

BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Blacksmiths Barn
Tuesday 16th July 2024 at 7.30pm



Present: Cllr Vanessa Jones (Chair), Cllr Greg Davis (Vice Chair), Cllr Sue Harwood, Cllr Richard Collins, Cllr Claire Sharp and Cllr Dan Fifield.
 Steve Hill – Locum Clerk & RFO
 Public – 0

49/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies accepted from Cllr Lee Gooda.

50/24 Declarations of Interest

None.

51/24 Motion to exclude the press and public from the meeting for all items in the Closed Session.

Motion **agreed** by all Cllrs. Proposed Cllr Collins, seconded Cllr Davis.

52/24 Minutes of the 12th June 2024 Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were **agreed** by Cllrs and signed by the Chair.

53/24 Appointment of Vice Chair

It was **agreed** to appoint Cllr Greg Davis as Bredhurst Parish Council’s Vice Chair. Motion proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Sharp. Cllr Davis signed the Acceptance of Office which was signed and witnessed by the Locum Clerk.

54/24 Matters Arising (for information only)

Action Points from 12-06-24

Action Points	Actions	Clerk or Cllr	Completed or Agenda Item on 16/07/24
AP1	Meet with Commercial Services	Cllr Jones	56
AP2	Ask contractor to clear weeds outside Green Court	Cllr Jones	Completed
AP3	Inform Wizard Alarm re award of service contract	Cllr Jones	Completed
AP4	Obtain allotment fencing quote for SGN insurance	Cllr Jones	Completed

Public Open Session – No public present.

55/24 Police

From 1st July, PC Ben Cox is the officer who covers Bredhurst. Cllr Jones, in her capacity as Borough Cllr, is due to meet with him soon. She will raise the issue of speeding and request speed traps to be carried out.

56/24 Community Playing Field

Cllr Jones has had discussions with Commercial Services and the playing field grass has now been cut. It was discussed that dog mess in the field and village is becoming a nuisance. Dog owners to be reminded to clear up after their dogs. BPC to work with MBC dog warden and MBC posters to be put up.

AP1: Cllr Jones to liaise with MBC.

57/24 Blacksmiths Barn

Alarm is now operated by fob or phone app; regular hires will be issued with fob. Three Cllrs and the Clerk will also hold fobs to allow access for non-regular and one-off bookings.

58/24 Village Maintenance

- a. BPC received a grant for a new notice board in the last financial year. Cllrs agreed that an Oak notice board was more appropriate to the area. Quotes to be obtained.
AP2: Cllrs Jones and Fifield to obtain quotes.
- b. Allotment fencing update – SGN's insurance company have requested another quote for repairs. Further to the original damage, yesterday a car drove into a different section of the fencing. CCTV to be checked, the Police and BPC's insurance company to be informed and a quote for the repair to be obtained.
AP3: Cllr Jones to organise quotes and initiate another insurance claim.

59/24 Hazlitt Touring Theatre

The Hazlitt Touring Company will perform The Three Musketeers on Sunday 25th August, 12 noon at the Barn. Tickets £5pp or £15 for a family of 4. BPC to offer Ploughman's lunch at £7.50pp/free to children under 16.

AP4: Cllrs Jones and Sharp to organise.

60/24 Planning

- a. Cllr Jones gave an update on Bredhurst Parish Council's continuing legal challenge. As anticipated, the initial application for a Judicial Review was not automatically accepted which Bredhurst PC's legal team advised is not unusual and is the standard course JRs take. The London based legal team at Leigh Day have submitted papers to the High Court seeking an oral hearing with a Judge which is the next stage of the process. This is likely to take place in the Autumn. The Cost Protection Order under the Aarhus Convention for defendants' costs to be capped at £10,000 was accepted by the Judge. He apportioned £5,641 to MBC, the balance to the Secretary of State and nothing to the promotor, FD Attwood. Cost will only be paid if the JR fails. If the JR is successful, Leigh Day have advised a submission will be made regarding the implications for the LP. As the grounds of challenge relate solely to the Lidsing allocation policy, the most that could be requested is the quashing of that allocation. MBC would then need to decide how that affects the rest of the plan.

- b. Other planning matters.

24/502696/SUB

Stables At Stud Farm Dunn Street Road Bredhurst Kent ME7 3NA

Submission of details pursuant to conditions 3 (details of materials), 4 (fencing, walling and other boundary treatments), 5 (revised layout), 6 (hard and soft landscaping details), 8 (biodiversity enhancement scheme), and 9 (renewable energy sources), of application 21/506626/FULL.

For information only

24/502507/TPOA

Glebe Cottage Dunn Street Road Bredhurst Kent ME7 3LX

TPO application to reduce one Turkey Oak that overhangs the neighbouring boundary to the northeast of Glebe Cottage to 8m from the trunk.

For information only

24/502391/SUB**12 Fir Tree Grove Bredhurst Kent ME7 3LB**

Submission of Details pursuant to condition 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme) of application 24/501107/FULL.

For information only

24/502333/FULL**Land Adjacent to The Old Stable Dunn Street Road Bredhurst Kent**

Change of use of land and building to Use Class E. Addition of fenestration and door alteration.

For information only

61/24 Finance

- a. The financial statement and bank reconciliation for P/E 30th June 2024 were **agreed** by all Cllrs and signed by the Chair.
- b. All payments made out of and at meeting were **agreed** by Cllrs.
Cllrs **ratified** decision made by email that Cllrs Harwood and Sharp authorise payments made out of meeting and the payments below.

Payments made out of meeting.

Ref:	Details	Amount £	VAT* £	Total £	Auth
37	Victoria Sparham – (Barn Deposit Return)	100.00	-	100.00	SH/CS
38	Bytes - June Inv. 1304354	9.64	1.93	11.57	SH/CS
39	OneCom – Inv. 7214875	36.36	7.27	43.63	SH/CS
40	UTB Manual Handling Charge (Qtrly)	5.40	-	5.40	SH/CS
41	UTB Service Charge (Qtrly)	18.00	-	18.00	SH/CS
42	Vanessa Jones - Barn Misc.	16.60	-	16.60	SH/CS
43	KCC Internal Audit – Inv.900194695	368.00	73.60	441.60	SH/CS
44	Vanessa Jones – Barn – 2 x MBC Garden Waste Bins	96.00	-	96.00	SH/CS
45	Ecotricity - Inv. 05358580	203.45	10.17	213.62	SH/CS
46	Rachel Ford - Gardening 8hrs - June	220.00	-	220.00	SH/CS
47	Savills Q2 – Playing Field Lease – Inv.926897	137.50	-	137.50	SH/CS
48	MBC - Lease of Land, Hurstwood Road - Inv.2699441	5.00	-	5.00	SH/CS
49	Wizard Systems – Inv.235/BRED/06/24	358.34	71.66	430.00	SH/CS
50	Every Little Nook – June – Inv.0054A	24.00	-	24.00	SH/CS
51	Safeplay Playground Services - Inv. 27171	55.00	11.00	66.00	SH/CS

* VAT to be reclaimed.

Payments for authorising at meeting

Ref:	Details	Amount £	VAT* £	Total £	Auth
52	Mike Searly - Barn Grass Cutting - June	50.00	-	50.00	SH/CS
53	Vanessa Jones - Barn Compost	32.00	-	32.00	SH/CS
54	Elizabeth Wright (Barn Deposit Return)	100.00	-	100.00	SH/CS

* VAT to be reclaimed

62/24 Reports from Parish, Borough, and County Councillors (if present)

Cllr Jones recently attended a Cluster meeting with Martyn Jeynes (MBC), Inspector Steve Kent and PC Meg Smith (covering for PC Jacob Troth). Inspector Kent explained Boxley Downs, Grove Green & Vinters is now Cluster 4a. From 1st July, PC Ben Cox now covers our area. Inspector Kent asked that My Community Voice is advertised more widely by Parishes as this provide valuable intelligence which supports the need for Police intervention / more focused operations. Work is continuing involving off-road vehicles. Three vehicles have been seized and fines issued.

Cllr Jones met with Waste Crime officers and the Cabinet Member. Various locations in the Ward were visited and drone footage was obtained of a site of interest. Subsequently, substantial fines were issued. The use of more CCTV in 'hot spots' was agreed.

Working with Parking Services, some existing disabled parking bays will be moved to make access easier for residents.

Issues with non-collection of bins is easing although the clearance of bulky items has been a problem.

63/24 Correspondence

No correspondence received.

64/24 Closed session

- a) Lidsing legal update – Details minuted separately.
- b) Personnel matters – Details minuted separately.

65/24 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 8.34pm with no further business to discuss.

66/24 Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th August 7.00pm

Signed..

Date..... 14/8/24