

# *.BETHERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL*

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in Bethersden Village Hall at 1900hrs.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors: A Boyd (Chairman), E Allan, K Brannan, S Buckman, G Burnett, P Buss, J Crannis, K Mitchell and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Eleven members of the public

Reports

Please see Appendix A

## **110/2019 Apologies**

Cllr P Boyd, Cllr C Simkins KCC), Cllr J Blandford (ABC) and PCSO K Richards.

## **111/2019 Childrens Playground**

- a) It was resolved to purchase a self-closing gate to be at the entrance adjacent to the playground.
- b) A presentation was given to Members on different options for new play equipment by a representative of Komplan Play Equipment and an ABC S106 Officer.

## **112/2019 Minutes of the Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

It was resolved to approve them.

## **113/2019 Declarations of Interest**

None

## **114/2019 Clerk`s Report**

- a) Woodchurch Warriors Youth FC have ceased to operate.
- b) The dog signs are ready to put in position. The signs indicate that dogs are to be kept under control
- c) The S106 funding is now available, the Clerk was thanked for the work he had carried out to identify and work with Ashford Borough Council to make the funds obtainable. The first project is for the renovation to the car park and footpath at the recreation ground. Work will commence ASAP.
- d) The gate latch to the car park at the recreation ground has been vandalised. A new one is shortly to be fitted.

**115/2019 Finance**

a) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments and balances.

Balances as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019

	£
Lloyds Bank - George Field Account	28,415.68
Lloyds Bank – Treasurer`s Account	57,641.54
Co-op Account	20,038.59
<b>INCOME</b>	
Lloyds Bank Interest	1.21
ABC Precept & Concurrent Services	15,452.54
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
C Tearle – Parish Clerk (Sept 2019)	1,050.18
C Tearle – Expenses (Sept 2019)	96.87
HMRC – PAYE	775.80
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Sept 2019)	286.46
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K Beale (Small Works Contractor)	211.50
Four Seasons Fencing	16.97
MMP Accounting Solutions	126.00
A Boyd (Fire Extinguishers)	64.68

b) External Auditors Report

The Council noted its contents which is now displayed on the notice board and the web site.

b) Insurance Policy

Cllr A Boyd has done a fire risk assessment of the pavilion and two fire extinguishers have been purchased.

**116/2019 Planning**

a) Permitted Planning Applications

**18/01835/AS**-Melville House, The Street, Bethersden, TN26 3

Discharge of condition 3

**19/00858/AS**-22 Millfields Place, Bethersden, Ashford, TN26 3AA

Installation of garage door to existing barn.

**19/1003/AS**-Corner of the Dene and Forge Hill, Bethersden

Erection of open fronted community bus shelter on open space.

**19/01284/AS**-Land east of Thorne Lodge forming part of the Thorne Estate, Forge Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3AF

Application for prior notification of proposed agricultural development for the erection of a steel portal framed agricultural building for storage.

b) To Consider the Following Planning Applications

**16/01271/CONH/AS**-Courtlands, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3 AQ

Discharge of condition 3.

**This was noted.**

**19/01277AS-Barn at Faggs Mount, Smarden Rd, Bethersden**

Prior approval for the change of use of an agricultural building and land within its curtilage to one residential dwelling and associated operational development.

**It was resolved to support this application.**

**19/01369/AS-Brissenden Lodge, Brissenden Green Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3BJ.**

Retrospective application for the laying of hard standing; erection of a dog shelter & outdoor enclosure.

The Parish Council expressed reservations about this application:

- a) **It is not happy that this is a retrospective application. Concerns were expressed regarding the potential effect of dog barking on neighbouring properties.**
- b) **Has/will there be a noise assessment published prior to the Local Authority decision.**

**117/2019 To Determine the Meeting Dates for Next Year (2020)**

It was resolved to approve the following dates:

12<sup>th</sup> February

11<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> April also the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 1800hrs.

13<sup>th</sup> May

10<sup>th</sup> June

8<sup>th</sup> July

9<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> November

9<sup>th</sup> December

**118/2019 Council Email Addresses**

The Parish Clerk gave an overview of the new regulations and the importance of all council communications only being on council controlled addresses.

**119/2019 A28 Working Group (Cllr G Burnett)**

A covering letter for a survey (soon to be publicly circulated) was distributed to Members. It is hoped that results from this will be available for the next meeting. Cllr G Burnett is seeking public support for the delivery of these questionnaires.

Members also had copies of the new Highway Improvement Plan (HIP).

**120/2019 Courtlands Development**

Cllr K Brannan gave a report on his recent meeting with two representatives of Town & Country Housing about the availability of affordable houses on the site. The allocation process was discussed for applicants that are local or with local ties with the parish and that the applicants must be registered with the ABC Housing Dept before they can apply. It is hoped to advertise locally. There will be four homes available for rent and two for part purchase.

**121/2019 Dedicated Area for Dog Walkers**

It was decided not to pursue this idea.

**122/2019 Litter Bins**

It was resolved to purchase two bins for the recreation ground.

**123/2019 Re-painting the Youth Shelter**

It was resolved to permit Cllr S Buckman to organize and advise on this project.

**124/2019 Town & Parish Councils VE Day 75**

Cllr A Boyd reported on the progress to date. Information on progress to date is on the parish notice board and web site. It was also resolved to set aside £1000 for the event should it prove necessary (seed funding).

**125/2019 Bus Shelter Progress Report**

Planning consent has now been granted, so the Council resolved to permit Cllr K Brannan to go ahead with the grant application to KCC and obtain at least three quotes for the construction.

**126/2019 KALC**

A brief report was given by Cllr K Brannan about the Chilmington development with regard to the Affordable Housing Element and S106 issues. Also raised by the Chairman was the recent report about the proposal to expand the staff at KALC HQ with the associated costs.

**127/2019 Matters of Interest Items for the Next Agenda**

- a) Nitrous Oxide Gas ampules have been removed from the war memorial.
- b) The stability of the war memorial is being checked.
- c) A first aid and security course will take place in the village hall on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- d) The Dandelion Trust are using the Scout Hut on Saturdays. Concern has been expressed to the Dandelion Trust about the need to be mindful of the planning regulations.
- e) The VE Day working group has a number of members who are training to ring the church bells for this event and would welcome any volunteers to take part.

**128/2019 Date of the Next Meeting**

This will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 1900hrs** in Bethersden Village Hall.

**129/2019 Exclusion of the Public**

It was resolved to exclude the public and the press from the meeting for the following item of business by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**130/2019 Legal Matters**

- a) Damage to the tennis club fence.  
The Parish Clerk was authorized to take the appropriate action to:
  - (i) Repair the damage
  - (ii) Recover the cost of the damage.
- b) Tennis Club Lease

Members approved the document.

- c) Information Commissioners Office (IOC)

The Parish Clerk reported on recent contact, both written and verbal, he had received from this office.

**Appendix A**

There were several issues raised:

1. The height of the hedge surrounding the cricket pitch.
2. The problems crossing the A28.
3. To see if we had any information on public bridleway AW289 following a request to downgrade part of this to a public footpath.