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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2019 in Bethersden Village Hall at 1900hrs.

PRESENT

Cllrs A Boyd (Chairman), E Allen, P Boyd, K Brannan, S Buckman, G Burnett, P Buss, K Mitchell and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr J Blanford (ABC), and 7 members of the public.

Reports

Please see Appendix A.

144/2019 Apologies

Cllr J Crannis

145/2019 Minutes of the Meeting of the 13th November 2019

It was resolved to approve them.

146/2019 Declarations of Interest

None

147/2019 Clerk`s Report

- a) Three of our bollards which had been stolen from the Mill Rd lay-by have now been replaced.
- b) The work to renovate/repair the recreation ground car park and footpath has been completed.
- c) Following a review, the insurance valuations have been revised with associated costs.
- d) The cost of the damage to the tennis court fence has now been repaid.
- e) As you are aware the External Auditor has not yet "signed-off" the council`s accounts for either 2017/18 or 2018/19 because of communication with them by third parties. Recently the External Auditors have been in contact with us regarding this communication on the subject of the 2017/18 set of accounts.

148/2019 Finance

It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments and the current bank balances.

Balances as at 1 st November 2019	£
Lloyds Bank - George Field Account	28,418.13
Lloyds Bank – Treasurer`s Account	90,806.42
Co-op Account	20,038.59

INCOME

Lloyds Bank Interest	1.28
Tennis Club – Floodlights	372.00
Churchill (Claim Tennis Court Fence)	505.00

EXPENDITURE

C Tearle – Parish Clerk (Oct 2019)	1,050.18
C Tearle – Expenses (Oct 2019)	156.61
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Dec 2019)	286.46
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All Clear Services (Small Works Contractor)	286.47
IAE (Playground Gate)	987.64
*Came & Co. (Additional Insurance Premium)	454.05
A Boyd (Land Reg)	60.00
Boxgreen Landscapes Ltd (St Margarets Churchyard Extension)	936.00
Glasdon (Two Waste Bins)	709.49
Datum Groundworks Ltd (Replacement Bollards)	504.00
A Boyd (Charles Arnold Baker)	110.99
Trevor Laws (Tennis Court Fence Repairs)	505.00
Eyre & Elliston (Electrical Supplies)	9.07
St.Margaret`s PCC – (Churchyard Maintenance)	469.41
A Boyd (Rec Grnd Lock)	41.00

- Account paid between meetings

149/2019 Planninga) Permitted Planning Applications

19/01212/AS-Makina, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, Ashford, TN26 3BD
Certificate of Lawful Development-Proposed-Single storey rear extension.

19/01308/AS-Land opposite Park Cottage, Park Lane, Great Chart.
Lawful development certificate – Existing – Agricultural storage building

19/01452/AS-Beult Fm, Old Surrenden Manor Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3DN
Prior notification for the erection of new barn for haylage.

a) To Consider the Following Applications

18/00230/CONA/AS-Land south of Unit 5G, Bethersden Business Centre, Chequer Tree Lane, Bethersden.

Discharge of condition 5.

It was resolved to approve this application.

19/00024/OLE/AS-The Coach House, Fridd Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3DU

Overhead Line Exemption

Alterations to the HV and LV overhead lines in Bethersden; removal of the HV overhead line installation of 2 terminal poles and the installation of an HV and LV underground cables.

It was resolved to approve this application.

19/01569-Parcel PS1, Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Rd, Great Chart, Kent.

Outline Planning Permission

Reserved matters application for the development of 145 new residential dwellings with associated parking, roads, landscaping and infrastructure within Parcel 1, Chilmington Green.

It was resolved to approve this application.

19/01621/AS-Dynes Fm, Sparrow Hatch Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3DZ.

Part change of use and conversion of existing garage building into a holiday let accommodation.

It was resolved to approve this application because it cannot be seen from the road and it would be good for rural tourism.

16/01271/CONJ/AS-Courtlands, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3HE

Discharge of conditions 24 & 34.

We would like to be assured that this management exercise is going to be properly carried out and attended to by a named body/individual.

150/2019 Children`s Playground (Recreation Ground)

A thorough briefing was given by Cllr E Allan. This included costings.

151/2019 Parish Council Newsletter

Detailed proposals will be brought before the next meeting.

152/2019 A28 Road Survey

Cllr G Burnett reported that the response level is high at 132 forms returned and that the surveys are still coming in. An evaluation will take place next year.

153/2019 Matters of Interest/Items for the Next Agenda

- a) The pavilion door at the recreation ground has been vandalized
- b) Overgrown hedges on footways and damaged road signs in School Rd were reported.
- c) It was suggested that the parish footpaths should be walked to assess their condition.
- d) It was noted that the Bethersden end of the Bethersden Road, Shadoxhurst was needing attention.
- e) A schedule of parish assets will be presented to the next meeting.

154/2019 Date of the Next Meeting

This will be on Wednesday 12th February 2020 at 1900hrs in Bethersden Village Hall.

155/2019 Exclusion of the Public

To resolve 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.

156/2019 Finance

A wide ranging review was done of the Council`s aims and objective for the forthcoming financial year combined with the financial implications.

It was resolved to approve the budget as set out below and to Precept for £48,800.

BETHERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/21

	Agreed Budget	Estimated Outturn	Proposed Budget
Income	2019/20	2018/20	2020/21
Precept	29,300	29,300	48,800
Interest	30	30	30
Grants & Donations	1,100	986	985
Concurrent Function	620	620	620
BNP	0	0	0
Recreation Ground	3,700	3,700	3,800
Recreation Ground Floodlight	3,606	3,000	3,000
Other Income	0	505	0
S106	0	40,390	0
TOTAL	38,356	78,531	57,235
Expenditure			
Staff Salary PAYE & NI	13,240	14,076	14,500
PAYE & NI	1,440	3,000	3,000
Staff Expenses	2,400	1,640	1,640
Training	1,000	450	1,000
Audit Fees	275	500	500
Professional Fees	1,000	2,500	2,500
Subscriptions & Memberships	550	604	700
Insurance	1,200	1,800	1,800
Office Admin	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computer/email	500	500	500
Telephone/Broadband	300	360	360
Website	280	240	1,300
Grants/Donations	100	1,700	500
Elections	5,000	0	3,000
Water	350	2,510	350
Electric	600	572	600
St Margaret`s PC	400	1,405	450
Sundries	0	1,101	500
Gen. Maintenance	2,000	5,100	4,600
Grass/Hedge Cutting	3,000	4,000	4,000
Street Cleaning	900	0	0
George Field	2,758	3,425	4,000
Sub-Total	38,293	46,480	46,800
PROJECTS			
Tennis Courts	4,000	3,000	5,000
BNP	3,000	140	2,000
Highways	4,250	12,156	8,000
Newsletters	500	0	1,000
Footpaths	250	0	0
Children`s Play Area	0	1,058	20,000
Recreation Grnd Car Park & Footpath	0	23,000	0
Allotments	0	0	7,000
Pavilion	2,000	2,000	2,000
Drainage	0	0	0
Bus Shelter	0	137	10,000
VE Day Celebrations	0	0	1,000
A28 Pedestrian Crossing	0	0	0
Sub-Total	14,000	40,991	56,000

TOTAL 52,293 87,469 102,800

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ANTICIPATED CASHFLOW

	Inc £	Exp £	Bal £
01/12/19 to 31/03/20	1,600	41,434	(38,834)
01/04/20 to 31/03/21	<u>57,235</u>	<u>102,800</u>	<u>(49,565)</u>
TOTAL	58,835	144,234	(88,399)

Bank Reserves 01/12/19--£139,263 - £88,399 = Balance as at 31/03/21 = £54,864 (Unallocated Reserves)

NB. S106 is money available for items as a result of new housing development

Remaining S106 Monies

Contributions held by ABC

MILLFIELD SITE

Play Area - £10,875.20

Natural Green Space - £14,998.85

Allotments - £2,383.53

SURGERY ORCHARD

Children's and Play - £1312

Natural Green Space - £759

Outdoor Sports - £1,025

JARVIS HOMES – Contributions to be collected

Cemeteries - £7,820 – additional burial plots at St Margaret's Church, Bethersden

Children & Young - £22,304 – new equipment at the play area – Rec ground (Mill Road)

Natural Green Space - £12,903 (car park & boundary fencing) – Mill hill

Outdoor Sports – £32,555 hard surfacing at the entrance of Bethersden Cricket Club at Bull Green, netting along its boundary at A28 and improvements to the square - £32,555

GEORGE FIELD – Contribution held by Bethersden Parish Council

Balance remaining - £28,418 (George Field Account)

157/2019 Legal Matters

- a) Tennis Club Lease
This has not yet been returned
- b) Information Commissioners Office
No further communication has been received.
- c) George Grove Boundary
Discussions are ongoing.

Appendix A

Cllr J Blanford gave an overview of a recent meeting about the attenuation tank in the George Field which included the Council Chairman, the Parish Clerk, and an ABC planning officer in an attempt to bring resolution to this problem.

A report was delivered regarding the HGV signs on local roads and it was considered that such movements had been reduced.

A28 dualling will be delayed until 400 houses are built and occupied at the Chilmington site.

The Chilmington school will be populated by a transfer of the existing school and staff to the new site, although concerns were expressed that this may eventually have an adverse effect on Bethersden School.

A brief report was given on the present situation regarding the Bethersden stream.