

# *Blean Parish Council*

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, School Lane, Blean  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## Sheet 2057

**Those Present:** Cllrs. B. Flack (Chairman); W. Leetham (Vice-Chairman);  
L. Harvey; G King; C. Dunster; J. Rouse and Clerk D. Horswell.

**Also present:** Ward Cllr. B. Fitter-Harding; Ward Cllr. G. Metcalfe; County Cllr. R.  
Thomas and nine members of the public.

**1. Apologies for absence:** P. Wakeling – Family Commitments; Cllr. H. Samuelson –  
work commitment; Ward Cllr. Amy Baker – Family Commitments.

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

**3. To Approve: Minutes of the last meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019:**  
Proposed by Cllr. Leetham, seconded by Cllr. King and all Members present  
**AGREED.**

Signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **4. Banking Report March 2019** **Approval for invoice payments**

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection March 2019	£77.16 <i>Vat £12.86</i>
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages Feb 2019	£167.20
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary Feb 2019	£692.66
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC Feb 2019	£147.05
DD	XLN	Telephone & Broadband March 2019	£37.39
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Petty Cash Mar 2019 Black Ink Cart £26.99 Vat £4.50	£42.02

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		White Spirit & Varnish £12.28 Vat £2.05  Black Plastic Nut & Bolt Protective Cover Caps £2.75	Vat £6.55
Bacs	Meadow Grange	Thermal Gloves £9.98 Vat £1.66  Winter Bedding Levingtons Potting £43.00 Vat £7.17	£52.98 Vat
Cheque	Southgate Electrical Co Ltd	Pat Testing in the office	£50.40 Vat £8.40
Bacs	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Minute Book	£93.60 Vat £15.60
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire March 2019	£15.00
Bacs	BVHMC	Parish Office Utilities (6 months)	£90.26
Bacs	ACRK	Annual Membership	£75.00

**Total Paid Out            £1,540.72**

BVHMC – Waste Collection Jan 2019	£38.50
BVHMC – Waste Collection & Grass cutting Feb 2019	£48.59
KCC – Combined Members Grant	£1,000.00

(for safety surface under elephant)

**Total Paid in            £1,087.09**

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### Bank Statement as at 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Current Account £20,219.35 (Not including all the transactions above)

Includes Innovation Grant of £2,000 (for setting up Youth Council) of which there is  
a balance of £1,839.25

### 5. PLANNING REPORT March 2019

#### Planning Applications:

**2. 19/00133 - Proposed detached single-storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and associated car-port, parking, driveway and landscaping – Land adjoining Linden Lea, 2 Blean Common, Blean, CT2 9ES – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

#### Planning Applications received since last meeting:

**1. 19/00292 - Proposed single-storey side extension - Honey House, 45 Tyler Hill Road, Blean, CT2 9HU – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**2. 18/02014 - Proposed swimming pool in rear garden together with a single-storey outbuilding for use as ancillary accommodation following demolition of existing single-storey outbuilding - Arbele House, Chapel Lane, Blean, CT2 9HF – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**3. 19/00301- Variation of condition 02 (approved drawings) of planning permission CA//18/02224/FUL for proposed two-storey detached science hub to provide student learning space, offices, a meeting room, IT and welfare facilities to allow, the building to be moved 1m further from the Ingram building as part of the fire strategy and the elevations have been altered slightly to accommodate structural bracing, we wish to apply for a variation on the accepted drawings of condition 02 with the more recent design drawings showing new site plan and elevations - Department Of Biosciences, University Of Kent, Giles Lane, Blean, CT2 7NZ - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

**4. 19/00345 - Proposed replacement of porch following demolition of existing porch, and alterations to the fenestration to include the replacement of tiles to front elevation - 46 Tile Kiln Hill, Blean, CT2 9EE - Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.**

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### Decision Notices:

1. 18/02560 - Proposed three-storey medical school building with associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works - University of Kent, Park Wood Road, Blean - GRANTED

### 6. Matters raised by the Public (Not already raised during the Annual Parish meeting):

6.1 Mrs Letts said that there was still rubble on CB7. Cllr. Thomas will chase Kent Highways up. It was thought that it might need to be mentioned to RSPB or the Woodland Trust.

6.2 Mr. Baker said that he was pleased that the planning application for the medical school had been granted at the University.

He asked whether the Parish Council had heard any more about the University Masterplan.

Cllr. Flack said that there is a meeting scheduled with the University next month who are working on the Transport Strategy. At the present there is no idea when any further documentation will be released.

County Cllr. Thomas said that to clarify, CCC are working with the University on the Plan. The Masterplan and the Transport Strategy will both need to be adopted by CCC.

### 7. Matters to be discussed:

#### *7.1 Installation of dog bin in Chapel Lane:*

This has been raised by the residents and will cost £120 to have the bin installed. We will have to negotiate with Serco to include it in the schedule to have it emptied.

Cllr. Harvey thought it would be best placed at the end of Chapel Lane near the woods.

#### *7.2 Trimming of conifers in recreation ground:*

The conifers in the recreation ground which border 12 School Lane need to be trimmed again as they block out light to the property and interfere with broadband. The resident has agreed to pay 50/50 with the Parish Council. A quote will be obtained.

#### *7.3 Renewal of ACRK Membership:*

The renewal has gone up to £75 this year as it is now calculated on the number of residents a parish has. It was agreed to continue with the membership as it is beneficial as regards advice and access to specialists.

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### **8. Councillors' Reports:**

#### **8.1 Ward Cllr. Report:**

Cllr. Fitter-Harding gave his report in which he spoke of:

- High Street Funds –this gives unique challenges in Canterbury.
- Stagecoach – improvements to bus services
- ANPR Parking – Blue Badge holders can now have 3 hours free parking. There are lots of options and you pay for the time you use.
- Park & Ride at Wincheap – this is an extension of the Park & Ride. There is a lot of concern over this but there has to be changes. CCC are taking the concerns on board.
- Kingsmead Leisure Centre is being upgraded.
- Bin Collection changes
- Building Social Housing

8.2 Cllr. Harvey reported that the pumping station is flooded.

Her son's bike had been stolen from the University.

8.3 Cllr. Rouse asked if Speedwatch will be operated later as the days get lighter?

Mike from Speedwatch said that it will.

8.3 Cllr. Leatham reported that the surface on the Crab & Winkle Way is due to be resurfaced and the land owner has agreed. The type of surface needs to be agreed.

Cllr. Leatham also said that, due to having to walk home from Whitstable roundabout when there had been an accident in Blean, he realized the need for a footpath from Fox's Cross Hill as it is very difficult and dangerous for anyone walking.

Cllr. Leatham also said that the Stagecoach App is not good. Cllr. Fitter-Harding told him to try Google maps.

Cllr. King left the meeting at 9.10pm.

8.4 Cllr. Dunster spoke of the recent crash that had occurred at the junction of Tyler Hill Road and Blean Common which had caused a considerable amount of damage including the bus stop and hedges.

8.5 Cllr. Flack reported that Ward Cllr. Amy Baker had been in negotiations with the Post Office and a new sub-postmaster has been found. There are ongoing negotiations to extend the previous hours in Blean.

Cllr. Flack also raised the matter of mobility issues with the Active Life upgrade and wondered whether they would be interested in talks with the Disability Panel. Cllr. Thomas said that he will ask the C.E.O.

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### **9. Any Other Business for discussion at next meeting:**

**There being no meeting in April the next meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.17pm.**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH report- February/March 2018**

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET  
Phone: 01227 450853/mob 07843962986  
e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

Six relevant reports were received from Kent Police between February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup> 2019 and forwarded to the 16 links around the village of Blean.

Fraud and cyber crime are, again, most prominent.

Here is a typical example of the sort of advice that the police are offering:

### **Fraud**

*Increasingly fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, much of which is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.*

*The impact of fraud on victims is not only financial. The emotional impact is significant and includes guilt, misplaced trust and diminished confidence, which can have detrimental effects on the physical and mental health of the victim, as well as increased social isolation.*

*Fraud can be initiated in many ways, through emails, letters, telephone calls and face to face contact. Fraudsters want money and will do and say anything they can to con victims out of it. They attempt to trick people with flashy, official looking documents, websites and technical*

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*jargon, with the sole purpose of financial gain.*

***Telephone Fraud.*** *Fraudsters try to trick people out of their money by telephoning them pretending to be from a well-known company or service.*

*They often seem very genuine and trustworthy. Before they contact you they already know your name, your date of birth, your address and a whole host of personal information they can reel off as a way to show their sincerity.*

*They use well-rehearsed stories, designed to gain trust, for example pretending to be from a phone or computer service provider and claiming that there is a problem with your system that they need to fix.*

*Just remember: Be aware. Always verify the legitimacy of a caller by contacting the company they are claiming to be from using the contact number published on utility bills or official correspondence*

- *Don't be afraid to just hang up*
- *NEVER give personal information, such as your date of birth or bank details to anyone. This includes typing your PIN into the handset*
- *If you are asked to make payment over the phone for something always confirm the caller's identity first*

***NEVER allow an unexpected caller to talk you through processes on your computer, like downloading new software or accessing your online bank account.*** *You should report the scam to Action Fraud - the national fraud reporting centre. They might get the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau to investigate the scam further. You'll usually get a police crime reference number.*

*It's easiest to report scams online - either:*

- [\*report it as a crime\*](#) *on Action Fraud's website if you've lost money*
- [\*report it as a phishing attempt\*](#) *on Action Fraud's website if someone tried to scam you*