**BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Centre**

**at 7.30pm on TUESDAY, 7 JANUARY 2020**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Tina Langmead (TL) Chairman, Christopher Broadbent (CB), Roderick Chapman (RC), Ed Erith (EE), Nic Hamilton (NC) and Phil Spurgin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** District Cllrs Tony Ganly (TG) and Martin Mooney (MM) and two members of the public. *ESCC Cllr Ms Davies (AD) arrived after close of meeting at 8.15pm).*

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***Cllr Erith chaired the meeting; Cllr Mrs Langmead took notes.***

1. **Public Questions – (10 minutes) to** allow questions 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 may be recorded and may be recorded in the minutes. No questions.
2. **Apologies for absence. Mrs Valerie Ades, Clerk. *County Cllr Ms Angharad Davies (AD) will arrive after attending the Peasmarsh PC meeting. Arrived after meeting closed.***
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. MM reported as the government funding has been cutback RDC will have to borrow money to buy land on which to build affordable homes. This will be sold to Capito for renting to those on the waiting list. ●TL reported small gas canisters, possibly helium, were found in Hobbs Lane and residents feared youths were using it to get high and then drive. Mr Thorneycroft reported there were many also in Flatropers Woods. TL suggested a letter be sent to local police to get a patrol around occasionally in the evenings to deter. ●TL read out letter of thanks from Rural Rother for our donation of £50. ● PS asked how do the public know about the new defib? TL replied by Village Voice, Rother Responders and the parish magazine. CB suggested putting a poster up in Rose and Crown (TL). PS asked why was the kiosk locked? TL explained that as outside a pub the decision was taken to lock it to stop those under the influence of drink from messing with it, but said she was happy to remove the lock if people felt it should be open. The unit is alarmed. Alice at the Rose and Crown, knows the code and PS suggested a note should be placed on the unit stating this. (TL). PS also offered to run a defibrillator training session before a future meeting at 7-7.30pm. Councillors were interested and a date will be decided.**
5. **To consider and approve** the signing of the minutes of the PC meeting of 3 December 2019. Approved and signed by TL.
6. **Planning Applications** – to consider thosereceived from RDC and any other planning matters.

No applications received as at 31 December 2019.

**Permissions Granted**

**RR/2019/2281/P - The Lanterns, Main St.** Proposed loft conversion with dormer window.

**RR/2019/1719 - Methersham Farm, Hobbs Lane.** Discharge of106 agreement to remove agricultural occupancy restriction.

1. **Matters arising: -**
   1. **Wood -** refurbishment of various areas on the Jubilee field, play area and the Frog Field. Pend until early spring.
   2. **Tennis court refurbishment –** Work to commence late January. TL reported a slight delay of a week or two to the start of work due to weather conditions. 1st stage payment due £3500.40. Approved - proposed by RC, seconded by NH. RC suggested Beckley rangers be contacted re siting of goal posts. **TL**.
2. **RDC’s Budget Consultation - consider any response from the PC. Members have completed this individually online and have nothing further to add.**
3. **Consider any final amendments to the 2020-21 budget and confirm to RDC a precept of £23K. Approved. Proposed by CB and seconded by PS.**
4. **Accounts** for approval *(Reclaimable VAT shown for items exceeding £100*).

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| **Recipient** | **VAT £** | **Total £** | **Recipient** | **VAT £** | **Total £** |
| BVH – Nov |  | 12.60 | Mrs Langmead-security lock |  | 7.99 |
| Admin costs include £10.60 |  | 379.60 | Sovereign Sports | 583.40 | 3500.40 |
| HMRC – tax + NI |  | 388.72 | ~~IdVerde - Oct~~ | ~~35.27~~ | ~~176.34~~ |

Payment to IdVerde was removed. The accounts were then approved for payment - proposed by CB, seconded by PS.

1. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4 February 2020. EE offered apologies in advance**
2. **Matters** for consideration as an agenda item for the next meeting. **PS** requested that the District Councillors give a full and detailed update on the situation with Manroy and Bentley & Hall in Hobbs Lane. He asked if Beckley could purchase the Manroy site (as Northiam have with the Blue Cross site) and use it for business rental units. CB said it was in private hands and was unlikely to be for sale, unless all planning was refused. **TG/MM**
3. **Public questions -** not to exceed 10 minutes. None.

The meeting ended 8.15pm.

***Cllr Angharad Davies arrived.***