

# **BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL**



## **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Bredhurst CE Primary School, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 6.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Vanessa Jones (Chair), Cllr Nichola Carr (Vice-Chair), Cllr Steve Bowring, Cllr Louise Ferne, Cllr Malcolm Greer, Cllr David Hales, Cllr Derek Butler (MBC), Bex Ratchford (Clerk)

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### **52. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wendy Hinder (MBC) and Cllr Paul Carter (KCC) and PCSO Adlington.

### **53. Declarations of interests**

Cllr Carr declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 62c as a close neighbour and Cllr Carr and Cllr Greer declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 62f as close neighbours.

### **54. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The minutes were **agreed** as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chair.

### **55. Police briefing**

PCSO Adlington was not present but had provided a report. There has been some criminal damage to notices at the church and six nuisance vehicle calls, three of which were in Bredhurst Woods.

### **56. Matters arising (for information only)**

- a. AP1: specific dates for the newsletter still need to be agreed.
- b. AP2: planning comments have been submitted.

### **57. Footpath resurfacing**

The work will be starting next Wednesday on the path from Court Lodge to Strawberry Banks. The paths from the church to Kemsley Street and from Kemsley Street to the cottages will follow. The fence on Kemsley Street will be removed to provide access and then reinstated.

### **58. Allotment contract/policy**

It was **agreed** to keep the current allotment contract as it is and to give priority to residents and then those within a one mile radius of Bredhurst. It was **agreed** to contact the resident who enquired some months ago about the vacancy first and if it is not taken up to advertise it on the website before offering it to the non-resident on the waiting list. **Action 1: Clerk to contact resident and progress allotment allocation.**

### **59. KCC Waste Disposal Strategy Consultation**

This is an important consultation for the council and will be followed by a public consultation. It was **agreed** that cllrs would send any comments to the clerk within two weeks and they would be collated in a response. **Action 2: Clerk to forward consultation details to cllrs, cllrs to send comments to clerk and clerk to submit collated response.**

## 60. Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule

The CIL is a charge levied on new development and it is important to get the right balance for the rates. It was **agreed** that cllrs would send any comments to the clerk and they would be collated in a response. **Action 3: Cllrs to send comments to clerk and clerk to submit collated response.**

## 61. Grass cutting/verge maintenance

There are two separate contracts: the field behind the village hall is maintained by KCC but paid for by BPC, while the verges are done and paid for by MBC. The standard of verge maintenance has been very poor and disjointed this year. It was **agreed** to write to Paul Carter at KCC enquiring about how much is spent on verge maintenance and any possible devolution of this funding for BPC to manage maintenance itself. **Action 4: Cllr Jones to write to Cllr Carter.**

## 62. Planning

- a. 16/504641 – Land at Abbots Court Farm – outline application with access matters reserved for erection of two detached single storey dwellings with associated parking – refused – noted.
- b. 16/505605 – St Peters Church – erection of a replacement storage shed – approved – noted.
- c. Cllr Carr left the room for this item. 16/505261 – 4 Willis Cottages, Dunn Street Road – retrospective application for erection of a single storey log cabin for use as garden summer house. The applicant was invited to comment and explained why the application was retrospective. Residents were invited to comment and were generally against the development due to overshadowing and loss of privacy. It was **agreed** to comment against the application.
- d. 16/506195 – Forge Lodge, Forge Lane – outline application for residential development (access only being sought). One letter had been received and residents were invited to comment and were generally against the application due to land ownership issues and concerns over further development. It was **agreed** to comment against the application.
- e. APP/A2280/W/16/314600 – Gibraltar Farm – notification of appeal date (4<sup>th</sup> October). As BPC objected to this application it was **agreed** to liaise over attendance at the appeal hearing. **Action 5: Cllrs to liaise over attending the appeal.**
- f. Cllr Carr and Cllr Greer left the room for this item. 16/506615 – Stockins Meadow, Blind Lane – demolition of existing bungalow with erection of replacement detached dwelling to include indoor swimming pool and erection of detached double garage. Residents were invited to comment and had no issues with the application. It was **agreed** to comment in favour of the application.

**Action 6: Clerk to make all planning comments.**

## 63. Finance

- a. The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted. The completed audit has been received with no issues raised. Thanks were given to the clerk.

Account	Balance as of 31/08/16
Current Account	387.54
Reserve Account	21,198.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,585.81</b>

- b. It was **agreed** to pay the clerk's expenses (stamps, mileage and parking) by BACS.
- c. Payments were **agreed** as follows:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>
BACS	Bex Ratchford – wages and office rental plus expenses	468.80
1387	Maidstone Borough Council – lease of allotment land	5.00
1388	Landscape Services – vegetation maintenance	173.60
1389	Savills – lease of playing field	112.50

**64. Reports from parish councillors**

BPC had been represented at the Art, Craft and Produce Show. The new website template is available. Cllr Bowring had attended the police liaison meeting which had representation from councils, neighbourhood watch and PCSOs.

**65. Reports from borough and county councillors (if present)**

Cllr Butler described some recent events he had attended as Mayor. He invited cllrs to a reception at the Town Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting adjourned for a short public session. Residents were encouraged to report issues such as unemptied dog bins directly to MBC. There is no more news on making The Cut one way.

**66. Correspondence**

All correspondence was noted.

- a. It was not felt necessary to comment on the KCC Local Transport Plan consultation.
- b. A letter had been received regarding recent planning applications.

**67. Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.19pm

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 6.30pm.**

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