

# BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

### Sheet 2315

**Those Present:** Cllr. J. Russell; Cllr. H. Samuelson; Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. M. Akers; Cllr. G. King and Clerk Mrs D. Horswell.

**Also present:** Ward Cllr. D. Smith; Ward Cllr. S. Jupe; village handyman Mr. K Waddington and three members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. P. Hutt – family matters; Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts– attending a CCC meeting.

In the absence of Cllr. Hutt, Cllr. Samuelson took over as Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:** No changes in DPI's. D of I declared by Cllr. King in all matters to do with the Village Hall.

**3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

**The Minutes were approved and AGREED by all Members present and signed by the Chairman as a true record.**

### **4. Finance:**

**4.1 To approve: Invoice Payments (Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.)**

DD	Lili Waste Services	Waste Collection July	£85.32 (Vat £17.06)
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages June	£247.33
		Including extra hours for repairing and repainting rocket	
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Reimbursement for supplies	£48.22 (Vat £8.04)
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerk Salary June	£809.26
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC June	£235.25
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband July	£81.13 (Vat £13.52)
Bacs	Wickstead Leisure Ltd	Paint for rocket	£79.80 (Vat £13.30)
Bacs	Blean Village Hall	Hall Hire 10/7/23	£24.00
Bacs	Meadow Grange	Plants	£15.96 (Vat £2.67)

**Total Paid Out: £1,626.27**

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### Paid in:

CCC – Concurrent Function 2023/2024

**£5,630.00**

### Bank Statement as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - Current Account £55,523.76

*(This does not include all the outgoing transactions in this banking report).*

All Members present **APPROVED** and **AGREED** the payments.

**4.2 To Note:** An application had been submitted to the Opportunities Fund for the funding of the new picnic table which has been approved resulting in £300 being received (£100 from each Ward Cllr.) towards the cost of the picnic table. This will be reported on next month's banking report in accordance with the relevant bank statement. A vote of thanks was given to the Ward Councillors for the funding.

There followed a discussion on which colour to order and it was agreed that black would be best as it is least likely to fade.

**5. Planning:** (Planning Report for discussion circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting)

### Planning Applications:

**23/00848** - Two-storey side extension to existing outbuilding including 3 dormer windows to front elevation together with single-storey detached outbuilding - **The Willows, Pean Hill.**

**Blean Parish Council make the comment that this application is adding an additional 165.6 sq m, an increase of 40%, all of which has been classed as residential.**

**23/00912** - Detached single-storey garage - **11A School Lane.**

**Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**23/01048** - Application for prior approval for agricultural building for the storage of hay - **Land At Fourways Farm, Brook Farm, Denstroude Lane.**

**Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**23/01088** - Retrospective application for single-storey detached agricultural storage building - **Lyndale, 24 School Lane - Comments by 14<sup>th</sup> July**

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**23/01024** - Detached two storey dwelling and single storey detached car port - **36 Tile Kiln Hill** -  
**Comments by 21<sup>st</sup> July**

## Decision Notices by CCC:

**23/00680** - First floor extension and new roof – **135 Blean Common – GRANTED**

**23/00780** - Proposed change of use of land from residential curtilage to purposes ancillary to the garden centre (construction of polytunnels) together with a single-storey detached building for use as a coffee shop - **Meadow Grange Nursery – GRANTED**

**23/00521** - 6 detached dwellings consisting of 3 no. one and a half storey, 2 no. two and a half storey and 1 no. 2 storey dwelling together with formation of access and associated hardstanding following demolition of existing industrial buildings – **Butlers Court Farm, Blean Common – REFUSED**

**23/00613** - Two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing single-storey extensions - **25 Honey Hill, Blean - GRANTED**

## 6. Reports from County Cllr. and Ward Cllrs:

**6.1** County Cllr. Thomas had sent a report: See attached to these Minutes.

**6.2** Ward Cllr. Dan Smith reported on:

Boundary Consultation

KCC Speed Limit through Thornden Wood Road due to the Greenhill development.

## 7. Reports and Updates:

### 7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King

There are a substantial number of hirers now using the hall.

The fete was very well attended, with a wide range of stalls and events taking place. The amount raised is not finally available at present, but I will notify the Council when this has been arrived at.

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### **7.2 N.H.W:**

All relevant reports are circulated to Cllrs.

### **7.3 Footpath Report: Cllr. Samuelson and Cllr. Russell.**

With the recent weather lots of the footpaths are overgrown. It was noted that the footpath CB18 which runs through Arbelle Farm has been cleared although the bridge has still not been cleared and replaced.

### **7.4 Highways Report: Cllr Jeffers.**

Nothing further to report.

### **7.5 Speedwatch Report: Cllr. Akers and Cllr. Russell.**

The first session took place last Wednesday. There were 220 vehicles recorded in the 50 minute session with 6 being over the limit with the highest speed being 43mph.

### **7.6 KALC Report: Cllr. Russell.**

Cllr. Russell had circulated notes to Cllrs. on the KALC Canterbury Area AGM which she had attended on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Draft Minutes have since been circulated.

Ward Cllr. Smith commented that it is useful for a Councillor from a Parish to sit on the Joint Transportation Board.

### **7.7 Clerks Report:**

CCC Training: Planning for Parish Councillors 12th or 19th July dates available.

KALC Training – details have been circulated.

The VH Committee are going to clean up the areas on either side of the shed alongside the car park. Old sandbags, posts etc. which have been there for a few years will be cleared up.

The fort support posts are splitting – this will be reported.

The recreation ground hedge has been cut.

KCC National Highways & Transport Network - Public Satisfaction Surveys circulated.

**Dates of forthcoming Parish Council meetings in the coming year unless for any reason they have to be changed.**

**11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and Annual Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

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Cllr. King spoke of the issue of the posts that need replacing around the car park by the VH committee.

### **7.8 Newsletter: Cllr. Akers.**

Cllr. Akers asked for articles to be sent to him for the newsletter.

### **8. Matters raised by the Public:**

Mr Tony Martin spoke of three issues.

**Cookies on the Parish Council website** – this will be investigated.

**Chapel Lane road repairs** – these have been reported on the KCC website and have been repaired.

Mr Martin was directed to the KCC – Report a Fault website for future issues.

**Flooding in Chapel Lane** – Mr Martin spoke of his concerns and circulated photographic evidence to the Parish Council. The clerk will forward the concerns to County Cllr. Thomas.

### **9. Matters to be discussed: (Any relevant papers circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting).**

#### **9.1 Crab & Winkle/Tyler Hill Road Crossover.**

An email from County Cllr. Thomas regarding a meeting that had taken place has been circulated to the Parish Council. This issue will be continued with Cllr. Thomas.

#### **9.2 Moving of the picnic table from the patio outside the Hall.**

Following discussion it was decided, due to the cost of laying a hard standing, to decline the kind offer from the VHC.

#### **9.3 Repair of the fort.**

It was agreed that Ken would fill the posts with wood glue and Cllr. Hutt will then get caps to fit over them. It had also been noted from the Clerk's report that the upright structures are starting to split. Advice will be sought.

#### **9.4 Update on Village Sign.**

There have been problems with the removal of the bottom of the original post as it is embedded so deeply in concrete. A digger will be needed to get it out.

#### **9.5 New equipment to replace rocket next year.**

This was discussed and unanimously agreed that this needs to be included in next year's budget which will be set in Nov/Dec 2023.

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### **9.6 Basketball Hoop.**

The clerk said that they seem to range between £20 and £100 although it was thought that there may be one in the village hall storeroom. Cllr. King will investigate. It was thought it best to be put on the existing post.

### **9.7 Food Bank.**

An email had been received from a resident asking about the possibility of a food bank in the village. It was noted that there is a facility for depositing items in the church which is then collected weekly and taken to a Canterbury food bank. It was thought that this needs to be more widely publicised. It was also noted that Blean Pre-school leave any unused items after their sessions outside the village hall for anyone to collect. The clerk will advise the resident.

### **9.8 Ditches in Recreation Ground to be cleared.**

The ditch along the length of the recreation ground needs digging and clearing out. It was agreed for quotes to be sought.

## **10. Councillors' Reports:**

**10.1 Cllr. King** reported that the tree that is obscuring the street name in The Green has been clipped back by the resident and he has been told that a tree surgeon will cut it back further.

**10.2 Cllr. Jeffers** reported on a meeting that he and Cllr. Hutt had attended with Mr Moore from Rubix Developments whose company is interested in Mill Field in Tyler Hill Road and has put it forward in the Draft Local Plan. No planning application will be put in until the Local Plan has been passed and will have to follow the due process. It was made clear that the Parish Council are only a consultee in this process and the decision on the Local Plan and any future planning application will be made by the City Council.

## **11. Any Other Business for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

**These Minutes remain as draft minutes until approved by the Parish Council at the next meeting.**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Petition for Biodiversity Emergency Declaration**

A petition has been submitted to Canterbury City Council to request that the city council declares a biodiversity emergency. Residents and workers in Canterbury can sign the petition. Over 1000 signatures have been added to the petition so it should be received by the city council and a trigger a debate. Support has been expressed by Rosie Duffield and Sir Roger Gale. To see, and sign, the petition can be viewed [here](#).

## **Review of Kent Warden Service**

The county council will be going out to consultation on changes to the Kent Warden Service following the £1m budget reduction agreed in February to meet budgetary challenges. The consultation and an updated geographical allocation policy was discussed at the Growth, Economic Development and Community Cabinet Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> June. The consultation will go live towards the end of the month. The committee report can be read [here](#)

## **Sturry Link Road**

You may have read about the [delays to the construction of the Sturry Link Road](#)? The delay is caused primarily through the planning process for both the KCC element of the Sturry Link road but more significantly by the challenges that the developers from the Sturry site have had in discharging their planning conditions, especially with resolving nutrient neutrality impacts on the Stour. Developers of the Sturry site have submitted proposals to Canterbury planning to manage the nutrient neutrality, however this is still going through the consultation process. The current programme is for an earliest start on site of January 2025 and is reliant on contributions from several development sites to fund the works. The planning conditions that need to be discharged include archaeological investigation, environmental surveys and monitoring of the protected species the newly protected beaver which have been found along this stretch of the Stour. Finally, there are some land ownership issues to resolve through the process. The county council need to have assurance that the construction of their element of the network has something to join up to [the road within the development site].

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## **Devolution**

An expression of interest to begin negotiations for a Kent and Medway devolution deal has been submitted by Kent County Council following discussions at Cabinet on 29<sup>th</sup> June. This is not to seek major local government reorganisation, changing the set up of twelve district councils and the county council, but to seek additional powers and resources from government. More details will follow in due course but to read more about the expression of interest the report can be read [here](#).

## **NEWS**

1. Library service award for prison initiative

<https://news.kent.gov.uk/articles/kcc-library-service-wins-national-award-for-prison-initiative>

2. Vulnerable Registration Service

<https://news.kent.gov.uk/articles/kcc-partners-with-the-vulnerable-registration-service>

3. Dover public rights of way upgrade

<https://news.kent.gov.uk/articles/white-cliffs-of-dover-public-rights-of-way-footpath-gets-upgrade>

## **CONSULTATIONS**

KCC

1. Local Transport Plan – N.B. this is not the same strategy underpinning the Canterbury City Council Local Plan but the framework within which that plan sits.

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/local-transport-plan-5>

2. Speed limit reduction in Tyler Hill from 40mph to 30mph

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/canterbury-hill-calais-hill-and-wood-hill-in-the-district-of-canterbury-amendment-4-speed-limit-order>

3. Speed limit reduction on Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay from National Speed Limit to 40mph

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/bullockstone-road-in-the-district-of-canterbury-amendment-3-speed-limit-order>

4. Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan Strategy 2024-2039 – further proposed changes

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/hub-page/mineralsandwaste>

5. National Highways and Transport Survey 2023-24

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/national-highways-and-transport-2023-24>



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CCC

1. Levelling Up Bid Story Gardens and Routes  
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/luf-story-gardens-and-routes/>
2. Bridge Neighbourhood Plan  
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/bridge-neighbourhood-plan/>

**KENT POLICE UPDATES** - link for the past month's crime statistics in each village as well as contact details for your neighbourhood team.

<a href="#">Blean</a>	<a href="#">Chartham</a>
<a href="#">Chestfield</a>	<a href="#">Harbledown</a>
<a href="#">Hackington</a>	<a href="#">Rough Common</a>



<b>APPLY</b>	<a href="#">Adoption and Fostering</a>
	<a href="#">Assisted Bin Collection</a>
	<a href="#">Births, death, marriages, ceremonies</a>
	<a href="#">Business Support</a>
	<a href="#">Bus and Travel Passes</a>
	<a href="#">Community grants and funding</a>
	<a href="#">Community Right to Challenge and Bid</a>
	<a href="#">Disabled Parking Blue Badge</a>
	<a href="#">Film in Kent</a>
	<a href="#">Free School Meals</a>
	<a href="#">Garden Waste Collection</a>
	<a href="#">Highways Permit – close a road, tourist signs, skip on highway, dropped kerb</a>
	<a href="#">Kent Adult Education classes</a>
<a href="#">Library Services – books, magazines, newspapers, archives, iPads and more</a>	
<a href="#">CCC Jobs &amp; KCC jobs</a>	
<b>REPORT</b>	<a href="#">Bus Feedback</a>
	<a href="#">Environmental issues – bins, litter, dog fouling</a>
	<a href="#">Flytipping</a>

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	<a href="#"><u>Illegal Parking</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Kent Highways – potholes, drainage, pavements, streetlighting etc</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Missed Bins</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Noise, Smoke or Smell problem</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Planning Enforcement</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Public Rights of Way</u></a>
	<a href="#"><u>Trading Standards</u></a>

## **Asset of Community Value**

A list can be viewed [here](#) including expired nominations