

Blean Parish Council

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday
29th July 2020 at 7.30pm.

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Those Present: Cllr. B. Flack (Chairman); Cllr. H. Samuelson; Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. P. Hutt and Clerk D. Horswell.

1. Apologies for absence: – Cllr. G King – failed connection to Zoom; Cllr. P Wakeling – on holiday.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the usual notices of the virtual meeting had been published on the Parish Council website and noticeboards with members of the Public invited to attend by obtaining the link from the clerk.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:

There were no Declaration of Interests from Councillors.

Cllr. Flack reported that she is now Vice-Chairman of KALC Area Committee.

3. To ratify: the decisions made by BPC via email April - July (list circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting).

All Members present **AGREED.**

All monthly reports are published on the Parish Council website under the Minutes section.

4. Approval and signing of AGAR 2019/2020: All documents circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting

4.1 *Following a review of effectiveness of the system of internal control - To accept and approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 - to be signed by Chairman and clerk*

Agreed by All Members present and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 *To accept and approve Section 2 Accounting Statements 2019/2020 - signed by the clerk prior to the meeting and to be signed by the Chairman at the meeting. (Internal Auditor's report and Finance Report circulated to Members prior to meeting).*

Agreed by All Members present and signed by the Chairman.

All documents to be published on the Parish Council website.

Thanks were given to the clerk for the work involved in completing the paperwork.

5. To discuss: Parish Council meetings in the future due to Covid 19.

Cllr. Flack explained that the guidelines from the local authority is to meet virtually if possible. After discussion it was agreed by all Members present to continue to meet virtually for the time-being making sure that the public are aware and for

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them to submit any issue they may have prior to the meeting if they are not able to attend digitally. This decision will be reviewed if the directives change.
The next meeting will be held virtually in September.

Councillors Reports:

1. Cllr. Samuelson said that he and Cllr. Hutt had walked nearly every footpath in the village with no major issue to report.
2. Cllr. Hutt commented on the speeding vehicles travelling through Blean.
3. Cllr. Flack reported that the village hall will be re-opening in a week's time with restricted numbers allowed to meet in each space and the cleaning regime stepped up considerably. It was noted that the community space would not be big enough for a Parish Council meeting so there may be problems with a venue if a meeting is needed to be held.
4. Cllr. Jeffers asked if there was any news on the Blean Tavern site. It was thought a pre-application had been submitted.
5. Cllr. Jeffers also raised concerns over a mirror that has been installed outside 124 Blean Common which is in a dangerous position for pedestrians. The matter has been raised with KCC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Date _____

Signature _____