

BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Beckley Village Centre
on WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Lauren Dobson (LD) Chairman, Ed Erith (EE), Mrs Sue Evans (SE), Mrs Tina Langmead (TL), Mrs Deborah Ongley (DEO) Vice Chairman, Mrs Rebecca Parsons (RP) and Mike Rowe (MRO).

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk, County Cllr Ms Angharad Davies, District Cllr Ian Jenkins (IJ) and four 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. Names of those speaking will be recorded and may be reported in the minutes. Mr Bowler** said the annual 10K race would take place in the village on Sunday 4 November. Some garden waste bins had not been collected in Main Street last week. IJ said staff shortages during holiday periods meant different staff were brought in who could be unfamiliar with rural areas. IJ would investigate. Wreaths from last year on the war memorial should be removed. He asked if the PC intended doing anything in commemoration of WW1 Centenary. LD said the PC would lay a wreath and support any arrangements villagers wished to make. **DEO** would ask the school if they had any plans to commemorate the centenary. Hedge at Pippins requires cutting back - **DEO**. **Miss Howse** reported she had uncovered some paperwork relating to who was responsible for the War Memorial, but paperwork proving responsibility was missing. The documents would be sent to the Clerk for further investigation. **DEO/Clerk.**
2. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from District Cllr M Mooney.
3. **Declarations of interest** whether personal or personal/pecuniary in accordance with the current Code of Conduct regarding matters on the agenda. None.
4. **Reports from County, District and Parish Councillors.**

AED's report had been received and she added that early results for A Level's and GCSE's looked promising with some improvements over last year. More information next month.

DC Mooney's report on housing issues had been received too late today for consideration. Members would raise any questions next month.

DC IJ briefly referred to the Housing Report saying more transport facilities are needed to support housing needs. Peasmarsh PC is re-looking at adopting a Neighbourhood Plan and Northiam and Beckley PC's may wish to join with Peasmarsh.

TL Northiam end of Whitebread Lane is extremely muddy. **MRO** will advise IJ and AD of address. August speed watch figures reported 82 speeding drivers during 5 or 6 watches. Police have attended and should return. Many footpaths around the village are overgrown. **Clerk** will inform our patrollers.
5. **To consider and approve** the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the PC meeting of 6 August 2018. Item 5, line 9 change DEO to LD. Item 8 vi change DEO to LD. The minutes were then agreed and signed by LD.
6. **Planning – to consider any planning applications** received from RDC and any other planning matters.

RR/2018/2022/P DEL The Spinney, Clayhill. Single storey side extension.

RR/2018/2023/L DEL The Spinney, Clayhill. Single storey side extension. Councillors unanimously **supported (7:0)** both applications.

Permissions granted:-

RR/2018/1612/P-Broadlawns, Whitebread Lane. Removal of old section of roof tiles replace to match existing. Cladding to southern and eastern elevations. Demolition of existing garage and erection of new. Erection of new orangery.

RR/2018/1465/P – Chestnut Cottage, Main Street. Erection of a timber fence behind existing hedgerow.

RR/2018/1268/P - Winsford, Main Street. Single storey pitched roof extension to front elevation with pitched roof porch. Single storey pitched roof extension to rear elevation.

RR/2017/2568/P - Six Acres, Stoddards Lane. Remove existing barn structure with residential usage. Build new two storey residential house with two bedrooms and storage to first floor.

RR/2018/1796/P - Carpens, Hobbs Lane. Conversion of garage to family playroom.

7. **Matters arising:-**

a. Playground :-

- i **Equipment and funding – team report. Eibe – to discuss invoices and agree the final payment of £2227.94. Take up with Eibe the matter of their final installation invoice requesting £15,854.40.** The Clerk reported Eibe's final installation invoice for £15,854.40 was correct because the prices she took from the order forms did not include VAT. However, members were concerned that instead of the 30M zip wire ordered a 20M one has been installed. Eibe admitted it was their administrative mistake. When Eibe commenced erecting the zip wire residents complained it was too close to their houses and would cause noise nuisance so work was held up for a couple of hours whilst a new site was agreed. Eibe's invoice for the delay is in the region of £3000 which is not acceptable and will be challenged. Because the wire runs close to the ground when ridden Eibe will be asked what weight the equipment is designed to take. It was resolved to deduct £5000, the cost of the zip wire, from the final invoice and pay only £10,000 until all matters are resolved. **TL** will discuss all points with Eibe and report back at October's meeting. **TL.**
- ii Path to the play area – consider Bourne's revised quote for a tarmac finish. £10,120.22 and/or additional £818.00 as attached quotation. **EE** will investigate alternative methods with other contractors. **EE.**

- 8. **Public footpath 13 on Jubilee Field. Matter of diversion to be taken up with RDC.** Discussions took place about the history and legalities of the diversion order put on footpath 13 by RDC in 1978/9. Members noted the paperwork had been lost by RDC and ESCC had stated it could take some years and be very costly to make any changes. In view of this, and as a new route across the field to the gate at the western side of the field onto Main Street was now used, it was resolved to leave matters alone.

8.45pm AD and IJ left the meeting.

- 9. **Accounts** for approval (VAT, if applicable, shown for items exceeding £100).

Recipient	VAT £	Total £	Recipient	VAT £	Total £
BVH Committee Room - July		12.00	IdVerde July maintenance	35.27	211.61
Mrs M Lenton bin emptying		40.00	Bourne Amenity	37.00	222.00
Admin costs		680.00	Northiam DIY – 3 bags compost		16.00
Eibe- installation play equipment	1667.00	8333.00	Reimbursement to T Langmead.		

With the amendment made to Eibe MRO proposed and DEO seconded the payments – carried.

Bank balances 31 August 2018 – Current Acc £42,596.94 - Reserve Acc £599.45

- 10. **Date of next meeting** – Monday 1 October 2018.
 - 11. **Matters** for consideration as an agenda item for the next meeting. Nothing requested.
 - 12. **Public questions** - not to exceed 15 minutes. None.
- SE gave advance apologies she would be away on holiday at October's meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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Closed session – to review and agree the Clerk's contract of employment and review salary.

Parish Councils Report September/October 2018

ES County Councillor Angharad Davies - Northern Rother

Nationally, more than 98% of children attend their local mainstream school, this includes those with SEND (Special Educational Need and Disability). ESCC aims to ensure that there is a good range of local provision and has recently put forward proposals to expand provision in Peacehaven and Hailsham. Parents were asked in July to comment on the proposals. Early intervention for special needs can mean that children transition to secondary school more successfully.

Careers provision for secondary school children is set to receive a boost as ESCC is named one of 20 careers hubs nationwide. The East Sussex Careers Hub will link 40 secondary schools, special schools, and colleges, with employers, support organisations, and higher and further education providers, to improve careers guidance and support. With £200,000 of funding over 2 years, ESCC with Skills East Sussex, will expand projects, increase the reach of Enterprise Coordinators, and improve outcomes for young people with SEND.

The East Sussex Hub will have access to support and funding to help schools and colleges meet 8 benchmarks of excellent careers education, known as the Gatsby Benchmarks. In East Sussex, projects which help young people get into the world of work include:

- Industry Champions,- (a network of 75 local businesses who have committed to supporting careers and enterprise activities in schools),
- Open Doors- an initiative to encourage businesses to allow students to visit and learn more about the world of work,
- Apprenticeship Road shows- events giving students and parents an opportunity for careers advice
- Supporting SEND students to access Supported Internships and Apprenticeships schemes
- visit www.c360.org.uk

Our MP, Huw Merriman, hosted an event in Bexhill on 26th July 2018 when he invited local businesses and business leaders to meet Esther McVey, Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. She attended and explained her initiative called "Disability Confident" which is a scheme for informing business leaders how best to take on and employ disabled people.

Members of ESCC have shown their commitment to protect residents in the fight against scams. They can become "Scambassadors" for Friends against Scams. Being a victim of a scam can have a devastating impact, both financially and emotionally, and elderly people are especially vulnerable. We need to support the work of Trading Standards. Commonly reported scams include investment opportunities, bogus lotteries, deceptive prize draws, clairvoyants, computer software service fraud, romance scams, health supplement scams, subscription traps, and the sale of defective products. Friends Against Scams is developed by the National Trading Standards team, hosted by ESCC. <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>

A criminal, Shirwan Jabar, was caught by Sussex police with 85,000 illegal cigarettes in his van. East Sussex Trading standards found 4,250 cartons of counterfeit cigarettes, not complying with UK law. He received a 24 week prison term suspended for 18 months, ordered to undertake 240 hours unpaid work, and pay prosecution costs of £1927, and a £115 victim surcharge.

Businesses are being urged to sign up for a new scheme which guides them through regulation and helps them stay within the law. ESCC Trading Standards Team now provides Primary Authority Partnerships which offer a "one stop shop" for advice and support for staying within consumer protection law. This is a central government backed scheme so that one council deals with regulatory issues for businesses, so avoiding the confusion of multiple agencies. Businesses can get assured advice on Trading Standards, licensing, environmental health, and fire safety through a single point of contact.

Any business entering a Primary Authority Partnership can call 0345 6080197 or email baasp@eastsussex.gov.uk

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SEE SEPARATE FILE FOR RDC REPORT SEPTEMBER 2018