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Minutes of the parish Council Meeting held on the 13th February 2019 held 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 and 40 members of the public.

Public questions and comments.

Please refer to Appendix A.

01/2019 Chairman`s Opening Remarks

In December I was told by ACAS that the Parish Council was in breach of employment law for failing to issue a Contract of Employment to the Clerk within one month of his appointment. The sanction for this failure would be a fine equivalent of two months salary. The hours and effective rates had already been resolved by the Council since April 2018 so this data was entered into the standard NALC contract and signed.

The Council much appreciates the large positive response that the community has made to the renewal of the George Field footpaths.

The next thing the Parish Council will be looking at following the receipt of a technical ground report, are improvements to the recreation ground. As you are aware this is on the agenda for consideration this evening and hopefully all will agree to move forward for the benefit of the community.

The new village handyman has been busy inspecting and repairing where necessary the play equipment as well as other jobs in the village.

The vandalized defib outside the village hall has been repaired, its cost being kindly met by the Adams Trust.

At this point Cllr R Orchard left the meeting.

02/2019 Apologies

Cllr I Anderson, K Cordrey and PCSO`s Richards and Jones.

03/2019 Minutes of the Meeting of the 13th February 2019.

It was resolved on a recorded vote to approve and sign them.

In favor 5: Cllrs A Boyd, K Brannan, P Buss, J Crannis and K Mitchell.

Against 1: Cllr S Dacre.

04/2019 Minutes of the Meeting of the 13th June 2019.

It was resolved on a recorded vote to approve and sign them.

In favor 5: Cllrs A Boyd, K Brannan, P Buss, J Crannis and K Mitchell

Against 1: Cllr S Dacre

05/2019 Declarations of Interest

Cllr IK Brannan (DPI) minute number 09/2019 - 19/00086/AS, 19/00095/AS and 19/00113/AS.

Cllr R Orchard (DPI) minute number 09/2019 - 18/00894 and 18/00895/AS.

06/2019 Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan (BNP)

The Chairman of the BNP reported that members of the Steering Committee met with Southdown Park Consultancy on Monday 11th February in Sussex to finalise the report, and expects this report to be with him shortly. Following receipt, it will be handed to the Parish Clerk to deal with in the appropriate manner.

07/2019 Parish Clerk`s Report

- a) Woodchurch Warriors under 10`s FC have started to use the recreation ground for home matches on Saturdays.
- b) The footpaths in the George Field have been re-laid.

At this point Cllr R Orchard rejoined the meeting.

08/2019 Finance

- a) It was resolved to approve and approve the balance and payments.

Balances as at 1st February 2019

	£
Lloyds Bank George Field Account	53,765.54
Lloyds Bank – Treasurer`s Account	39,431.65
Co-op Account	20,038.59
INCOME	
Lloyds Bank Interest	4.49
EXPENDITURE	
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	17.00
C Tearle – Parish Clerk (Nov 2018)	982.73
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HMRC – PAYE Payment)	733.20
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Dec 2018)	284.06
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Dec 2018)	216.30
Four Seasons Fencing (Rec Ground Maint.)	1,416.24
K Brannan (11 th Nov celebrations)	116.08
Floodlighting Services (T/Club Floodlight)	138.60
All Clear Services (Small Works Contractor)	27.37
Satswana (Data Protection)	80.00
Business Stream (T/Club Water Invoice)	27.60
Bethersden Village Hall (Bookings 2018)	297.00
Ashford Tarmacadam Contractors Ltd	22,520.40
KSAS –(PAYE Accountants)	126.00
Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee)	40.00
First Rescue (Defib.)	142.74
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Jan 2019)	216.30

Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Jan 2019)	284.06
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (Sept 2018)	8.26
KALC (Chairmanship Conference)	72.00
KALC (Introduction to Chairmanship) *2	144.00
All Clear Services	309.39
Southern Electric (D/Debit)	376.64
C Tearle (Jan 2019)	982.73
C Tearle (Expenses Nov/Dec/Jan)	435.90
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	216.30
Countrywide Grounds Maintenance	284.06
Bethersden Cricket Club	400.00

b) Bethersden Cricket Club

It was resolved to approve a grant of £400.00 to contribute towards the mowing costs for last year

09/2019 Planning

a) Approved Planning Applications

16/01271/CONA/AS-Courtlands, Church Hill, Bethersden, Ashford, TN26 3AQ
Discharge of conditions 17,22,23 &2

18/01246/AS-Pilgrims Rest, Old Surrenden Manor Road, Bethersden, TN26 3DJ.
Erection of a light industrial workshop for the salvaging and recycling of timbers for furniture making and salvaging.

18/01418/SH-Courtlands, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3AQ
Variation of condition 25 – Great Crested Newts mitigation on application 16/01271/AS.

18/01419/AS-Kitsbridge Fm, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3LF.
Removal of agricultural occupancy condition on application WE/9/63/102.

18/01533/AS- Vine Fm, Woodchurch Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3JY
Removal of internal partition walls, window redecoration, remodel existing ground floor W/C boot room.

18/01535/AS-Vine Hall Fm, Woodchurch Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3JY
Conversion of ground floor workshop/garage to office accommodation.

18/01536/AS-Vine Hall Fm, Woodchurch Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3JY.
Internal works of conversion of ground floor workshop/garage to office accommodation.

18/01609/AS-Kimberley, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3AQ
Proposed two storey side extension with rear single storey extension. Re-landscaping to front of dwelling to allow extra parking space.

18/01616/AS-Oast Cottage, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3BB.
Removal of existing garage to provide vehicular access to a proposed shelter and a change of use of land to residential.

18/01819/AS-Elvermore, Kiln Lane, Bethersden TN26 3BA
Proposed pitched roof over existing flat roof and new porch.

b) Refused Planning Application

18/01143/AS-Site NW of and adjoining Green Lane Bungalow, Green Lane, Bethersden.
Demolition of an existing workshop and erection of a new dwelling with associated parking and garden.

c) Withdrawn by applicant.

18/00861/AS-Agricultural building west of Journeys end, Brissenden Lane, Bethersden.
The erection of a single storey dwelling with detached double garage with games room in roof space. New vehicle access and drive.

d) To consider the following applications

18/00382/AS-Land at Chilmington Green, Ashford Rd, Great Chart,.
“Mock Lane Highway improvements which comprise of the Access to Land Parcel G and the eastern section of Mock Lane, which include carriageway, footpath/cycleway, soft verges, foul and surface water drainage, services and associated works”.

It was resolved to not to comment.

Part way through this item Cllr R Orchard left the meeting.

18/00894/AS & 18/00895/AS-Stables of the Bull Inn, Ashford Rd, Bethersden.
Change of use of former stables/barn to residential, to include first floor hipped roof extension and the addition of windows and doors to front, rear and side elevations. The erection of a shed/cycle store.
It was resolved to oppose this application as the site does not lend itself to the application and would lead to its over development.

At this point Cllr R Orchard rejoined the meeting.

18/01806/AS-Runsell Farm, Pluckley Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3ET.
Construction of a pond for Great Crested Newts in current improved grassland.
It was resolved to approve this application.

18/01826/AS-Barn at Beult Cottage, Ashford Rd, Bethersden TN26 3BA
Prior approval for associated operational development in accordance with prior approval 17/01625/AS (Prior approval for change of use from agricultural barn and land within its curtilage to one dwelling house).

It was resolved to support this application.

18/01834/AS & 18/01835/AS-Melville House, The Street, Bethersden, TN26 3AE.

1. Demolition of existing conservatory and proposed replacement sunroom.
2. Listed Building – as above

It was resolved to support this application.

19/00041/AS-30 Chester Ave, Bethersden, TN26 3BW.
Erection of front porch.

It was resolved to support this application.

19/00046/AS-Rose Court, The Street, Bethersden, Ashford, TN26 3AD
New conservation roof light.

It was resolved to support this application.

19/00097/AS-Woodfield House, Pot Kiln Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3HH.

A two storey rear extension: single storey extension.

It was resolved to support this application as it does not impact on anyone..

19/00133/AS-Agricultural building west of Journeys Rd, Brissenden Green Lane, Bethersden.

Prior approval for associated operational development in accordance with prior approval 16/00178/AS (Prior approval for change of use from agricultural barn including land within its curtilage to one dwelling house) – revision to the design as approved under application 17/01319/AS.

No comment

19/00167/AS-East Quarter, Etchden Rd, Bethersden

Construction of single storey rear extension, roof extension, 2 No. new dormers and alterations to existing dormers, porches to south east and south west elevations (revision to planning permission 17/01890/AS).

It was resolved to support this application.

At this point Cllr K Brannan declared a DPI and left the meeting

19/00086/AS-Unit 2, Wissenden Corner, Wissenden Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EL.

Conversion of commercial storage building into three residential units and change of use of adjoining land (in association with prior approval reference 18/00978/AS).

It was resolved to oppose this application as the Council was against the loss of commercial units.

19/00095/AS-Sunnyside, Wissenden Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EL

Conversion of garden store/workshop to provide ancillary accommodation and porch extension.

It was resolved to support this application.

19/00113/AS-Unit 3, Wissenden Corner, Wissenden Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EL

Conversion of commercial storage building into two residential units and change of use of adjoining land (in association with prior approval reference 18/00096/AS).

It was resolved to oppose this application as the Council was against the loss of commercial units.

At this point Cllr K Brannan rejoined the meeting.

10/2019 Public Bridleway AW289 in Bethersden

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53.

An application has been received under this Act to downgrade to footpath status part of public bridleway AW289 at Bethersden. After a lengthy debate it was resolved to continue to support the status quo.

11/2019 St Margaret`s Churchyard, Bethersden

Following the donation of a piece of land to St Margaret`s Church by Mr T Stubbs, the Parish Council has been asked to fund the construction of the extension to the cemetery as the local Burial Authority. In the Section 106 agreement with Jarvis Homes, funds have been set-aside for such a development so it was resolved to support this and ask the Parish Clerk to access these funds to pay for the work. The Parish Clerk has been asked to write to Mr Stubbs to express the communities thanks to him.

12/2019 A28 Pedestrian Crossing

Following the traffic survey carried out recently thanks to Cllr C Simkins, the Parish Council has now asked the Parish Clerk and Chairman to seek to meeting with County Councillor C Simkins to determine the way forward.

13/2018 Recreation Ground

Following the recent soil analysis report on the recreation with its recommendations it was resolved to ask the Parish Clerk to come back with a costed program next month.

14/2019 Mill Road Layby

It was resolved to ask the Parish Clerk and Cllr S Dacre to work together to try and resolve this issue.

15/2019 Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)

A report from the KALC representative (Cllr A Boyd) was given of the meeting of the 23rd January.

16/2019 Tennis Club Lease

Awaiting response from the Tennis Club.

17/2019 George Grove

- a) Awaiting a response from the residents.
- b) Foul water drainage – It was resolved to approach ABC once more to see if anything can be done to resolve this issue.

18/2019 Date of the Next Meeting

This will on Wednesday 13th March 2019 in Bethersden Village Hall at 1930hrs.

Appendix A

Mark McBrian thanked the Council for the renovations to the George Field footpaths.
Emma Saffers spoke in favor of retaining bridleway AW289 supported by others.

Cllr A Pickering (ABC)

ABC have now set their Community Charge which are the lowest in Kent with no service cuts, as well as being one of the best recyclers.

ABC is able to maintain its bin collecting target of 99.98% being emptied on time, with anything overlooked being emptied within two days.

New laws are coming in to prevent Travellers setting up on public land.

Many apprentices continue to be employed by ABC.

ABC has set up a company to handle the Chilmington Green site, which will be a mixture of a Executive and Affordable homes.

In the town of Ashford flats are being built.

PCSO`s Richards and Jones (Written Report)

Please accept the apologies of PCSO Richards and PCSO Jones as we are unable to attend this evening due to other commitments.

Crime has continued to remain relatively low in Bethersden with few incidents reported. We have been having a spate of rural breakings across the whole area, where equipment is being stolen. We enclose a copy of our guide to rural crimes.

Please can we ask that all residents to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious, it does not matter how insignificant you feel it is, if you have concerns please report it. Otherwise we are unaware.

Report via the Kent Police non-emergency number 101 or if you do witness a crime in progress then please do call 999. I would also like to draw your attention to the new online crime reporting system on the Kent Police website. This is now live and gives members of the public the ability to report crime online rather than by phone which some may find easier, faster and more convenient.

- Full in depth crime statistics are freely available by visiting www.police.uk

If there are any other issues you feel we need to know, please do not hesitate to contact u