

Blean Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, School Lane, Blean
on Monday 4th November 2019

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Those Present: Cllr. B. Flack (Chairman); Cllr. G King; Cllr. J. Rouse; Cllr. H. Samuelson; Cllr. P. Wakeling; Cllr. A. Jeffers; and Clerk D. Horswell.

Also present: Five members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: – Cllr. L. Harvey – sickness; Ward Cllr. Alex Ricketts – clash of meetings.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:
No changes or Declaration of Interests from Councillors.

3. Co-option of Phil Hutt onto the Parish Council:

Proposed by Cllr. Flack and Seconded by Cllr. King to co-opt Phil Hutt onto the Parish Council. All Members present **AGREED.**

Phil completed the Acceptance of Office form which was counter-signed by the clerk. He was given a D.P.I. form to be completed and sent to Canterbury City Council.

4. To Approve: Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th October 2019:

Proposed by Cllr. Flack, seconded by Cllr. Samuelson and all Members present **AGREED.**

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising from the Minutes: Cllr. Jeffers referred to sheet 2095 – Planning - Decision Notices – 19/01551 – in which he has observed that the window to the side is not obscured as was indicated in the drawings and specifically mentioned in the Parish Council's comments. Cllr. Flack said that she will take it up with CCC Planning.

Cllr. Flack then asked if anyone had any objection to item 10.1 – Skatepark in the recreation ground – being discussed at this point of the meeting so that the boys did not have to sit through the whole meeting. This being agreed the boys presented their idea of a skatepark being built in the recreation ground.

The boys gave a very good presentation on the reasons why they think it will be a benefit to the village along with materials that it could be built of and costings. Members of the Parish Council asked questions regarding noise impact, insurance, damage responsibility etc. Cllr. Flack asked the boys whether they would be willing to help with grant applications to which they said they would.

Cllr. Flack thanked the boys for their in-depth presentation and said that the Parish Council will get back in touch and have an informal meeting with them when they have discussed it further.

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5. Approval for Invoice Payments and authorisation: (Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting.)

Banking Report November 2019

Approval for invoice payments

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection November 2019	£ Vat £ No invoice yet
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages October 2019	£175.13
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary October 2019	£719.33
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC October 2019	£147.40
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband November 2019	£ Vat £ No invoice yet
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire November 2019	£16.00
Bacs	Commercial Services Trading Ltd	3 rd Quarter for Grounds Maintenance	£814.82 Vat £135.80
DD	BT	Quarterly Line Rental	£23.36
Bacs	Meadow Grange Nursery Ltd	Bedding Plants, Turfs and Compost	£121.02 Vat £20.17
Bacs	East Kent Timber Ltd	Timber and screws for bench	£176.49 Vat £29.42
Bacs	Cutters garden Services	Footpath maintenance, hedges and shrub	£405.00

Total Paid Out £2,598.55

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Paid In

BVHMC – 50% Waste Collection September 2019	£58.06
<u>Total Paid in</u>	<u>£58.06</u>

Bank Statement as at 31st October 2019

Current Account £29,601.02 (Not including all the transactions above)

All Members present agreed to the bank payments.

5.1 To approve: Budget 2020/2021

The budget for 2020/2021 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Cllr. Flack explained that there is to be a further review of the Concurrent Function Funding of which April 2020 will be the last year we receive the funding of the four year bid. The reserves have been building up slowly year on year to cover this if necessary. It is recommended that Parish Councils have one year's worth of reserves.

The budget for 2020/2021 was proposed by Cllr. Samuelson, Seconded by Cllr. Hutt and AGREED by all Members present.

6. Planning: (Planning Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting.)

PLANNING REPORT November 2019

Planning Applications:

1. 19/01595 - Proposed single-storey rear extension with rear dormer and extended front dormer - 27 Chapel Lane – Blean Parish Council **SUPPORT** the design and consider it is in keeping with the other properties within the area and has no impact on adjoining properties.

2. 19/01647 - Proposed single-storey side and rear extension, 2 no. first-floor side extensions to create ancillary accommodation, erection of 1 no. minaret to south west, extension of existing minaret to south east together with external cladding to front and side elevations - The Markaz, 1 Giles Lane - Blean Parish Council is **NEUTRAL** and has no further comment.

4. 19/01724 - Application for prior approval for proposed change of use of

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agricultural building to 4 no. dwellings with associated building operations - Brook Farm Barn, Denstroude Lane – Objection – Blean Parish Council understand that this is an application under Permitted Development. However, we would request from the Planning Officer further clarification regarding the following :

Should the red edge shown on the proposed site plan included in this application include the parking and garden areas to the front of the dwellings (it currently doesn't), meaning that the area around the building will in fact be larger than the ground area covered by the building.

This we understand would be contrary to Class Q falling within Class C3 and would require a full planning application.

5. 19/01817 - Proposed single-storey rear extension, rear dormer and porch to front - 27 Whitstable Road - Blean Parish Council has no objection to this application.

Planning Applications received since last meeting:

1. 19/02022 - Proposed single-storey side extension, two-storey side and rear extension, extension to rear dormer, alterations to garage to provide additional living accommodation with roof terrace over and extension to driveway - 128 Blean Common, Blean, Canterbury, CT2 9JJ – Comments by 22nd November

2. 19/02049 - Proposed single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing utility extension - 9 Trueman Close, Blean, CT2 9HB – Comments by 22nd November

Decision Notices by CCC:

1. 19/01595 - Proposed single-storey rear extension with rear dormer and extended front dormer - 27 Chapel Lane – GRANTED

2. 19/01647 - Proposed single-storey side and rear extension, 2 no. first-floor side extensions to create ancillary accommodation, erection of 1 no. minaret to south west, extension of existing minaret to south east together with external cladding to front and side elevations - The Markaz, 1 Giles Lane – GRANTED

3. 19/01817 - Proposed single-storey rear extension, rear dormer and porch to front - 27 Whitstable Road - GRANTED

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7. Report from Ward Cllrs, County Cllr. and PCSO:

7.1 Ward Cllr. Report (*attached to these minutes*)

7.2 PCSO Report (*attached to these minutes*)

8. Reports and Updates: (Reports circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting)

8.1 *Village Hall Report: (attached to these minutes)*

8.2 *N.H.W. Report (attached to these minutes)*

8.3 *Speedwatch Update:*

David Gammon reported that there had been one session:

14/10 – John Graham Centre - Coastbound – 397 vehicles with 35 travelling at 35mph or over.

There will be a session held in Tyler Hill Road in the future.

8.4 *Footpath Report:*

Cllr. Wakeling said there was nothing outstanding to report.

8.5 *Parish Council update: (attached to these minutes)*

9. Matters raised by the Public:

The following issues were raised by members of the public:

9.1 An email had been received from a resident regarding parking on Tile Kiln Hill. The Parish Council has responded by saying that providing a vehicle is legally parked there is nothing the Parish Council can do. Also, there is no legal obligation for an employer to provide parking for its employees.

Cllr. Samuelson has been given permission by the site management company of the Blean Tavern site to take down the ‘no parking’ sign in their car park.

9.2 It was raised that there is ivy on the school path which needs cutting. Cllr. Samuelson will action.

9.3 The matter of pavement parking was raised to which Cllr. Flack replied that parking tickets have been issued by Enforcement Officers in this area.

10. Matters to be discussed:

10.1 Skate Park in the recreation ground

Presentation and discussion heard earlier in the meeting.

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10.2 Website - New Regulations – Cllr. Email addresses

This topic is to be discussed at the Parish Seminar so we are hoping for further information and clarity.

10.3 Canterbury District Local Plan Review

Will also be discussed at the Parish Seminar along with Neighbourhood Planning.

10.4 KALC AGM – Saturday 30th November at Ditton Community Centre

10.5 Parish Seminar – 16th November 9.30 – 1pm – Canterbury College

10.6 Dynamic Councillor event - 23rd November – Lenham Community Centre

All the above for Councillors to attend.

11. Councillors' Reports:

11.1 Cllr. Hutt raised the matter of speeding to which Cllr. Flack replied that there is implementation of Government funding for the A290 in April 2020 of which a lot of the work will be done at the Honey Hill end.

11.2 Cllr. Wakeling said that the gully is blocked at Honey Hill Farm.

11.3 Cllr. Samuelson reported that he had phoned the site management company of the Blean Tavern site who had agreed to call off the parking restriction but this will only be temporary until a planning application is submitted.

12. Any Other Business for discussion at next meeting:

Next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 9th December.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Date _____

Signature _____

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Ward Cllrs Report Cllr Barbara Flack

Major issues being discussed at council -

- The extension of the Wincheap Park and Ride which was granted planning permission in October. Although this was favourable received by all, a Decision will be made on this matter at full council in December.
- Also, at the full council meeting December, there will be further debate and decision made on the moving of the CCC offices. Under discussion is a site at Wincheap, which could potentially be carbon neutral, funded by the sale of the existing land at Military Road. Subsequently, the land at Military Road would be developed for housing with a large number of social and affordable housing proposed. This could have a positive impact on the housing list. There is also a proposal to keep Guildhall as the principle functionary meeting place of the council.
- At the next Policy and Resources meeting on 13th November, the Draft Budget for 2020/21 will be presented. A saving of just under £5 million has to be made over the next financial year. The council tax income for CCC across the whole district is only £10 million. The council has been looking at ideas of income generation to offset the amount of savings needed through a recent residents' consultation. Further reviews are being commissioned regarding value for money in the areas of digital and services.
- Following the failure of EKH to carry out safety checks ie gas, electrical etc. CCC is now consulting with all their social housing tenants about the future of EKH. The preferred option is to bring the management of social housing back in house, however the results of the consultation will shape the way forward.
- Following the past consultation about the Kingsmead Leisure Centre, designs etc are now being discussed and advice is being sought this week from DAP to ensure inclusivity for all.
- A recent update from Lacy Dixon of our Enforcement team highlighted some of the continuing work being carried out across the district on a number of areas of enforcement. This was circulated to all parishes.
- Two new posts have been created within the council. The first being an officer responsible for Graffiti, who has recently been appointed. Her role will be preventative and enforcement and she is already making links with various cross-section of the Community and other statutory bodies. The second post will be interviewed this week which will be for Climate Change Officer who will be working across many departments supporting

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the work to implement CCC Climate Emergency target of carbon zero by 2030.

NOTE: Since this report was written purdah has now been put into place meaning that some of the items mentioned above will now not be heard until a later date.

PCSO Report

Parish name Hackington and Blean Parish

October 2019

Information provided by: PCSO Tom Daley

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Crimes of note:

- 2/10/19 Domestic Burglary Blean
- 23/10/19 Theft of Pedal Cycles Rough Common
- 24/10/19 Theft from Motor Vehicle
- 28/10/19 Theft from Motor Vehicle. Blean

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Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:

- Issues with egg Throwing, towards Kent University Campus.

I am pleased that there has been less to report this month. Considering we had Halloween during this month, things have not been too bad.

My apologies for the late sending of this brief report. I wanted to include any of the extra things I thought may have happened during this usually busy period.

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BVHMC Annual Report for Parish Council meeting on 4th November

- The lettings officer reported that the Village Hall continues to be a popular venue for both private hires and regular groups alike. Over the past 12 months there have been numerous bookings for birthday parties for all ages, christenings, charity events and family gatherings etc.

The hall spaces are used every day of the week throughout the day by regular user groups who provide a wide range of activities from baby sensory, various dance and art groups as well as fitness groups such as yoga and Pilates catering for different age groups within Blean, Canterbury Whitstable and even further afield.

Throughout the year many enquiries have been made for private bookings which has resulted in a slight increase compared to this time last year. More enquiries are still coming through for the remainder of the year and we have confirmed and paid for 3 hires for 2020 already.

Regular hires number 30 groups in total. This year four new groups have been welcomed and started within the last few months.

All the rooms are used on a daily basis, both during the week and at weekends. Some evenings are particularly busy where groups are occupying all three spaces.

The letting officer also thanked all the team of Hall volunteers who have helped to make the Village hall a thriving and well loved venue for members of the local community.

- The chairman reported on an interesting year for the hall.

Provision for a new hall was earnestly looked into and the option was explored. Due to the impact of parking and related noise on the residents and also the level of financial sustainability, it

was agreed that the best way forward would be to rationalise the space that we have, improve the toilet and the storage provision.

Thanks were given to Andy and Steve for their time. (Provisional plans were shown and discussed by all those present at the meeting)

During the year a few improvements have been made to the hall, such as the fitting of the panels to the lower half of the walls in the main hall and committee room. New wooden planters have been provided, our own Wi-Fi system and a new microwave for the kitchen.

The Hall is financially secure and is in the black at all times thus enabling us employ a caretaker. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances he has recently given in his notice!

Thanks also goes to the letting officer Charlotte for all her hard work.

Throughout the year many events have been organised by the amazing group of volunteers and again a huge thanks was given to them for all their hard work and giving of their free time.

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- Barbara, who stepped in and took on the role of Chairman this year, was thanked for all her endless hard work in fulfilling this role with dedication and total commitment.

Tamsin Parry volunteered to take on the role of new chairman and was duly elected.

- The meeting continued with Tamsin as chair.

The next coffee morning for Saturday, October 26, with the theme of environmental art was discussed.

The next fundraising meetings will be on November 13th and once again on November 30th to organise the Christmas fair. Other events will be on Friday, the 29th of November to decorate the hall and on Friday the 20th of December carols on the green will take place.

The hall will close on Christmas Eve and reopen again on the 4th of January

- Amongst further discussions, arrangements

for advertising and employing a new cleaner were discussed, purchasing a much larger shed, improvement to the panels in the hall, Solar panels and equipment for the present cleaner.

A short BVHMC meeting was arranged for Tuesday, 5 November at 7:30

Jane Rouse

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH report- October 2019

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET

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e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

Four reports, relevant to the village, were received from Kent Police between 15th October and 30th October 2019 and forwarded electronically to the 17 links around the village of Blean.

One piece of good news has been distributed by the Kent Police recently:

.....The additional PCSOs have been recruited under Kent Police's More Than the Badge campaign – the largest recruitment drive in the force's history.

It has been funded by an uplift in the council tax precept secured by Matthew Scott, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent.

Mr Scott said: 'I am delighted that the Chief Constable is deploying these extra officers to communities right across Kent.

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'They have been funded by local residents through my decision to increase the policing part of council tax bills earlier this year. It was not an easy decision, but one which is enabling Kent Police to recruit an additional 180 officers to increase visibility and deal with residents' concerns.

The policing of Kent's town centres is to be given a boost following the announcement that there will be 56 dedicated police officers across the county.

The officers will serve urban communities and high streets by tackling crime during the evening hours, anti-social behaviour and theft.

A total of 38 new constables will be recruited and will join 18 other police officers who are already in post as part of a pilot.

Towns such as Maidstone, Folkestone and Chatham where town centre PCs are already in place will receive additional support while areas such as Gillingham, Cliftonville and Sevenoaks will see the introduction of dedicated officers in the near future.

Chief Constable Alan Pughsley said: 'Increases in the police element of Council Tax and Kent Police's financial planning over the last few years – which has been independently graded as 'Outstanding' - means we have worked hard to steadily increase officer numbers, protect our 300 PCSOs, and improve the great service we already provide for people in Kent.

'Through analysing crime levels and service demand we've identified where's best to put these officers and we're confident we have identified the areas that will benefit from them the most in terms of keeping people safe, preventing crime, and enforcement action.

'But it should not be forgotten that every town, whether they have a dedicated Town Centre PC or not, will still be served by our Local District Policing Teams, our Community Safety

David Greenman
NHW coordinator for Blean
30th October 2019

Parish Council Update

1. Chairman and Clerk have spent quite a lot of time this month responding to requests from Mr Atkins regarding meetings, documents and minutes from 2015.
2. Ken has finished laying the turfs in front of the kicking wall where the surface has worn away. It is hoped the recent rain will encourage them to grow.

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3. The rainbow planter has been put next to the seat outside the shops and planted with winter plants and bulbs.
4. We are still trying to establish who is responsible for the land bordering CB8 so that the dead tree can be felled. KCC PROW say that they are not responsible for the land that CB8 goes over. They have checked the land registry and unfortunately the track / driveway that CB8 runs over is unregistered. It is not straightforward, just trying to establish if the tree was part of an old boundary line.
5. The wood has been delivered for the bench to be rebuilt in the Nature Reserve, Ken will do it when he has finished stripping out the flowerbeds in front of the shops and replanting the planters.
6. Anthony Mooring has volunteered to litter-pick along Tyler Hill Road as far as Hothe Court Farm, we have supplied him with gloves, a litter-picker and bags which Serco will collect. Thanks go to him for helping with this.
7. Residents have reported to the clerk that all the streetlights in Chestnut Avenue have faults and some evenings none of them are on at all. KCC have been in contact to say that the streetlights in Chestnut Avenue are the responsibility of CCC so have passed the report on to them.
8. There has also been reports of dog fouling in the path leading from Chestnut Avenue to Blean Common.
9. We are waiting on applying for planning permission to get the tree felled before that and other tree and ditch work can be done in the recreation ground.
10. Alan Watson, Speedwatch co-ordinator, has collected the old Speedwatch equipment which is going to be recycled.
11. **Emails received and circulated:**
Enforcement Services Update
Parking on Tile Kiln Hill
12. Chairman and Clerk are attending the KCC Parish Seminar - Canterbury Cricket Ground - Wednesday 13th November 9.50 – 13.00

Events for Cllrs. to attend:

CCC Planning Training – 14th November - Cllr. Jeffers and Cllr. Wakeling are attending
Dynamic Councillor event - Lenham Community Centre - 23rd November
KALC AGM – Saturday 30th November – Ditton Community Centre
Parish Workshop – 16th November - Canterbury College 9.30am – 1pm