

# *BETHERSDEN PARISH COUNCIL*

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Minutes of the Bethersden Zoom Parish Council Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 at 1900hrs.

## *PRESENT*

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

## *IN ATTENDANCE*

Cllr J Blanford (ABC) and one member of the public.

Reports

Please see Appendices A & B

## *55/2020 Apologies*

None

## *56/2020 Chairman`s Opening Remarks*

Appendix A

## *57/2020 Election of Vice Chairman*

Cllr G Burnett was elected

## *58/2020 Declaration of Acceptance of Office*

The appropriate form for signing has been sent to him via email.

## *59/2020 Minutes of the Meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020.*

It was resolved to approve them.

## *60/2020 Declarations of Interest*

None

## **61/2020 Recreation Ground**

- a) It was resolved to approve the installation of parking bays at the recreation ground. This work is being financed by a councillor's grant from Cllr J Blandford (ABC)
- b) To defer any decision until a further survey is done and we have consulted an arborist.
- c) A decision was deferred until we have a plan from (Kevin) via Cllrs E Allan and S Buckman and we are able to produce a worked up costing.
- d) To wait until we have a report from our ROSPA inspector.

## **62/2020 Clerk's Report**

- a) We are still awaiting information about the land transfer from the George Grove parties solicitors.
- b) Still waiting for news from the Church Commissioners to finalise the transfer of land to extend the graveyard.
- c) The new Parish Council website is now up and running after being transferred from Dewar Green as a result of them ceasing to operate in this sector. The site is controlled by us and incorporates as far as possible the recent legal requirements. One can access the new site at: <https://www.bethersden-pc.gov.uk>
- d) TSS Youth FC are now using the recreation ground for football at the weekends. There are various boys and girls teams.

## **63/2020 Planning**

### **Permitted Planning Applications**

**20/01126/AS**-Agricultural Building at Winters Court Fm, Old Surrenden Manor Rd, Bethersden.  
Prior approval for change of use from one agricultural barn and land within its curtilage to two dwelling houses and associated operational development.

**20/01347/AS**-Bull Green Fm, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3LB  
Prior approval for the erection of a new agricultural building for the storage of agricultural goods and machinery.

#### a) Refused Planning Applications

**20/01199/AS**-High Oak Fm, Woodchurch Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3JY  
Prior approval for the erection of a new agricultural building for general agricultural storage.

#### b) Discharge of Conditions

**19/00535/AS/CONB/AS**-Beult Cottage, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3LB  
Discharge of conditions 3,5&7: re-discharge of condition 4.

**20/01010/AS**-Mounts Farmhouse, Smarden Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3HE  
Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 19/01518/AS (Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling incorporating change of use of land to extend residential curtilage with a proposed carport with ancillary accommodation above) to alter approved plans to provide new access and ecological enhancements.

#### c) To Consider the Following Applications

**20/01231/AS**-The Haven, Kiln Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3BA  
Change of Use of Equestrian Manage/Sand School to Caravan Storage (Class B8) – Retrospective.  
**It was resolved to support this application.**

**20/01264/AS-Dadson Fm, Tuesnoad Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EH**  
Demolition of existing garage/outbuilding and replacement wooden garage and ancillary annex.  
**It was resolved to support this application.**

**20/01270/AS & 20/01271/AS-London House, The Street, Bethersden, TN26 3AD**

1. Retention of Rear Flat Roof Rear Extension and Toilet Blocks (revision to planning permission 15/01537/AS).
2. Revision to listed building consent 15/01538/AS.

**It was resolved to object to this application because:**

- a) **A flat roof is unsatisfactory and a pitched roof would be better.**
- b) **The tiles need to tie in and match with the rest of the roof.**

**20/01307/AS-Dairy Building, Gable Hook Farm, Ashford Rd, Bethersden,**  
Prior approval for change of use from one agricultural barn and land within its curtilage to one dwelling house and associated operational development.

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

**20/01314/AS-The Thorne, Forge Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3AF**

Erection of greenhouse and replacement fruit cage.

**It was resolved to support this application**

#### **64/2020 Finance**

- a) The schedule of payments and the current bank balances was approved (Appendix A)

Balances as at 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	£
Lloyds Bank - George Field Account	25,787.26
Lloyds Bank – Treasurer`s Account	73,003.16
Co-op Account	20,038.59
<b>INCOME</b>	
Ashford Borough Council (Precept)	25,251.00
Peter Adams Trust Grant (Bus Shelter)	3,000.00
Lloyds Bank Interest	0.21
TSS Youth FC (Sept)	250.00
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
C Tearle (Salary Sept)	1,102.59
C Tearle (Expenses Sept)	247.71
HMRC – PAYE	815.00
Business Stream (Rec.pavilion waste water)	18.88
All Clear Services	528.00
Countrywide George Field (Oct)	295.51
Countrywide (Oct)	225.01
Littlethorpe of Leicester	10,504.20
Ashford Tarmacadam Ltd	4,197.60
MMP Accounting Solutions Ltd	126.00
Trevor Laws (St Margaret`s Church)	307.00
BestHost (Hosting Package)	42.00
Leo Lyons Digital (Website Transfer)	120.00
Zoom Meeting (Oct)	14.39

- b) A “wish-list” for the forthcoming year was discussed because shortly it will be necessary to prepare a budget. Amongst the items discussed:
  - i) The repair/renovation of the existing Speedwatch speed recording device.
  - ii) A skate ramp for the recreation ground.

- iii) A village fete.
- iv) Because of the Covid restrictions it has not been possible to have an exhibition in the village hall, so it was agreed that the various proposals would be put up on the various social platforms and our website.
- c) The current S106 money availability was discussed.
- d) At the wishes of Members there will be a separate meeting just to discuss the next year's budget and Precept requirement.

### **65/2020 Website/s**

The new government compliant website is now active. However as it is not possible to migrate all the existing items from the old website to the new one the Council resolved to continue with it. The new website is: <https://www.bethersden-pc.gov.uk>

### **66/2020 A28 Working Group**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **67/2020 Housing Working Group**

Cllr K Brannan gave an update on the progress since the last meeting. The Council gave the go-ahead to further exploratory work and requested that it was reported to each council meeting.

### **68/2020 Book Box Scheme**

It was resolved to go ahead with the scheme.

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

This will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 1900hrs.

## **Appendix A**

### Chairman's Opening Remarks

#### George Public House

The Pub is now closed. A buyer was in hand, but the undertaking by the developer to ABC that gave the parking area for public parking up all day until 6pm and then sole use by the Pub as I understand – overriding a covenant that the pub had sole use after 6pm - has caused this process to fail.

Should an opportunity arise and be necessary to safeguard this facility, I am sure members of the Parish Council will continue to assist

#### George Field

The transfer of the land limps along.

#### Bethersden Stream

The main works between the School and the St. Margaret's Close development to Norton Cottage is still awaiting the attention from Clarus Homes – a contractor has been engaged. The council has received written advice from the Developer that in no circumstances will the Parish Council be called upon to maintain the open areas

#### The Development of The Beeches

The Borough Councillor has been asked to “call in this application in to committee” due to the concerns regarding the drainage and the access to the site. Nothing has been heard about the planning meeting

#### Bears Lane Development

Representations have been made to the Borough Council by this Parish council regards allocation of 106 monies.

#### Damaged pavement A28

KCC have agreed to re surface the pavement adjoining the A28 from School Road down to beyond the Blackpits footpath entrance

#### Speed Indicator Devices

Following report of the inspector no sites were approved or other positions suitable for this device

Mr M McBrine

Submitted, in writing, objections to planning applications 20/01270/AS & 20/01271/AS

Appendix B

Cllr J Blandford ABC

In the new national planning document Local Authorities are asked to identify areas of land for residential housing. 25% extra housing is envisaged for Ashford.

S106 monies that are that are currently apportioned to local parishes in which they are built are going to be replaced by a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) which puts the money into a central pot which could be spent anywhere in the Borough. Nearly every southern MP along with Councils are objecting to these proposals as is Rural England.

The Chilmington development is nearly up to speed with 6,666 trees to be planted. Currently not enough houses are occupied in the Chilmington development to activate the bond from developers to dual the A28 between Matalan and the tank roundabouts.

Cllr Blandford is currently looking at the issues surrounding the carpark at The George Public House