

BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Bredhurst CE Primary School, on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 6.30pm

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

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1) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Borough and Parish Cllr Malcolm Greer (MBC meeting), Borough Cllr Derek Butler (MBC meeting) and Borough Cllr Wendy Hinder (MBC meeting).

2) Declarations of interests

Cllrs had no interests to declare.

3) Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2016

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

4) Maidstone Police briefing

PCSO Adlington gave the crime report for the ward. There has been one crime in Bredhurst (an attempted burglary in Redwood Glade). There have been some nuisance vehicle calls relating to Bredhurst Woods. Residents were asked to inform the police if they see anything that might be drugs related as some activity has been observed near St Peter's Church car park. The police organised an operation in Bredhurst woods to tackle the illegal use of off road vehicles. The operation had been very successful and it was **agreed** to send a letter of thanks. **Action 1: Clerk to send letter of thanks.** Another, larger, operation is planned for before the summer holidays.

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

5) Matters arising

- a) AP1: MBC local plan response sent.
- b) AP2: newsletter meeting had not taken place. **Action 2: Clerk and Cllrs Jones and Carr to arrange a meeting.**
- c) AP3: MP contacted regarding information in the newsletter.
- d) AP4: potholes reported and filled, but are re-occurring. **Action 3: Clerk to report again.**
- e) AP5: objection to planning application sent.
- f) AP6: bank advised regarding change of address.
- g) AP7: AVG subscription cancelled and does not appear to have been paid for.
- h) AP8: MBC planning advised of meeting.
- i) AP9: offer regarding lorry watch responded to.
- j) AP10: playground repairs contractor informed and work due to be completed on 26th & 27th April.

6) Re-surfacing of KH49/KH50

The landowner of KH50 is happy in principle for the work to go ahead but would like to meet with the contractor beforehand. Cllr Jones met with the landowner of KH49 who has agreed to install a new fence adjacent to the road and to make the path a little wider. There is a possibility of obtaining funding from a Heritage Lottery bid, although this may come too late in the year for this work. BWAG will provide £250, the British Horse Society £200 and £3000 has been promised from PROW. It was **agreed** to resurface both KH49 and KH50 on the basis the offered funding may not be available in the future and the paths are in poor condition. It was **agreed** to use Hoopers as the contractor, which would leave £2445 for the PC to pay. **Action 4: Cllr Jones to contact Hoopers to confirm the contract and arrange a meeting with the landowner. Action 5: Cllr Jones to continue to correspond with KCC regarding the Heritage Lottery bid.**

7) KALC membership

It was **agreed** to renew membership of KALC at a cost of £184.15.

8) Planning

- a) MC/14/2395 – Gibraltar Farm – outline application for up to 450 market and affordable dwellings – appeal lodged – noted. A resident had emailed regarding this; a member of the PC will speak at the appeal if necessary.
- b) 16/500781 – Kemsley Street Farm – listed building consent for demolition of garden room to rear of property rebuild new garden room – approved – noted.
- c) Concern was expressed over Matts Hill Road as the unauthorised encampment is growing and this is an enforcement issue. **Action 6: Clerk to raise concerns with Medway Council.**

9) Finance

- a) The financial statements were reviewed and accepted.

Account	Balance as of 31/03/16
Current Account	611.25
Reserve Account	17,227.50
Total	17,838.75

- b) Payments were **agreed** as follows:

Cheque	Payment	Amount
1370	Bex Ratchford - stamps	1.90
1371	Savills – playing field rental	112.50
1372	KCS – paper	14.99
1373	James Carr – vegetation management	1090.00
1374	KALC – membership	184.15

10) Reports from parish cllrs

- a) As Cllr Hewitt is not seeking re-election this will be his last council meeting. All cllrs thanked him for his sixteen years of service to Bredhurst PC and his expertise and help over that period.

- b) Borough Cllr Butler was congratulated on his appointment as Mayor, and Borough and Parish Cllr Greer on his appointment as Deputy Mayor.
- c) Cllr Jones had attended the 'Old Chalk New Downs' event, which provided details of a KCC bid to Heritage Lottery for the restoration of chalk grassland and associated countryside activities. This might provide some funding for Bredhurst.
- d) Cllr Bowring had attempted to attend a police liaison meeting, but the date had been changed at the last minute which Cllr Bowring discovered when he arrived at the venue.
- e) Cllr Carr reported that a shadow website for the new BPC website had been set up with admin access only. Webinars for training are available and more can be arranged if this is not sufficient. **Action 7: Clerk and Cllrs Jones and Carr to meet and investigate.**

11) Reports from borough and county cllrs

There were no borough or county cllrs present.

The meeting adjourned for a short public session. It was suggested that if the fence is removed alongside footpath KH49 it would make access easier and might lower the cost of the resurfacing.

12) Correspondence

All correspondence was noted.

- a) Consultation on KCC funded bus services – KCC will be removing or changing a number of subsidised bus services. As none affect Bredhurst it was not felt necessary to comment on the consultation.
- b) Meeting with Rob Jarman (MBC planning) – Cllrs Jones and Carr had been due to attend but were unable to do so due to work commitments.
- c) Invitation to Mayor-Elect's charity event – due to clashes with PC meetings, no one was able to attend. **Action 8: Clerk to send apologies.**
- d) Complaint from a member of the public – Cllr Jones had spoken to the resident in question and the issue was now resolved.
- e) Cllrs had been sent adverts for various companies offering their services. None are of use to BPC.
- f) Notification had been received of the last freighter service for Bredhurst on 14th/15th May.

13) Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.33pm.

**The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at 6.30pm.
This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

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