

# **BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL**



## **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at St Peter's Church, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6.30pm**

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

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### **126. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Merrick, Cllr Greer (MBC) and Cllr Wendy Hinder (MBC).

### **127. Declarations of interests**

Cllr Carr and Cllr Bowring declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 133d as close neighbours.

### **128. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

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

### **129. Police briefing**

PCSO Adlington was not present but the crime figures had been checked via the E-watch website. There has been one crime in Bredhurst – a caravan was broken into in Dunn Street Road. A resident was also attacked by two escaped dogs; PCSO Adlington is going to speak to the owner about ensuring they cannot escape in future.

The meeting adjourned for a short public session. A resident asked if vehicles are allowed to park on the grass verge by the fingerpost sign and it was replied that this is private land. An issue with blocked drains was reported. Cllr Carr is dealing with this.

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

- a. AP1: Residents emailed about crime.
- b. AP2: letter sent to Landscape Services. No bill has been received as yet.
- c. AP3: white line painting still to be investigated. **Action 1: Cllr Carr to pursue.**
- d. AP4: lease completed and returned to Gullands. The map can be published on the BPC website, but the lease is deemed to be confidential. **Action 2: Clerk to check with Gullands if a redacted copy can be published.**
- e. AP5: residents in Fir Tree Grove written to regarding fly tipping. One response had been received.
- f. AP6: MBC still to be informed regarding waste removal. **Action 3: Cllr Carr to inform MBC.**
- g. AP7: post removal quote requested but not forthcoming.
- h. AP8: the inspector suggested waiting until the new zip wire had been installed to do the play inspection. It was **agreed** to wait.
- i. AP9: libraries consultation response sent.
- j. AP10: planning comment made.
- k. AP11: tree officer written to.
- l. AP12: agenda item 134.

### 131. Gibraltar Farm/Capstone Valley

The applications have not yet been submitted to Medway Council.

### 132. Subscriptions

It was **agreed** to join Action with Communities in Rural Kent (ACRK) at a cost of £50 per year and the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) at a cost of £36 per year, due to the advice and expertise available. **Action 4: Clerk to complete membership paperwork.**

### 133. Planning

- a. 18/505079 – Glebe Cottage, Dunn Street Road – redevelopment of site to accommodate 2 x 4 bed dwelling houses, with associated parking and landscaping – refused – noted. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Bob Hinder for his written comments to the planning committee.
- b. 18/505766 – Abbots Court Farm – replacement of an existing B1 commercial building (recently approved for change of use to offices under Prior Approval application 18/501819) with a new B1 office building together with ancillary storage space and parking arrangements – refused – noted.
- c. 18/506186 – Green Court, The Street – listed building consent for amendment to planning approval 18/502929/FULL to allow the curtilage listed building to be demolished and rebuilt – approved – noted.
- d. 18/506630 – Hawthorn Cottage, Dunn Street – demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings, and erection of 2no. detached dwellings (revision to 18/500319). The original application was for four semi-detached and this is for two detached properties. Concerns were raised regarding reversing out onto the road and using the track opposite for parking. It was **agreed** to comment in favour of the application but to raise these concerns. **Action 5: Clerk to make planning comment.**
- e. An email had been received requested volunteer parishes to receive only 'thin' copies of planning applications in future. It was **agreed** to volunteer. **Action 6: Clerk to contact MBC.**

### 134. Finance

- a. The draft budget for 2019-20 was considered. It was **agreed** to set the budget at £17,410. This includes £200 for new software, £3000 for playground maintenance and repairs, £1000 for village maintenance and projects such as replacing bollards and £500 for capital additions. The expected income from sources other than the precept is £1239. The precept was **agreed** at £16,171, in order to cover the entire budget. **Action 7: Clerk to return precept form.**
- b. The financial statement and bank reconciliation were reviewed and accepted.

Account	Balance as of 31/01/19
Current Account	470.79
Reserve Account	20,897.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,367.90</b>

- c. Payments were **agreed** as follows:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT*</b>	<b>Total</b>
BACS	Clerk – wages and office rental (for info only – paid by BACS)	452.04	-	452.04
1489	Clerk – expenses – wall planner & envelopes	7.88	-	7.88
1490	Cllr Merrick - shackles	25.92	5.18	31.10

\* VAT to be reclaimed.

### **135. Reports from parish councillors**

Cllr Bowring and Cllr Carr if available will attend next week's KALC meeting. Cllr Till is attending the CIL workshop provided by MBC.

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

Cllr Bob Hinder reported that there was a recent briefing from Highways England on J5 of the M2; housing is not satisfying local demand due to it being used for social housing for people being moved from London; and speed humps are being reinstalled in Boxley next week at the request of residents.

### **137. Correspondence**

All correspondence was noted.

- a. Cllr Carr will attend the Lord Lieutenant's Civic Service.
- b. The Ethical Standards in Local Government Report has been published and is recommending stronger sanctions for parish cllrs who breach the Code of Conduct.
- c. An email had been received from a resident regarding another resident and a response had been sent.

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

### **138. Close of meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.46pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at 6.30pm  
**at Bredhurst school.**

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