

**BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 14 MARCH 2016**

Present: Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson (Chairman)
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden
Parish Cllr Pauline Pritchard
Parish Cllr Graham Duplock
Parish Cllr Julia Maltby
Parish Cllr Tim Fagan
Parish Cllr Matthew Boarman
City Cllr Stuart Walker

Mrs Gail Hubbard, Clerk to the Council
There were 3 members of the public

86 CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. There were no apologies.

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were none.

88 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2016

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

89 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Pritchard reported that the mud situation at the end of St Mary's was now deteriorating again. Also the collapsed drain problem was still ongoing. The clerk had received a response from KCC Highways on this matter saying they have looked at the last two records of works carried out there and can confirm there could be a problem, and they have requested a camera survey of the system. The pothole formed at the entrance to St Mary's does need filling as a temporary measure, Clerk to request.

Mr Gabbe is now the contact point for Shepherd Neame with regard to the carpark to the rear of the old Unicorn and Prince of Wales PH. This area has now been fenced by Shepherd Neame but the gates are left open for parking to continue.

Cllr Duplock mentioned the drain on the crossroads outside the Village Hall. This has been bubbling up, and although it has been filled with tarmac it is only a matter of time and it will be a pothole again. Cllr Pritchard mentioned the bollard in The Street that still has not been repaired, the hole is large and could pose a danger to someone walking in the dark along there. Clerk to chase KCC Highways.

90 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mathew Boarman had expressed interest in becoming a Councillor so had been invited to the meeting this evening for potential co-option. Cllr Duplock proposed that Mathew be co-opted onto the Council as a Bekesbourne Cllr, this was AGREED by all. Cllr Boarman then came and sat with the Cllrs and signed his declaration from. The Clerk gave him the necessary papers to complete and return.

91 CITY CLLRS REPORT

Cllr Walker explained that rather than preparing a report for each meeting he would rather come along and see if we had any issues which we needed his assistance with. He would

report anything that affects the Parish or Little Stour Ward to us. However, this may be done via email between meetings if the issue is important, rather than waiting for the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Walker for his support at the recent Mountfield Park/A2 slip road meeting.

92 MOUNTFIELD PARK & A2 SLIP ROAD LAYOUT

Cllrs Nicholson and Duplock along with some residents and Bridge PC representatives had attended a meeting on 26th January with CCC, KCC, Highways England and the developers to discuss the road layout proposals. Details as follows;

1. New A2 junction
 - This is a 3way junction only as there is insufficient room to incorporate a new Dover bound 'on' slip road because of the siting of pylons, the bridge to Renville and constraints of land ownership.
 - London bound on/off loop is placed in dip to shield Renville from noise.
 - The current A2 slip road to Dover will remain with the slip road to Bekesbourne Road closed.
 - The new A2 Junction would be constructed 2018-2022, trigger for finishing is 1600 houses.
 - A road through to the new A2/New Dover Road roundabout from the new link road across the Barracks land would seem sensible, but does not appear in any plans at the moment. We were assured that a 'green corridor' would be retained across Mountfield Park so this could become feasible in the future. This kind of link road would reduce Bekesbourne Road being used as the 'South Canterbury by-pass' and reduce congestion at the junctions here.
2. The slip road to Bekesbourne Road
 - This can't be retained as it does not meet current standards- 'can't have a slip road off a slip road'.
 - Discussed moving point of divergence from A2 slip road back towards new roundabout. Highways England said this would be investigated, but may be problems with land availability.
 - (After the meeting our delegation realised that the new Thanington development incorporates a slip road off the A2 slip road. Does this comply with the same regulations?)
 - Questions were asked about access for construction vehicles to the construction site. They will not use this junction but instead be directed via the Coldharbour Lane junction if coming from London, then looping back to Canterbury via the A2.
 - Before the construction of all new roads is complete the slip road will remain open and traffic light control will be used at the junction with Bekesbourne Road.
3. Proposed future traffic flow through Bekesbourne Road/ the Triangle/ Town Hill.
 - Previously stated figures for traffic from 2014 surveys (their figures!) showed gains in traffic reduction around the Triangle with the new plan- justification for their plan
 - Since their letter of 14th December the developers are proposing a mini roundabout at the cross roads with Town Hill/Bridge High Street and Station Road – although Rory queried about the land available for this we were assured that this was already in the possession of the Highways Authority.
 - Our concerns regarding the volumes of traffic along proposed Eastbound Only 'One Way' Bekesbourne Road in the evenings were dismissed.

- Our concerns about the volumes of traffic along Town Hill towards the crossroads in the mornings (now that Bekesbourne Road was to be made one way in the Easterly direction) were also dismissed.
- Our concerns about HGV traffic to the farms and Howletts in the direction of Littlebourne, turning left at the cross roads into Town Hill were dismissed 'because new sight lines and the proposed mini round about at the cross roads would eliminate any problems.'
- Concerns that a build-up of traffic on Bridge High Street and Town Hill, particularly in the mornings, as a result of the new mini roundabout were dismissed.
- We may see a shift in road-use as people join the A2 at Coldharbour Lane; people will divert through Patribourne, along Patribourne Road and up Bridge Hill to reach this junction, to avoid traffic congestion in Bridge

It was agreed that we would look into obtaining our own figures for the traffic counts, Cllr Nicholson, Cllr Duplock and Dr Field to meet up and discuss options before feeding back to rest of council.

93 BRIDGE LAY-BY (NOW TO BE CALLED PARKING PROBLEM)

Cllr Pritchard suggested we stop referring to this as a 'layby' as people seem to think it is on the A2 when this wording is used. To be referred to as parking problem instead, as this is nuisance parking in a residential area. We continue to push KCC Highways for a solution.

94 REPORT BACK FROM RAAC MEETING

Cllr Duplock and the Clerk had attended this meeting on 25th January at the Guildhall, which was predominately about the possibility of providing funding to parishes for the Queen's Birthday celebrations. It was agreed that all those parishes wanting an equal share of the funding pot for an event should apply by 1st March and then the money would be divided by those parishes which had applied.

95 QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Duplock reported that he and the clerk had submitted an application for a share in the funding. This amounted to £333.39 each. This will be paid direct to the PC.

A small committee has been setup to organise this event, Cllr Duplock is the Parish representative on this committee, which then means the event can be covered through the PC's insurance.

The event is to be held on Bekesbourne Recreation Ground on Sunday 5th June, to avoid clashing with neighbouring villages who are organising events for 12th June. The format is to be a village party/fun/games afternoon for all families, friends and residents. The newly refurbished facilities in the Pavilion will be available to use. The idea is to bring your own picnic and join in.

96 MOBILE SKATEPARK

To note this arranged for this Saturday, 19th March 10-3pm on Bridge Recreation Ground. Bridge School has been leafleted, posters displayed, and advertised in the 'On The Nail'. The Kent Gazette is sending a photographer along.

97 CORRESPONDENCE

A. Electoral review of Kent final recommendations

The Commission has now completed its review of KCC, proposing that Kent's 81 county councillors should represent 63 single member wards and 9 two member electoral divisions across the county.

This will mean that the current Canterbury West (half of) and Canterbury South East (which include our PC) will combine to become one larger ward. The other half of Canterbury West will become Canterbury North. Cllr Northey is the representative for Canterbury South East and Cllr John Simmonds is the representative for the South West.

B. Kent Men of the trees – annual competition

Trees in the Village Competition 2016. If we enter the village will be marked on the basis of the quality of the trees, evidence of new planting and care of trees. The judge will need to be shown around by someone who can point out the important parts of the village

C. Commemorative Medal for Schools and Councils

We have been sent an example of a commemorative medal made to celebrate The Queens 90th Birthday. If we wanted to purchase any of these medals they are £1.99 each. Given to Cllr Duplock, suggestion as prizes for event.

D. Online petition to give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions.

This has been forwarded onto us from Minster Parish Council. 'Minster Parish Council and the other parishes in Thanet have got behind the online petition to vote to have appeal rights against planning decisions. Time is running out and they only have until 16/4/16 to get 10,000 votes. The planning system is unfair. It is one of the few decision-making processes that gives no right of appeal to affected third parties. The government should introduce a limited third party right of appeal by giving parish councils a right to appeal planning decisions to the Planning Inspectorate. There is a fundamental imbalance in the planning system. Under current rules, if a council refuses a planning application, the applicant is allowed to appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. If a council approves an application, no one has the right to appeal. With the national presumption in favour of sustainable development throwing the planning system into disarray, in the interest of justice, the government should give parish councils the right to appeal planning decisions'. It was agreed to support this petition. Clerk to sign petition for PC.

E. Proposed PROW diversion CB338

KCC have received an application to divert part of CB338 at Bekesbourne. This is to reroute the current path at the point where it crosses through the garden of Nailbourne Oast, to provide a less intrusive route alongside the edge of their garden rather than across the middle. No objections to be made to this sensible suggestion.

All other correspondence was noted.

CLERK REPORT

REPLACEMENT KITCHEN FOR REC PAVILLION

Following the successful capital grant award for this year towards a replacement kitchen for the Recreation Ground pavilion, the clerk has now been and placed an order for the kitchen, which will be delivered this month, then fitted by the builder.

PENSION AUTO-ENROLMENT

The clerk has looked into the legal requirements of the pension auto enrolment scheme. The clerk falls into the bracket of Entitled worker. They can require the employer to arrange for them to join a pension scheme. The scheme does not have to be a qualifying scheme and the employer does not have to contribute to it. Therefore, the clerk needs to advise HMRC that we currently do not have any eligible jobholders.

98 APPROVE PAYMENTS/TRANSFERS

The following cheque payments were APPROVED by all;

CHQ770 Littlebourne PC – ½ cost of CILCA training	£90.00
CHQ771 Clerks salary Jan & Feb	£640.64
CHQ772 Clerks expenses Jan & Feb	£64.76
CHQ773 Kitchen for Rec ground pavilion	£1411.00

99 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CA//15/02761/FUL	Pair of 3 bedroom 2 -storey semi detached houses with associated parking Land at Cranmer Close, Bekesbourne	No objections from PC
CA//16/00042/FUL	New dwelling with associated access, landscaping and parking. Land r/o Sondes House, Station Road, Bekesbourne CT4 5DD	No objections from PC
CA//16/00131/FUL	Loft conversion with front roof lights and rear dormer windows with balcony, garage conversion to living accommodation and front porch (Resubmission). Joslet, Keeper's Hill, Bekesbourne, CT4 5BT	No objections from PC
CA//16/00300/FUL	Erection of a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling The Highlands, Aerodrome Road, Bekesbourne CT4 5EX	No objections from PC
CA//16/00389/FUL	Two-storey side & rear extension 11 Bifrons Road, Bekesbourne, CT4 5DE	No objections from PC

100 ACCIDENTS OR HGV MOVEMENTS

Cllr Fagan reported no lorry movements due to the closure of Station Road at the railway bridge.

101 AOB – FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

Cllr Duplock

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....