

Bethersden Parish Council

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I hereby give you notice that a Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 1800hrs 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 under.

Dated this 8th day of November 2024.

**C D Tearle
Parish Clerk**

AGENDA

- 1. To receive a presentation from members of Shepherdsweil with Coldred Parish Council`s Countryside Land Trust (CLT) and Tessa O`Sullivan from RACE the (Kent Housing Enabler) on how to set up a CLT.**
- 2. To explore how the CLT principles (presented as per item 1), might be applied to any to all suitably identified areas of land within the Parish, including sites that formed part of the Bethersden Neighbourhood Plan.**
- 3. Pursuant to item 2, to consider commissioning an up-to-date local affordable housing needs assessment.**
- 4. Receive reports from County and Borough Councillors.**
Public questions and comments on agenda and non-agenda items (this section will be limited to 15 minutes or otherwise at the discretion of the Chairman).
- 5. Apologies**
- 6. 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.
- 7. Minutes of the Meeting of the 9th October 2024**
- 8. To Elect a Parish Councillor by Co-option**
- 9. Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
- 10. Chairman`s Report**

11. Parish Clerk`s Report

12. Planning Applications

a) To consider the following applications

PA/2024/1808-Court Lodge, Church Hill, Bethersden, TN26 3AQ

Listed building consent for superstructure repairs to areas of external brickwork, Internal brickwork, plasterwork, timber skirtings and mouldings.

Suggested Response

We have no objections to the principle of this proposal, subject to requesting that the Borough Council ensures that the precise details, as set out in the submitted application documents (e.g. finishing materials and any other external finishes, including painted finishes) are made the subject of appropriately worded planning conditions, and that the details of the scheme are then strictly adhered to in the implementation of any consent that is granted. This is in the interests of safeguarding the integrity, character and appearance of this important listed building in the village and within this part of the Conservation Area.

PA/2024/1959-The George Inn, The Street, Bethersden, TN26 3AG

Installation of kitchen flue (retrospective).

Suggested Response

In view of the Parish Council's long-standing support within the local community for pursuing the purchase of The George Inn PH, and returning it to its former self as a valuable local community asset, we have decided that we should decline on making any planning or listed building applications affecting the property at this juncture. As a result, we will be content on this occasion for ABC to decide the current planning application (ref PA/2024/1959) without any comments or input from ourselves.

PA/2024/1929-Vine Fm Office, Woodchurch Rd, Bethersden, TN26 3JY

Proposed self-build dwelling.

Cllr A Boyd declared a DPI because of business connections to the applicant.

13. Section 106 Monies

To agree the top five priorities (please see attached)

14. Christmas Tree

To determine if the Council wish to purchase a tree for the churchyard as in the previous years.

15. Bethersden Parish Design Statement

To consider a review and refresh of the Bethersden Design Statement.

16. Hoads Wood Progress Update

17. River Beult

(Please see attached)

18. Bethersden Village Hall

Grant application (Details previously sent out)

19. VE Day 80 Celebrations

20. Finance

- a) To resolve to approve the schedule of payments and bank balances.

30th October 2024	£
Lloyds Bank – Treasurers Account	65,080.67
Lloyds Bank – George Field Account	8990.95
Co-op Bank	21,128.01
Income	
Bethersden Tennis Club	399.00
Bank Interest	7.38
Expenditure	
C Tearle (Salary & Expenses)	1,741.20
Countrywide Grnds Maint Ltd – 600630 & 601069	639.60
Chris Buckman	120.00
Bethersden Village Hall (BVH – 2024-181 & 176)	56.00
Leo Lyons Digital (9102)	270.00
Scottish Water Rec Pavilion	45.08
Information Commissions Office (ICO)	40.00

- b) To review the budget setting for 2025/26 and the associated Parish Council Precept

21. Date of the Next Meeting

This will be on Wednesday 11th December 2024 at 1900hrs in Bethersden Village Hall.

22. Exclusion of the Public

It was resolved 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

23. Playground Working Party Report

24. Attenuation Tank (Cllr A Boyd)

25. Public Notice Board Renewal