

**BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 11 JANUARY 2016**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson (Chairman)  
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden  
Parish Cllr Pauline Pritchard  
Parish Cllr Graham Duplock  
Parish Cllr David Muggridge  
Parish Cllr Julia Maltby  
Parish Cllr Tim Fagan  
County Cllr Michael Northey  
City Cllr Stuart Walker

Mrs Gail Hubbard, Clerk to the Council  
There were 15 members of the public

**69 CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and as there were a number of residents present interested in some agenda items, proposed to alter the order of the agenda those attending. There were no apologies.

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

Cllr Muggridge declared an interest in the first item regarding Shepherd Neame as his property is very close to this parcel of land.

**71 SHEPHERD NEAME LAND TO REAR OF BEKESBOURNE HILL**

Correspondence item brought to PC's attention by resident Mr Gabbe.  
This land was originally the carpark for both The Prince of Wales PH and The Unicorn PH, which have both since closed and been sold off as residential properties. Shepherd Neame have however retained the old carpark. Residents from The Hill have been parking on this land for many years, some as long as 45 years. Mr Gabbe said he had an agreement with the landlords of the Prince of Wales, then subsequently The unicorn to park on the land. Another resident uses this land as a turning circle to access her driveway as it is too tight to access from the other direction.

Three signs were erected on the land on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 by Shepherd Neame, saying 'Works commencing within this area, No parking at any time'. There are currently 8 cars that regularly park on this land, plus 4 abandoned cars. Residents are concerned that vehicles will be forced to park on the narrow Bekesbourne Hill. Cllr Northey added that there is no rule against parking as long as vehicles are not blocking the highway.

Plans were submitted to CCC back in 1979 for houses to be built, but these plans were withdrawn.

It was agreed that the PC would approach Shepherd Neame and ask what their intentions are for to land, and raise the concerns over vehicles parking on Bekesbourne Hill, should they plan on developing it.

Nine residents departed the meeting at this point.

## **72 BRIDGE LAY-BY**

Cllr Northey reported he had been at County Hall this morning for a talk on Operation Stack; there are two favoured sites for a lorry park, both just off the M20;

- Capacity for 3600-4000 HGV's
- 60 acres of land needed to accommodate this
- £250m allocated from Gov
- Will solve operation stack
- Will stop stacking at Eurotunnel
- Will solve overnight parking issues
- Full truck stop with facilities
- Will be free during Op Stack but drivers will have to pay the rest of the time (if it's illegal for them to do anything else they'll have to pay)

At present Police and Local Authorities do not have authority to move vehicles on, Police can only move lorries on from the hard shoulder of motorways. Pressing for new legislation to be able to move them on. Once this lorry park is open they want to make a law preventing HGV's from parking in these lay-bys.

The PC had received a response from KCC Highways to our letter and request for bollards to prevent lorries accessing the lay-by, but it was felt the response was unsatisfactory and we should go back to them reiterating that this is a lay by in a residential area, not on a trunk road. Cllr Northey to follow up with KCC and Cllr Walker to look into noise and flytipping issues with CCC.

## **73 PROPOSED A2 REPLACEMENT JUNCTION**

Following the PC's letter to David Lock Associates prior to Christmas a detailed response had been received, including a layout plan of the proposals. There is surprise and concern over what is proposed, which would include making the Bekesbourne Road section of the triangle the only route to access Bekesbourne, Littlebourne and the A257 once leaving the A2. This would be made a one way road to achieve this. The plans include turning the current junction at the crossroads into a mini-roundabout. All these proposals with local roads is because the new A2 junction has only 3 slip roads and is not a proper 4 way junction. Clerk to forward layout plans to Cllr Northey and Cllr Walker.

Cllr Cook is trying to arrange a meeting with the Head of Planning and the developers to discuss these plans as CCC also have concerns over the proposals shown.

Approval will have to be sought from KCC, Cllr Northey suggested plans be forwarded to KCC also. Clerk to action.

This item will be followed closely by the PC and residents.

The remaining residents departed at 8.40pm

## **74 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

## **75 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Cllr Pritchard reported that the mud situation at the end of St Mary's was much improved but another hole seems to be opening up at the site of the collapsed drain. Clerk to report to Highways. School Lane and Station Road both flooding badly during heavy rainfall, clerk to chase highways for solution. Pothole under water on the corner of Bramling Rd to be reported.

Drain appears to be collapsed from at least St Mary's to the outfall in the Nailbourne, might even start further up the road to Bifrons House.

## **76 COUNTY CLLRS REPORT**

Nothing further to add other than relevant committee are to be discussing the lighting policy for Kent, following the consultations on street lighting last year.

## **77 CITY CLLRS REPORT**

Quiet break over Christmas at CCC, now getting back into full council. Fly tipping continues to be a problem in our ward and other rural areas.

## **78 REPORT BACK FROM RAAC MEETING**

Cllrs Sladden, Duplock and Fagan attended this meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November at the Guildhall, which was predominately about planning. The message given was that all plans will be approved unless there is a point of planning that prevents it. There are still RAAC funds available for this financial year. Next meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January where plans and funding for the Queen's birthday celebrations will be discussed. The date for celebrations is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June if we want to consider holding an event. Cllr Walker mentioned the possibility of holding a Little Stour event involving all Parishes and pooling together any funding received.

## **79 RURAL BROADBAND SPEEDS**

Since this item was raised, high speed broadband has now been offered to most of the parish. Cllr Pritchard and Cllr Muggridge said they were obtaining speeds of 16mbps at present.

## **80 MOBILE SKATEPARK RESCHEDULED DATE**

To note this has been rescheduled for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Posters displayed and forwarded to Bridge PC, advert to be sent to On The Nail for deadline.

## **81 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Details on Shred that Scam! An awareness scheme by Trading Standards and KCC**

They are working with Gateways and Libraries across Kent where there will be designated areas where consumers can drop off their scam mail, which will then be shredded. Poster displayed on noticeboard advertising this scheme. Primary and special schools across Kent are also being involved.

### **B. KALC/Kent Fire & Rescue Service – Information Update**

The following highlights a couple of new initiatives and updates on existing initiatives:

- Access to community premises during protracted incidents
- KFRS Media Alerts for Parish Magazines
- Fire Hydrant Initiative
- Community Resilience/Reassurance Workshops

### **C. CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN PUBLICATION DRAFT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (NOVEMBER 2015)**

The Council is consulting on The Canterbury District Local Plan Publication Draft: Proposed Amendments (November 2015) and the Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal (November 2015) for a period of eight weeks from Friday 27 November 2015 to 4.30pm on Friday 22 January 2016; following approval of Full Council on 19 November 2015.

The Proposed Amendments document sets out the proposed additional sites for inclusion in the Local Plan. In addition, the timing and deliverability of the existing

allocated housing sites has been further assessed and some sites are now being proposed for deletion from the Local Plan as they are unlikely to come forward, while some site capacities and boundaries are recommended for amendment.

The two publication documents can be viewed on the Council's website at <https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/local-plan>

- D. **Lord Lieutenants Civic Service** Invitation for The Chairman and another to the Lord Lieutenant of Kent's annual civic PC.

All other correspondence was noted.

## CLERK REPORT

### CILCA (certificate in Local Council administration) TRAINING SESSIONS

The Clerk has now attended all three of the training sessions at Lenham Village Hall, run by KALC. The cost of these has been split 50/50 with Littlebourne PC. In order to gain the qualification a portfolio needs to be compiled, this is a mix of answering direct questions and putting in PC documentation as evidence.

## 82 APPROVE PAYMENTS/TRANSFERS

The following cheque payments were APPROVED by all;

CHQ767 Southern Water allotment bill	£48.84
CHQ768 Clerks salary Nov & Dec	£640.64
CHQ769 Clerks expenses Nov & Dec	£37.03

## 83 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CA/15/02395/LB	Replace existing widows and door with new painted Accoya timber ones  Flint Cottage, Old Palace Road, Bokesbourne CT4 5ES	No objections
CA/15/02334/FUL	Loft conversion with front and rear dormer windows, garage conversion to living accommodation, and front porch  Joslet, Keeper's Hill, Bokesbourne, CT4 5BT	No objections to extension and modernisation of property but concerns over 3 large dormers to front.  WITHDRAWN
CA/15/02276/FUL	Proposed loft conversion with dormers to front and rear elevations and new windows to front/side elevations.  5 Lackenden Cottages, Bokesbourne Lane, Littlebourne, CT3 1XD	No objections to extension of property but concerns over dormer to front. No others in row of cottages.  REFUSED 11/12/15

## 84 ACCIDENTS OR HGV MOVEMENTS

Cllr Fagan had noted some lorry movements on Bokesbourne Lane;

4/12/15 – 4.40pm HGV towards Littlebourne

8/12/15 8.30am HGV towards Littlebourne

8/12/15 – 9.45am HGV towards Littlebourne

10/12/15 – 3.55pm HGV with trailer towards Littlebourne  
15/12/15 – 12.58pm HGV towards Littlebourne  
21/12/15 – 9.20am HGV towards Littlebourne  
07/01/16 – 3.15pm HGV towards Littlebourne  
11/01/16 – 10.30am HGV towards Littlebourne ([www.legro.nl](http://www.legro.nl)) travelled right through from Bekesbourne to Littlebourne.

**85 AOB – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY**

Cllr Duplock mentioned that he had reported the pothole opening up around the drain on School Lane, just before the crossroads. Clerk has reported the damaged bollard outside Godden House.

Cllr Muggridge asked for the missing 40mph repeater sign on School lane to be reported to KCC (by horses' field, just after Parsonage Farm).

It was suggested we organise a litter pick when the weather gets better.  
Clerk to approach Howletts to ask if Cllr Fagan can be contacted with issues that may concern Lackenden Cottages due to their proximity to the zoo (escaped monkeys etc)

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....