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NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a meeting of Bethersden Parish Council on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 1900hrs in Bethersden Village Hall.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the Meeting as set out hereunder.

Dated this 3rd day of September 2021

C D Tearle
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

Receive reports from County and Borough Councillors.

Public questions and comments on non-agenda and agenda items (this section will be limited to 15 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chairman).

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

A Councillor who declares a DPI in relation to any item on the agenda will need to leave the meeting for the whole of the item and not be able to speak or take part, unless a relevant dispensation has been granted.

A Councillor who declares an OSI will be able to speak on the item, but will be required to leave the meeting for the vote.

a) **Planning Applications** Permitted Planning Applications

21/00851/AS-Vitters Oak, Old Surrenden Manor Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3DW
Demolition of existing garage and works to rebuild northeast corner of main house.

b) The following conditions have been approved

20/00838/CONA/AS-Tearnden Farm, Smarden Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3HE
Discharge of condition 4

20/01146/CONA/AS-The Beeches, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3AS
Discharge of condition 3 (Materials)

c) Refused Planning Applications

21/01051/AS-New Barn Fm, Pluckley RD, Bethersden, TN26 3EU
Prior notification for the change of use of three existing agricultural barns and land within their curtilage to three residential dwelling houses and associated operational development

d) To Consider the Following Applications

21/00167/AS-Pilgrims Rest, Old Surrenden Manor Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3DJ

NOTE: The following views were submitted following a modification to the original planning application.

The Parish council note the proposed modification to application 21/00167/AS above to which the council's attention has been drawn but was not informed by Ashford Borough Council.

While the modified plan indicates that the site entrance is now nearer the applicants dwelling, using the entrance away from the adjoining cottage in the revised plan it still leaves the original entrance as a source of access.

As already expressed by Bethersden Parish council, the use of this original entrance is an unacceptable intrusion on the environment of the occupier of the adjoining cottage and it leaves the applicant in a position where he could continue to use the access after the application had been considered..

The proposed use of this site for industrial processes of wood reclamation and work for physically challenged persons would give way to a considerable traffic flow

It is therefore the position of the Parish Council that this entrance should be closed off permanently.

21/01481/AS-Llangibby, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3LF
Single storey rear extension.

21/01261/AS-Little Surrenden, Ashford Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3DJ

Four replacement dwellings following demolition of existing dwellings and buildings and reconfiguration and extension to one existing dwelling on site.

21/01491/AS-Barn at Low Wood Fm, Ashford Rd, Bethersden. – **KB/GB**

Prior notification of change of use of one agricultural barn and land within their curtilage to one larger dwelling house and operational development.

21/01534/AS-Unit 1, Wissenden Corner, Wissenden Lane, Bethersden, TN26 3EL – **EA/PB**

Change of use and works of conversion of existing commercial unit to a single residential dwelling.

e) Footpath Diversion

To consider the proposal to divert footpath AW258A (see attached)

3. **Minutes of the meeting of the 14th July 2021.**

4. **Chairman`s Report**

5. **Clerk`s Report**

- a) A letter has been circulated to the properties in the area affected by the flooding on the 25th July 2021 in an attempt to collate information ahead of a possible meeting with KCC Highways and the Environment Agency.
- b) The Parish Council`s application for The George Public House to be registered as an Asset of Community Value is currently under consideration by ABC.

b) **Finance**

- a) To approve the schedule of payments and the current bank balances (Appendix A)
- b) To review the budget set in November 2020 against performance. (Docs previously sent)

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- c) To note and accept receipt of the Section 3 Audit Report from PKF Littlejohn the External Auditor (Docs previously sent)
- d) To review the Insurance Policy Documents previously sent.

6. **Bethersden Flooding 25th July 2021**

To review the current position with the KCC Highways and the Environment Agency.

7. **Platinum Jubilee/Twinning Events**

To agree a joint program of events for the weekend of 4/5th June 2022. (Please see provisional proposals attached).

8. **Bethersden Parish Council Newsletter**

To review the progress to date.

9. **First Aid Training Courses**

To review the quotation received from the St. John`s Ambulance Brigade.

10. **KCC Highways**

- a) A28 Pavement progress
- b) Speed awareness

11. **Childrens Playground**

Please refer to documents received from Komplan.

12. **Telephone Box, The Street**

To determine if we want to utilize the telephone box as a book store.

13. **Allotments**

To consider the provision of allotments at the top of the George Field.

14. Drone Awareness

15. KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres Booking System Consultation

To refer to the document previously circulated and formulate a response if appropriate.

16. Items for the Next Agenda

17. Date of the Next Council Meeting

This will be on Wednesday 13th October 2021 at 1900hrs in Bethersden Village Hall.