

BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Bredhurst CE Primary School,
on Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 6.30pm

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

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95. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Greer due to ill health.

96. Declarations of interests

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

97. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2017

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

98. Police briefing

PCSO Adlington was not present but the crime figures had been obtained via the E-watch website. There have been a few crimes in Boxley but none in Bredhurst.

The meeting adjourned for a short open session but there were no matters raised.

99. Matters arising (for information only)

- a. AP1: information has been received from the weed killing contractor about the areas covered and an issue raised about detritus in the gutter. It was **agreed** to meet with the contractor, formulate a written specification for the areas to be covered and the frequency of visits. **Action 1: Clerk to arrange meeting.**
- b. AP2: the design of the sign is progressing. It was **agreed** to put up temporary signs until the permanent ones are ready. **Action 2: Cllr Jones to put up temporary signs.**
- c. AP3: agenda item 100.
- d. AP4: the village tidy-up day has taken place. Cllr Carr was thanked for organising it and residents were thanked for taking part. **Action 3: Clerk to email thanks to residents.**
- e. AP5: the link to the M2 consultation was forwarded to residents.
- f. AP6: a response has been sent to MBC and they asked BPC to liaise with BVH to arrange a mediation meeting. The response from BVH has not been positive. It was agreed to contact MBC thanking them for their offer of mediation and to stress that BPC remains willing to attend a meeting should BVH change their mind at a later date. **Action 4: Clerk to respond to MBC.**
- g. AP7: planning comment made.
- h. AP8: forms to change the mandate have been obtained from the bank ready for completion.
- i. AP9: it is not possible to re-direct emails but a footer has been put on all outgoing emails explaining the domain address will be discontinued shortly.
- j. AP10: link to online reporting tool sent to residents.

100. Playing field

Cllr Jones and Cllr Carr met with the contractor on site, who stated that the gap between the metal railings of the toddlers' play area and the current chain link fence is insufficient to accommodate the new fence and advised that the chain link fence will therefore need to be removed. The original quote to do this was £500 plus VAT but this included a skip which is in fact not necessary, so the quote for the additional work is £150. It was **agreed** to proceed with this additional work. The ownership of the fence was questioned by a member of the public and it was noted that BPC paid for and erected the fence some years ago, it was thought around 2002. The materials for the new fence have been delivered and although they were initially placed against the play area fence they have now been moved and taped off for safety until the work can start. It was **agreed** to write to BVH giving notice of the start date of w/c Monday 6th November, explaining about the removal of the chain link fence and asking if they wish for the metal gate to be disposed of or to be left on site for them to use elsewhere. It was also **agreed** to request that anything attached to the chain link fence is removed and not to attach anything to the new fence. **Action 5: Clerk to write to BVH.** The lease renewal is progressing with Savills and the new lease should hopefully be ready to sign by next meeting. It was **agreed** to ask Landscape Services for a quote to trim the playing field and the footpaths in the village. **Action 6: Clerk to contact Landscape Services.** The play inspection with Craighdene has been booked. Due to regulations, the buffer tyre recently replaced on the zip wire means it is no longer possible to reach the landing platform. It was **agreed** to contact the contractor about this. **Action 7: Cllr Jones to speak to contractor.** The hedges have been trimmed.

101. CPRE membership

It was **agreed** to look at this when setting next year's budget.

102. Data Protection Policy

New legislation is coming out regarding Data Protection so it was **agreed** to look at this in more detail at a later date when more information is available.

103. AONB sign

The new AONB sign has been installed but the posts supplied with the sign were too long and needed cutting down. The cost of this extra work was £135 and this is not covered by the money received from the insurance. It was **agreed** to pay the extra but to check the original details from Croft regarding the length of the poles with a view to reclaiming the money if possible. **Action 8: Clerk to check with Croft.**

104. Boundary review of parliamentary constituencies

It was noted that under the new proposals Bredhurst would form part of the Maidstone constituency, rather than Faversham and Mid Kent.

105. Planning

- a. 17/503953 – The Nursery Restaurant, Dunn Street – change of use from office to D1 use of one office at this address to be used as an Ultrasound Studio for pregnant women on a part-time basis – approved – noted.

106. Finance

- a. The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted. The second half of the Parish Services Scheme has been received, as have payments for the allotment water bill, one of which was made by BACS.

Account	Balance as of 31/10/17
Current Account	247.71
Reserve Account	19,155.94
Total	19,403.65

- b. It was **agreed** to not pay the invoice from Barge until the work on the zip wire has been discussed.
- c. The payment to Craighdene could not be made as the inspection has not yet taken place.

Cheque	Payment	Amount
BACS	Bex Ratchford – wages and office rental	422.22
D/D	Business Stream – allotment water	28.78
1426	Hoopers – AONB sign installation	480.00

107. Reports from parish councillors

CLlr Carr has spoken to Highways about the footpath over the M2 bridge at The Street. They will monitor it for subsidence and if work is necessary will attempt to do it in the school holidays. A new bollard should be provided. The ‘Slow – horses’ sign in Dunn Street needs to be tightened up. The road sweeper has not yet visited the village. **Action 9: Cllr Carr to chase.** Cllr Bowring attended the Police Liaison meeting. Incidents have to be prioritised and less serious incidents will now only get a crime number. The PCSOs are covering larger areas.

108. Reports from borough and county councillors (if present)

CLlr Butler reported that the Local Plan has now been passed. It requires 863 new houses every year between 2011 and 2031; MBC is currently on or even ahead of schedule. However, a new directive from central government is suggesting an increase of 40% to this figure. MBC is hoping to work with adjoining boroughs to achieve this. Section 106 agreements should be considered.

109. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

- a. An email was received about a damaged speed bump which has now been reported.
- b. Details of the Community Payback Scheme have been received. It was felt the requirements on the council would be too great for this to be beneficial.

The meeting adjourned for a short public session. A resident works with officers responsible for Section 106 agreements and can give details if necessary.

110. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.41pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2017 at 6.30pm.

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