**BECKLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held by ZOOM video link**

**at 7.30pm on Tuesday 7 April 2020.**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs V Ades (Clerk) and District Cllr Tony Ganly (TG).

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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.
2. **Apologies for absence. DC Martin Mooney, could not log in. Phil Spurgin -intermittent participation due to Broadband difficulties.**
3. **Declarations of interest** whether personal or personal/pecuniary in accordance with the current Code of Conduct regarding matters on the agenda. TL declared a personal interest in item 7 - RR/2020/231/P- DEL Carpens.
4. **Reports from County and District councillors had been circulated and TG added RDC had delegated decision making on planning applications to the officers. Parish Councillors – TL reported a broken finger on a fingerpost at Moores Lane and suggested Wil may be able to repair. Clerk.**
5. **To consider and approve** the signing by the Chairman of the minutes of the PC meeting of 3 March 2020. Approved as correct and will be signed at the next face to face meeting.
6. **Planning Applications** – to consider thosereceived from RDC and any other planning matters.

**RR/2020/197/P DEL Two Steps, Main Street**. Proposed conversion of existing garage and associated alterations including raising of the flat roof. Members **supported the plans 5:0.**

**RR/2020/231/P- DEL Carpens, Hobbs Lane.** Shower room extension to rear of outbuilding with greenhouse and potting shed attached. Members **supported the plans 4:0.** (TL declared a personal interest).

***(Clerk had reported the following application had incorrectly been put under Permission Granted).***

*7.50pm Cllr.Phil Spurgin (PS) joined the video link, but he lost internet connection at 7.55pm.*

**RR/2020/49/P DEL Ebrofrost, Hobbs Lane**. Change of use from mushroom processing factory to pasta processing factory and associated noise mitigation works (part retrospective). Members asked for consistency of compliance about all issues relating to traffic for any industrial activity in Hobbs Lane and they concurred with Bentley & Hall’s comments. 5:0.

**Permissions Granted:**

**RR/2019/2376/P – Manroy Engineering, Land on the North-West side of Hobbs Lane.** Change of Use from B1 to B8 (Retrospective).

**Covid-19** - discuss arrangements the PC and village organisations/residents have set up and requirements. TL reported she had put out an appeal for volunteers to help villagers in need and 60 people had replied. A letter had been sent to villagers giving telephone numbers to call if in need. Ross Farm can prepare food parcels consisting of fresh meat and vegetables, enough for a week for two people for £35 (cost price). Volunteers will collect medicines and shop en masse and a telephone tree is in place to cascade calls to lonely people or to those who simply want a chat. TG added there is the Community Hub which provides help across Rother and the Rye Mutual Aid group is in touch with everybody. Grateful thanks were expressed by members to the volunteers, including the chairman, who have formed the group - Dominique and Fiona Sidwell, Claire Peters, MC Erith and Kim Chapman. A cheque for £50 has been donated by Mr & Mrs Nunneley to be used for a worthy cause in the village. Members asked the clerk to send a letter of thanks. **Clerk.**

1. **Annual Village Assembly** Tuesday 21 April 2020 at 7.30pm – Meeting has been cancelled due to Covid-19.
2. **Bentley & Hall** – meeting with Huw Merriman, MP, postponed until further notice.
3. **Adoption of grass verges** – arrangements postponed until further notice. Whilst Main Street verges have been mown the verges in the lanes have not, as requested. **Clerk to ensure these will be cut in August or September.**
4. **Planting trees in Beckley –** Sussex Lund/frog field – Irven’s offer to plant. Irven has planted all the trees on the recreation ground and says watering is not necessary at present as the ground is very wet. Members expressed their grateful thanks for his work.
5. **Groundwork tenders –** adjusted price awaited. Members will look into the best time to cut the hedges before advising IdVerde. **May.**
6. **Request for donations:-** 
   1. The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Members **unanimously agreed (5:0) to donate £500.**
   2. Appeal from RDC and ESCC for food bank items or donations. Members will consider this in May. **May.**
7. **Accounts** for approval *(Reclaimable VAT shown for items exceeding £100).*

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| **Recipient** | **VAT £** | **Total £** | **Recipient** | **VAT £** | **Total £** |
| HMRC Jan-Mar 2020 |  | 441.12 | Chris Makin reissue of unpresented cheque |  | 90.00 |
| BVH – Feb & Mar |  | 25.20 | Sovereign Sports Invs – 0124/0131 | 2917.00 | 17502.00 |
| Admin costs |  | 385.84 | Mrs T Langmead |  | 36.50 |

The accounts were proposed for payment by NH and seconded by RC.

1. **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 5 May 2020.**
2. **Matters** for consideration as an agenda item for the next meeting. None registered.
3. **Public questions -** not to exceed 10 minutes.

**The meeting closed at 8.25pm.**