**BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**at 7.30pm on**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Tina Langmead (TL) Chairman, Christopher Broadbent (CB), Roderick Chapman (RC), Nic Hamilton (NC), *Ed Erith (EE) Vice Chair (traffic delays-arrived 8.30pm).*

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs V Ades (Clerk), District Cllrs Tony Ganly (TG), Martin Mooney and 8 members of the public. *ESCC Cllr Ms Davies (AD) will arrive after attending Peasmarsh PC meeting.*

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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 reported in the minutes.

**● Many potholes were reported in Hobbs Lane. Clerk will email the resident ES Highways details of what is considered a pothole and how to report them. Disruption in Hobbs Lane caused by lorries attending Bentley & Hall continues. Details were asked about a date by which the traffic management plan must be submitted and how enforcement would take place without this plan. TL said it would be discussed under item 7. A number of outbuildings have appeared on the Ebrofrost site. TG will check. TG.**

1. **Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr P Spurgin- business reasons and Cllr Erith had emailed he was held up in traffic. *County Cllr Ms Angharad Davies (AD) will arrive after attending the Peasmarsh PC meeting.***
2. **Declarations of interest** whether personal or personal/pecuniary in accordance with the current Code of Conduct regarding matters on the agenda.  None.
3. **Reports from County, District and Parish Councillors. County and District reports had been circulated. MM added posters had been circulated regarding the collection of litter in the county and how parishes could help and he asked if these could be displayed around the village.**

**TL thanked the District councillors and RDC for their funding towards the VE day celebrations in the village. The paths outside the village hall had been treated and looked much better. The play frame from the school has been dismantled by Wil and he will install it on the play area when the weather improves. The MUGA is progressing, but is hampered by the weather. Members have a meeting later this month with Huw Merriman, MP, regarding the problems in Hobbs Lane.**

1. **To consider and approve** the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the PC meeting of 4 February 2020. The minutes were confirmed as accurate and signed by TL.
2. **Planning Applications** – to consider thosereceived from RDC and any other planning matters.

**RR/2020/71/FN BECKLEY DEL Little Harmers Bungalow, Horseshoe Lane**. Construction of an agricultural building to be used for the storage of fodder and machinery. Advice only.

**Permissions Granted:**

**RR/2019/2823/P Kitchenour, Kitchenour Lane.** Demolition of existing C20 barn and erection of new timber-framed barn in the same location.

**RR/2019/2435/P - Grove Orchard**, Watermill Lane. Erection of detached garage and annex.

1. **Bentley & Hall** –discuss Planning Committee decision of 13 February 2020. TL thanked TG and MM for speaking up on behalf of residents at the hearing of the Bentley & Hall (BH) retrospective planning application on 13 February. Members said the temporary permission had been granted subject to receipt of an acceptable traffic management plan and as this has not been submitted then surely BH is acting unlawfully. The clerk will ask planning for clarification relating to the plan, its relation to the temporary planning permission and where it leaves residents regarding monitoring activities. **Clerk.**
2. **Planting trees in Beckley –** Sussex Lund/frog field. The PC has been awarded 200 trees from the Woodland Trust. It was felt these would be very small saplings requiring protection. Two plans were shown where they could be planted and it was considered whilst EE’s was very attractive if could cause future maintenance problems and members voted to adopt CB’s which they felt it would be easier to maintain. It was suggested villagers should be encouraged to help with planting the saplings. The Sussex Lund was established in the 1990’s and TL has applied for £7K funding to tidy up the frog field’s pond and bridge and to remove some of the self-seeded trees. The work would encourage wildlife.
3. **Adoption of grass verges**. ES Highways requests a form with details for every wild life grass verge which the PC wishes to adopt. Highways said each sign would require a services search. **Clerk check with ES.**
4. **Gate and railings to school front** - request for the PC to consider repairs/maintenance - TL said the clerk had written to AD stating it was felt the gate and railings belonged to the school and were ESCC’s responsibility. She had heard nothing further.

***8.15pm AD arrived.***

1. **Annual Village Assembly** Tuesday 21 April 2020 at 7.30pm – the agenda items and arrangements were considered. TL suggested tea, coffee, biscuits and cake be provided.

***8.18pm EE arrived.***

**TL welcomed AD** and asked if there was anything she wished to add to her report. AD said overhanging trees should be cut back now and County was looking at their ditching programme and trying to establish which ditches were the responsibility of farmers or landowners. AD felt one form covering all the verges the PC wished to adopt would be sufficient.

1. **GDPA -** arrangements for usingpersonal phones and laptops for PC work. The Clerk had circulated members with details about their email accounts complying with the GDPR. Members said they did not use phones for PC work and they had used Netwise’s setup details for their computers which they were not going to start re-setting.
2. **RALC constitution –** discuss proposed changes and make any comments to RALC by 23rd March – Members were happy with the amendments.
3. **Groundwork tenders –** appoint a contractor for 2020 season. Three contractors had been invited to quote, two replied. Members resolved to accept IdVerde’s quotation for £1682.28 + VAT. They asked for the quote to be amended from 20 cuts per season to 18, to remove maintenance on the frog field and cutting the vegetation around the tennis courts as this had been removed. They would like to increase hedge cutting to twice yearly in October and February. **Clerk.**
4. **Bank reconciliation –** members (5) resolved to approve the figures. TL signed.
5. **Donation –** consider request last month for £500 from the Village Hall. CB proposed and RC seconded – carried (5).
6. **Accounts** for approval *(Reclaimable VAT shown for items exceeding £100).*

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| **Recipient** | **VAT £** | **Total £** | **Recipient** | **VAT £** | **Total £** |
| BVH – Jan |  | 12.60 | Beckley & P’marsh Parochial Church donation |  | 200.00 |
| Admin costs |  | 761.32 | Friends of Conquest Hospital donation |  | 250.00 |
| Sovereign Sports Invs - 0109-0114 | 1166.80 | 14001.60 | BVH–donation *(approval to be confirmed)* |  | 500.00 |

ED proposed and TL seconded the payments – carried.

1. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7 April 2020.**
2. **Matters** for consideration as an agenda item for the next meeting.
3. **Public questions -** not to exceed 10 minutes.

Members were invited to attend the grand opening of the new village hall kitchen on 21 March 2-4pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**