

# BETHERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in Bethersden Village hall at 1930hrs.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors; A Boyd (Chairman), K Brannan, P Buss, J Crannis, S Dacre, K Mitchell, R Orchard and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr A Pickering (ABC), and 11 members of the public.

Public questions and comments

Please refer to appendix A.

## **205/2018 Apologies**

Cllr K Cordrey

## **206/2018 Minutes of the Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

It was proposed by Cllr R Orchard and seconded by Cllr S Dacre that the word “vociferously” be removed from minute number 194/2018. This was rejected by 5 votes to 2.

It was proposed by Cllr R Orchard and seconded Cllr S Dacre that minute number 197/2018 be reviewed as it was alleged that the contract was awarded contrary to the Council’s Financial Standing Orders. This was rejected by 5 votes to 2 on a recorded vote:

In favour: Cllrs S Dacre and R Orchard.

Against: Cllrs A Boyd, K Brannan, P Buss, J Crannis and K Mitchell.

The Minutes were then agreed on a recorded vote by 5 votes to 2 on a recorded vote:

In favour: Cllrs A Boyd, K Brannan, P Buss, J Crannis and K Mitchell.

Against: Cllrs S Dacre and R Orchard.

## **207/2018 Declarations of Interest**

None

## **208/2018 Finance**

A review was done on the current agreed budget (2018/19), against the projected final out turn and a proposed budget for 2019/20 prepared by the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer so as to determine the Parish Precept for 2019/20. This was accompanied by other financial data.

Based on all the financial data available which was accepted and agreed by Members, it was proposed by Cllr K Brannan and seconded by Cllr K Mitchell and resolved on a recorded vote that Bethersden Parish Council accepts that there should be an increase in the annual precept for the year 2019/20 of approximately 27% above the 2018/19 precept of £23,000. This would make the Precept £29,300, a rise of £6,300.00 and will help to recover about a third of the abnormal on-costs incurred during 2018 for the administration of the Council which include, associated costs of responding email communications, two Freedom of Information requests, two Locum Parish Clerks, providing a

computer, new accounts software and communication email addresses to administer the Data Protection requirement under the new legislation.

In favour 5 votes; Cllrs A Boyd, K Brannan, P Buss, J Crannis and K Mitchell.

Against 2 votes; Cllrs S Dacre and R Orchard.

The Parish Clerk reminded Members that it was always advisable when budgeting to ensure that your cash reserves were at least 100% of your anticipated cash outflow.

Please see below the relevant financial data;

### BETHERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20

	Agreed Budget <b>2018/19</b>	Estimated Outturn <b>2018/19</b>	Proposed Budget <b>2019/20</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Precept	23,000	23,000	0
Interest	35	35	30
Grants & Donations	1,100	1,100	1,100
Concurrent Function	620	620	620
BNP	3,000	3,000	0
Recreation Ground	3,600	3,600	3,700
Recreation Ground Floodlight	3,606	4,000	4,000
Other Income	380	2,095	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,341</b>	<b>37,450</b>	<b>9,450</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff Salary PAYE & NI	4,974	18,000	13,240
PAYE & NI	0	2,700	1,440
Staff Expenses	0	3,000	2,400
Training	0	390	1,000
Audit Fees	76	275	275
Professional Fees	0	1,000	1,000
Subscriptions & Memberships	550	530	550
Insurance	1,150	1,186	1,200
Office Admin	1,350	2,000	1,000
Computer/email	0	2,500	500
Telephone/Broadband	0	200	300
Website	700	255	280
Grants/Donations	20	100	100
Elections	3,000	0	5000
Water	250	350	350
Electric	550	572	600
St Margaret`s PC	380	380	400
Sundries	0	1,101	500
Gen. Maintenance	3,350	1,000	2,000
Grass/Hedge Cutting	2,150	3,000	3,000
Street Cleaning	900	900	900
George Field	2,758	2,758	3,000
<b>PROJECTS</b>			
Tennis Courts	4,000	4,000	4,000
BNP	3,000	3,000	0
Highways	2,000	4,250	4,250
Newsletters	800	500	500
Footpaths	500	250	250
Children`s Play Area	1,000	1,000	TBA (\$106)
Pavilion	2,000	2,000	2,000
Drainage	1500	0	TBA (\$106)
Bus Shelter	0	500	TBA
A28 Pedestrian Crossing	0	0	TBA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,458</b>	<b>57,697</b>	<b>50,035</b>

*Allocated to the General Reserve - £31,294*

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

TBA = to be advised when costs are known.

### **ANTICIPATED CASHFLOW**

	<b>Inc</b>	<b>Exp</b>	<b>Bal</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
07/11/18 to 31/03/19	2,109	23,239	(21,130)
01/04/19 to 31/03/20	9,450	50,035	(40,585)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,559</b>	<b>73,274</b>	<b>(61,715)</b>

Bank Reserves 31/10/18--£92,964 - £61,715 = Balance as at 31/03/20 = £31,249 if no precept is made.

Remaining S106 Monies - Contributions held by ABC

#### **MILLFIELD SITE**

Play Area - £22,475.29

Sports Pitches - £21,176.29

Natural Green Space - £14,998.85

Allotments - £9,383.53

#### **SURGERY ORCHARD**

Allotments - £324

Children's and Play - £1312

Natural Green Space - £759

Outdoor Sports - £1,915

#### **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 – 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 - £53,759

### **209/2018 Planning**

a) Defining Village Confines.

The Council approved the recommendations of the ABC Planning Department. These would be displayed on the notice board and on the web-site.

b) Decided Planning Applications

**18/01241/AS**-Brissenden, Brissenden Green Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3BE

Erection of replacement conservatory to rear; erection of new pool room.

**18/01242/AS**-Brissenden, Brissenden Green Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3BE.

Demolition of existing boiler house, chimney and conservatory.

c) To consider the following applications

**18/01616/AS**-Oast Cottage, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3BB

Removal of existing garage to provide vehicular access to a proposed vehicle shelter and a change of use of land residential.

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

**18/01695/AS**-2 Tuesnoad House, Tuesnoad Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EH

Removal of agricultural occupancy condition on planning permission WE/9/63/230

**It was resolved to oppose this application on the grounds that it reduces the affordable housing stock in the village.**

**16/01271/COND/AS**-Courtlands, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN 26 3AQ.

Discharge of conditions 22,23 & 26.

**No comment.**

**18/01656/AS**-Tuesnoad Cottage, Tuesnoad Lane, Bethersden TN26 3EH.

Erection of 4 bay barn style garage and changes to existing driveway.

**It was resolved to oppose this application on the grounds of site over development.**

**18/01673 & 1674/AS**-Cinnamon Lounge, Ashford Road, Bethersden TN26 3LF.

Change of use from restaurant (A3) to a mixed use public house (A4) and restaurant (A3), restaurant including demolition of existing extensions and replacement rear extensions, new front porch. Listed Building application 18/01674/AS internal works to facilitate conversion from restaurant (A3) to a mixed use public house (A4) and restaurant (A3), restaurant including demolition of existing extensions and replacement rear extensions, new front porch, removal of internal walls and removal of chimney.

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

**18/01730/AS**-Ring Cottage, Wissenden Green, Bethersden, TN26 3EW.

Installation of a 30kw ground mounted solar panel system.

**No comment**

d) Prior approval not required

**18/01443/AS**-Little Surrenden Workshop, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3BG

Application for prior notification of the conversion of a Commercial Workshop Building (B1 (c) Use) to C3 dwelling house

e) Proposed street naming.

Location: Courtlands, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3AQ

ABC have consulted the Parish Council on the choice of road for the new development. Their proposal is for the 17 new properties and one new road is for it to be called– St Margarets Place.

It was resolved to approve this.

## **6. Date of the Next Meeting**

This will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Bethersden Village Hall at 1930hrs.

## **Appendix A**

Cllr A Pickering (ABC) that ABC had agreed its Council Tax for the forthcoming municipal year and this would be an increase of about £5.00/annum on a Band D property.

He said that ABC`s Council Tax would continue to be the lowest of the Borough/District Councils in the County. From next year there would be no more Government grant.

The Snow Dogs campaign successfully raised £140K which went to the Pilgrims Hospice.

Since 2011 ABC have built more Council Houses than the whole of Kent put together.

ABC now has its own hostels for the homeless, which means that no-one is now sent to a hostel thus saving a considerable amount of money.

Mr Alan Ash complained about the recently circulated anonymous pamphlets which were circulated at two previous Council Meetings, demanding to know who the author was, saying that the contents would indicate that the author(s) had to have been a member of the Parish Council.