

**BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING ON 11 JULY 2016**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Graham Duplock (Vice Chairman)  
Parish Cllr Pauline Pritchard  
Parish Cllr Tim Fagan  
Parish Cllr Mathew Boarman  
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden  
Parish Cllr Julia Maltby  
County Cllr Michael Northey  
City Cllr Stuart Walker

Mrs Gail Hubbard, Clerk to the Council  
There were four members of the public.

**18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Nicholson (recuperating) and resident Dr Field. Resident David Taplin to arrive late.

**19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

There were none.

**20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2016**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed and duly signed by the Vice Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Vice Chairman reported on the Queen's Birthday Celebrations. He thanked Cllr Northey for the £300 contribution and also CCC for the RAMP fund of £333.33 towards the day. Thanks were given to organising party for a great job, the weather was kind on 5<sup>th</sup> June and they were able to show off the new facilities in the pavilion. The games purchased will be stored at the pavilion and be used for events throughout the summer holidays. Thanks also to Mama Feelgoods for providing the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday cake.

**22 REPORT FROM CITY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Walker began by thanking Cllr Northey for the start on Station Road drainage problem, he also mentioned the problems Old palace Road was enduring as the cut through.

Cllr Walker is now Chairman of RAMP for this year and is hoping to arrange a funding session in November on concurrent applications.

Cllr Walker had met with planners over the Mountfield Park application and will be having a further meeting once views from all his parishes have been received. He is already aware of our main concerns and has mentioned the initial overriding problems. He had also mentioned the Town Hill parking problem to see if a solution could be tied into the Mountfield Park plans.

With regard to the parking problem on Town Hill, he had been speaking with CCC and more bins were to be provided, he had hoped the litter problem had improved.

Resident David Taplin arrived at 7.50pm.

It was agreed Mountfield Park should go onto the agenda each meeting for any updates.

Cllr Northey had had a detailed discussion with Kent Highways and he is awaiting feedback on a report that has been done assessing the worst 'lay bys' in Kent. The use of concrete barriers or weight restrictions had been discussed; this would force the HGV's to park on the opposite side of the road instead, which would not be safe.

Cllr Northey suggested we write to Matthew Balfour and ask if he can find any solutions. Suggestion to be put forward; paint diagonal parking spaces for vehicles and then put a time restriction on parking.

Cllr Walker departed at 8.15pm.

## **23 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Northey began saying how much he had enjoyed the Queen's Birthday event on 5<sup>th</sup> June, and it had been a pleasure to provide funding from his Members Fund towards the event.

This year's Key Stage 2 results are now out, Kent has performed above the national average of 53%, with 58% of children getting 'expected' in reading, writing and maths. 88.3% of Kent schools are now considered good or outstanding. Next year's target is to make this 90%.

The 'find and fix' scheme is now underway, over the next two months local companies will be carrying out works for KCC, such as white line refreshing, potholes, weed spraying, washing signs and cutting vegetation. Hopefully we will notice the difference in our parishes.

Station road, roadworks are ongoing and once completed this middle section of road will be resurfaced/surface treated. This should be done in the autumn and will require the road to be closed again for the short period whilst this is carried out.

Cllr Northey was aware of the problems in Old Palace Road and said the signage was not as good as it should be for these roadworks.

The suggestion was made – would people want Old Palace Road closed for traffic? The middle section could be shut off and the lane could go back to nature. Research would need to be done in the parish to see resident's views on this. This would be something Cllr Northey could ask Highways for, it would save on road repairs but would be an initial cost to bollard off.

The state of the footpath along Station Rad was raised; Cllr Northey said this would be the farmers responsibility to maintain the hedges. Clerk to contact the farmers direct and ask for it to be trimmed.

## **24 APPROVE PAYMENTS/TRANSFERS**

The following cheque payments were APPROVED by all;

CHQ786 Scott Young painting preserver on play equipment	£30.00
CHQ787 allotment key return	£7.50
CHQ788 HMRC PAYE May & June	£2.80
CHQ789 Southern Water – allotment bill	£30.55
CHQ790 Clerks expenses May & June	£34.49
CHQ791 Clerks Salary May & June	£668.33
CHQ792 LS&NRMG Annual subs	£20.00
CHQ793 Clerk - Reimbursement for laptop and equipment	£579.18

## **25 PARISH MATTERS**

### **CONSIDER MAKING A PLANNING APPLICATION TO RAISE KEEPERS HILL FOOTBRIDGE**

Resident David Taplin addressed the Cllrs and explained the need for this bridge to be raised. He explained the EA have surveyed eight bridges over the Nailbourne and only one of these bridges can cope with the flow during high levels, this is the ornamental bridge in the sheep field in Patrixbourne. The LS&NRMG have met with a structural engineer onsite and it can be done, it is suggested it be raised by 400-500mm in height. The columns would be kept and just the arch built higher. If the PC made put forward a planning application, Historic England would then have to be consulted and get the ball rolling.

Approximate costs would be in the region of £5-7K, grants could be sought and residents would contribute. Cllr Northey added that he might be able to assist with some of the funds. CCC and the EA may also contribute. We need to see if we can get permission first though.

The footbridge by the recreation ground was also mentioned, it would be good to do both bridges together, as this one is not high enough either.

If the PC make an application they only pay 50% of the fee to CCC. David Taplin also said he would pay half of the planning application fee.

All AGREED to support putting forward a planning application to CCC.

### **REPORT BACK FROM RAMP MEETING**

Cllr Duplock and the Clerk had attended this meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June, the following are the main points from the meeting;

- Cllr Walker is now Chairman
- There was a presentation on rural broadband
- Discussion on devolution
- An explanation as to why rural preference cannot be offered on all rural housing allocations (this does not affect Aspinall and Cranmer Close properties)

### **REPORT BACK FROM MOUNTFIELD PARK TRANSPORT ASSESMENT MEETING**

Cllr Duplock had attended this meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Some modifications had been made to the original plans, the majority of these are down Old and New Dover road. There are not many changes that affect our parish. The latest road layout plans were viewed by all.

Temporary traffic lights are planned for the existing A2 junction at Bekesbourne/Bridge whilst the new 3-way slip is created. The weight limit on Bekesbourne Road will remain, except for buses.

Cllr Northey and all the residents departed at 9.25pm

### **DISCUSS LAND TO REAR OF CRANMER AND ASPINALL CLOSE**

Concern was raised following complaints from residents over the clearance of this land. Trees were cut down and whole site cleared during bird nesting season. Suspected asbestos roofed building was demolished using a digger. Complaint to be submitted to The RSPB from this meeting as to how this works had been carried out. Report to be made to HSE regarding the removal of the suspected asbestos building on the site.

No formal application for this land has been received as yet but within the Canterbury District Local Plan the site is put forward for 14 houses over the next 3 years. Seven in 2018-19 and a further seven in 2019-20. In addition there is already permission for one property on the site where the garage was removed.

## 26 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Cllr Boarman has been working with EIS to migrate the content of the PC website over to the newly provided one. Cllr Boarman has added pages for the Village Hall and Recreation Ground so they can add their own items and advertise, he has also added some great photos, links and discussion forums. It is hoped the new site will go live (same address) on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016. [www.bekesbournewithpartixbournepc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.bekesbournewithpartixbournepc.kentparishes.gov.uk) and it can become the first point on contact in the parish.

## 27 CORRESPONDENCE

### A. CCC - VIEWS SOUGHT ON COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

Local people are being asked for their views on proposed changes to the city council's council tax support scheme. This is the scheme that provides financial support to residents on low incomes to help them pay their council tax. The current scheme, which was introduced in 2013 as part of a Kent-wide agreement, is due to end in March 2017. In 2015/16, more than 10,000 people received financial support from the council totalling £9.2 million. Funding for the scheme has continued to reduce and the council, along with every local authority in Kent, will be consulting on options for the future to ensure that it is affordable. This is so it can continue to support the most vulnerable residents in the district, whilst protecting all council tax payers.

As pensionable age people who receive council tax support are protected, the changes will not affect them. Thirteen proposals are being put forward for consideration. Members of the public have until Friday 16 September to give their views on the proposals. For more information, including an online survey and video description of the 13 options, go to [www.canterbury.gov.uk/cts](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/cts).

### B. KALC TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN ADVICE

The KALC Executive Committee strongly encourages all Councils to introduce a Training Budget, Training Policy and Training Plan if they have not already done so. To help those Councils that currently do not have a Training Policy/Training Plan. We already have a training budget but we don't have a Policy and Plan so need to look into producing one. A draft template has been provided by KALC.

## CLERK REPORT LAPTOP

The clerk has following discussions and advice from Cllr Boarman purchased a laptop for the PC along with the necessary software as per our grant application to the transparency fund. The laptop has been added to the insurance policy for the PC and to the fixed assets schedule.

## TRANSPARENCY CODE

The Clerk has loaded all the necessary information onto the website to comply for the year 2015-16. This includes details of all expenditure over £100, the year end accounts, annual governance statement and internal audit report.

## 28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CA//16/01105/FUL	Erection of conservatory to the side  Oakdene, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne CT4 5EX	GRANTED 28/06/16
CA//16/00755/FUL	Erection of agricultural shed.  9 De Havillands, Bekesbourne, CT4 5BW	REFUSED 7/6/16

CA//16/00775/FUL	Retention of car-port and timber summerhouse  Land opposite The Gables, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne, CT4 5EX	GRANTED 1/6/16
CA//16/00600	Planning application for the proposed South Canterbury urban extension, for up to 4,000 dwellings.  Land north and south of New Dover Road, Canterbury, extending north to Canterbury-Dover railway line, west to Nackington Road and south to A2.	Awaiting planning committee date

**29 ACCIDENTS AND HGV MOVEMENTS**

17/5/16 18.30 - Accident on Adisham Rd/Bramling Rd crossroads  
 Unknown approx 8.30am –Accident on Adisham/Bramling crossroads – 5 people injured  
 21/6/16 early evening – Vehicle overtop of A2 slip road, to LHS of signs

HGV movements logged by Cllr Fagan;  
 10/05/16 – 14.03 tanker with trailer towards Littlebourne  
 10/05/16 – 16.00 above tanker returned towards Bekesbourne  
 05/06/16 09.15 – HGV towards Bekesbourne  
 16/06/16 – 14.45 HGV towards Bekesbourne

**30 AOB – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

Cllr Pritchard handed the Vice Chairman and Clerk her resignation letter.

Cllr Duplock thanked Cllr Pritchard for all her work and said we are very sorry to loose her and we will miss her knowledge.

Cllr Fagan to attend this week’s KALC meeting on the PC’s behalf.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

Parish Council future meetings; 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016