - Mr Baverstock asked if the PC could press for a warning sign of the sharp bend could be erected on the hill on the A268 near the junction with Bixley Lane. *ESCC to erect a sign on the A268 at Knelle Hill warning of the bend and narrow bridge.* Item 6 MRO's report - change RDC to RALC. The minutes were then signed by CB.
6. **Triangle at junction of Moores Lane/Horseshoe Lane.** Consider request from a resident to designate this a wild flower verge. AED had received a complaint from a resident at Gate Cottage about vehicles driving over the verge and also causing damage to her hedge. ESCC could not put stone edging due to safety regulations and said hedge damage is not their responsibility. CB said he would spread hay along the verge and hope wild flower seeds would re-sow themselves which may make drivers avoid the verge. **CB.**
7. **Footpath Beckley 3a** - Case 00124048. Clearance of path within 2 weeks by ESCC – not yet done.
8. **Planning – to consider any planning applications** received from RDC and any other planning matters. No new planning applications have been received as at 2 August 2017.
Applications refused:-
RR/2017/591/P - Mr Hooper, Northlands Farm, Rye Road. Use of land as a natural burial site, retaining part agricultural and reinstating two ponds, including related facilities – septic tanks, toilet block, office/chapel, two mobile log cabins, fencing and hardstanding. CB said whilst it is going through the appeal process neighbours are keeping a watch on movements on the land and are in close touch with the planning team at RDC.
9. **Matters Arising:-**
 - a **Playground equipment** – team report. Application to RDC for £30,000 funding will be heard 4/9/17. Money already received or promised is £10,000 the Beckley Fund, £15,000 the PC and £2,350 fund raising. Applications for funding/equipment are being made to other organisations. Money for fencing the playground and picnic tables will also be required.
 - b **Speed watch** – July results and signs. No report, but highest speed clocked was 60mph.
 - c **Speed watch camera** – use of a camera from an available local source. DEO said with insufficient volunteers it was not worthwhile pursuing using a camera.
 - d **Aircraft Noise – flight paths and height of airlines** – DEO reported the worst offending airlines were Emirates and Norwegian Air. She will take screen shots and record heights to enable the PC to send a report to the CAA. **DEO.**

- e **Fencing of field adjacent Beckley School** – CB reported Makin Fencing Ltd will carry out the work during the school holidays.
- f **Northlands Farm** – update/anything to report – covered under item 8.
- g **Land at King's Bank Lane** – progress. This remains with RDC's legal department.
- h **Forest clearance at The Little House in the Woods, Methersham Lane** - CB said an enforcement officer had visited and served a notice. Owners must replant the woodland they had cut down and residents will report any more changes.
- i **Clearance of giant hogweed in Hobbs Lane.** CB has cut down foliage obscuring the dog bin and signs in Hobbs Lane. Hogweed has died and seeds will have replanted. It must be seriously cut down next year. AED will ask ESCC to advise how to deal. **AED.**
- j **PC's financial position** – A report will be given at September's meeting together with a budget forecast for the remaining year and ideas for next year's budget. **CN/MRO.**

10. **1 April - 30 June 2017 - accounts and bank reconciliation.** Members agreed the figures - signed by CB.

11. **Accounts** to consider and approve accounts submitted for payment.
Amounts over £100 show reclaimable VAT where applicable.

Recipient	VAT	Total £	Recipient	VAT	Total £
BVH - Committee Room 14.6.17		12.00	Admin costs		656.72
Mrs M Lenton bin emptying		35.00			

SE proposed and MRO seconded the accounts be paid – carried.

- 12. **Matters** councillors would like to have considered as an agenda item for the next meeting.
- 13. **Public questions:** not to exceed 15 minutes.

Date of the next Parish Council meeting - Wednesday 13 September 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.