

BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL



**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Bredhurst Primary School,
on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr Vanessa Jones (Chair), Cllr Nichola Carr (Vice-Chair), Cllr Steve Bowring, Cllr John Merrick, Cllr Claire Sharp, Cllr David Till, Cllr Bob Hinder (MBC), Cllr Wendy Hinder (MBC), Bex Ratchford (Clerk)

Public: 7

139. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Noble.

140. Declarations of interests

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

141. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2019

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

142. Police briefing

PCSO Adlington was not present but the crime figures had been checked via the E-watch website. There have been no crimes reported in Bredhurst in the last month.

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

143. Matters arising (for information only)

- a. AP1: Cllr Carr has requested the line painting to be done.
- b. AP2: Gullands has been contacted and a response is awaited.
- c. AP3: agenda item 145.
- d. AP4: paperwork has been requested from ACRK but the membership fee is currently under review.
- e. AP5: planning comment made.
- f. AP6: MBC contacted re planning applications, trial scheme has now started.
- g. AP7: precept form returned.

144. Great British Spring Clean

It was **agreed** to hold a 'Tidy Up Day' to coincide with the Great British Spring Clean. The date was **agreed** as Sunday 7th April, with Cllr Carr to organise the work to be done and borrow some signs from Boxley PC. **Action 1: Clerk to publicise, Cllr Carr to organise event.**

145. Playground

Cllr Merrick has removed the log walk; some additional work is required and it was **agreed** that Cllr Merrick would organise this. Once a date for installation for the new zip wire has been provided, Cllr Merrick will liaise with Cllr Carr to organise the removal of the waste beforehand. **Action 2: Cllr Merrick to arrange required work and liaise with Playdale and Cllr Carr.** Cllr Merrick has also filled the last goalpost hole. Cllr Merrick has checked the rest of the equipment and there has been no deterioration over the winter. Cllr Merrick was thanked for his hard work.

146. Village maintenance

It was **agreed** to use the same contractor as last year for the tree survey due to familiarity with the work to be done. **Action 3: Clerk to inform contractor.** The contractor doing the grass cutting, footpath maintenance and weed killing should be starting work soon.

147. Allotments

All allotments are now taken. A fence dividing two plots has been partially removed. **Action 4: Clerk to chase if necessary.**

148. Planning

- a. 19/500923 – 11 Fir Tree Grove – erection of a two storey side extension, a single storey side extension and creation of front canopy. A resident had contacted the PC expressing objections on the grounds of overlooking and loss of privacy. There are currently two windows which overlook the neighbouring property; this would increase to five. It was **agreed** to object on the grounds of these additional windows causing loss of privacy. **Action 5: Clerk to make planning comment.**
- b. MC/19/0336 – Gibraltar Farm – outline application with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout, scale) for construction of up to 450 market and affordable dwellings; nursery and supporting retail space up to 150sqm, with provision of access; estate roads; cycle and pedestrian routes; off site highway improvements; residential and community open space and landscaping. This is a new application, with a new access point in Ham Lane, and is being considered by both Medway and Maidstone Borough Councils. The provision of a nursery is for the land only, not the building itself. It was felt the traffic survey was misleading and Bredhurst was hardly mentioned in the application, with no acknowledgment given to the increase in traffic the development would bring to the village, particularly Forge Lane, The Street and Dunn Street. Boxley PC has produced and delivered leaflets to its residents. It was **agreed** that it was necessary to raise awareness in Bredhurst as traffic would increase significantly if the application goes ahead. It was **agreed** to produce and deliver a leaflet, in person, talking to as many residents as possible. **Action 6: Cllr Jones to produce leaflet and all cllrs to deliver.** It was also **agreed** to approach the school with a view to holding a public information event. **Action 7: Cllr Jones to speak to school, Helen Whately MP and Cllr Paul Carter (KCC); Cllr Merrick to arrange printing of large maps.**

149. Finance

- a. The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted.

Account	Balance as of 28/02/19
Current Account	479.77
Reserve Account	20,400.31
Total	20,880.08

- b. It was not possible to pay the membership fee for ACRK as fees are under review.
c. Payments were **agreed** as follows:

Cheque	Payment	Amount	VAT*	Total
BACS	Clerk – wages and office rental (for info only – paid by BACS)			
1491	Appointment Business Machines - printing	50.17	10.04	60.21
1492	CPRE - membership	36.00	-	36.00

* VAT to be reclaimed.

150. Reports from parish councillors

Cllr Sharp attended the CIL training and found it beneficial.

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

Cllr Wendy Hinder is continuing to report fly tipping. Cllr Bob Hinder highlighted the current Maidstone Borough Council Call for Sites (for further development).

152. Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

- a. Cllr Carr obtained a stock of recycling leaflets.
- b. Calor is offering funding for community projects. **Action 8: Clerk to investigate.**

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

153. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.46pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 3rd April 2019** at 6.30pm
at St Peter's Church.

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