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**BLETCHINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE  
BLETCHINGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ON MONDAY 10 JULY 2017**

**P R E S E N T**

S A Ray – Chairman

P Glenn – Vice Chairman

Councillors: L Baharier, A Butler, A Cock, D Kiss and L Sherlock

In attendance: Clerk - K. Wantling, DC Vickers, DC Elias CC Thorn and 4 residents

**92/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Tarrant and Trotman and DC Black and PCSO Seymour.

**93/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**94/17 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**95/17 RESIDENTS' REQUESTS**

R Roberts briefly outlined reasons for objections being raised by the Warwick Wold Residents to planning application TA/2017/344 and urged the council to consider these in making their comments.

Cllr Baharier had received an enquiry as to what was happening with the work to the cobbles in the High Street. Cllr Kiss reported that discussions were underway with a possible contractor.

**96/17 REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

CC Thorn reported that she had had a very informative meeting with Cllr Glenn and confirmed that many of the issues raised were consistent with those of Godstone. DCs Elias and Vickers had nothing to report.

**97/17 POLICING ISSUES – an update on progress**

Nothing to report.

**98/17 MATTERS AND ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Clerk's report was noted and items requiring comment were on the agenda.

*CC Thorn, DC Elias and DC Vickers and H Windsor left the meeting.*

**99/17 CURRENT PLANNING ISSUES**

**8.1 TA/2017/344** – Land at Warwick Wold Road, Bletchingley, Redhill RH1 3DH – Change of use of land to allow the keeping of horses. Erection of stable block, formation of new access track, hard-standing and erection of fencing. (HB)

**RESOLVED** – The Parish Council object on the grounds that 3 stables and a tack room are considered inappropriate development within the greenbelt and that the

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size of the field is only suitable for 1 horse according to the British Horse Society's minimum standard.

*2 residents left the meeting.*

8.2 **TA/2017/1248** - Place Farm, Place Farm Road, Bletchingley RH1 4QR - Erection of single storey rear extension incorporating roof light to west and east elevations. Internal alterations including removal of walls and support post. Installation of beam above ceiling level and associated works. (WS)

**RESOLVED** – No objection as long as Listed Buildings department are happy.

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8.3 **TA/2017/1309** - Place Farm, Place Farm Road, Bletchingley RH1 4QR - Erection of single storey rear extension incorporating roof light to west and east elevations. Internal alterations including removal of walls and support post. Installation of beam above ceiling level and associated works. (Listed Building Consent). (WS)

**RESOLVED** - No objection as long as Listed Buildings department are happy.

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8.4 **TA/2014/786/Cond 1** - Almec, Lower South Park, South Godstone RH9 8LF - Details pursuant to condition 4. (JL)

**RESOLVED** – No objection.

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8.5 Any other current planning matters – discussion only. None.

## **100/17 REPORTS FROM AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

1. **Allotments/Stychens Lane Playground/Fields** – To investigate costs involved with refurbishing play equipment at Stychens Lane Playground. Cllr Sherlock reported that she had spoken to Sue Ford of Nutfield who had confirmed that Nutfield had used self-help and not applied for funding for their playground improvements. The Clerk suggested that canvassing the children in Bletchingley Village Primary School would be a good start to the consultation as to what was wanted in the refurbished Stychens Lane Playground. The Clerk would provide details of the process undertaken for the installation of the Grange Meadow playground.

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2. **CCTV** – The Chairman reported that she was requesting a meeting with the CCTV contractor to review the upgrade proposals and would report back. Cllr Baharier confirmed that the three cameras at the Grange Meadow Pavilion were working and there were an additional 4 located along the driveway. All were working and any requests to access the footage should be made through Cllr Baharier or Jeff Marks.

3. **Cemetery** – Memorial Application for D379. The Clerk confirmed that there was no historic Exclusive Right of Burial for this plot and therefore the Parish Council could grant permission for the requested replacement memorial tablet.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the application be approved for the replacement of the existing tablet, to also include an additional named inscription but no interment.

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4. **Community Speedwatch** – Nothing to report. D Turners report would be in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

5. **Footpaths and Bridleways** – Cllr Glenn reported that the back path between the Church and Stychens Lane had been cleared. It was suggested that possible work parties could be arranged to try to deal with the overgrown footpaths. The Clerk would forward contact details of the footpath volunteers on to Cllr Glenn.

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6. **Minerals/Environment** – Cllr Butler reported that there was nothing to

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report from IGas or the Quarries. The road markings outside Mercers Park had now been completed. TAG A25 continued to report the parking by HGVs along the A25, even on the bridge over the M23, whilst waiting for Cormongers Lane to open in the morning. The air quality monitor only showed two PM10 exceedances on 27 and 28 June. It was hoped to tie these in with historic weather records.

**7. Neighbourhood Watch** – D Turner’s report would be in the next issue of the Parish Magazine.

**8. Sports Association** – The Chairman confirmed that the first invoice from TDC for the rent of the facilities by the Sports Association had been received and was on the payment schedule. There were additional costs relating to cleaning and skip hire that the Chairman suggested that the Parish Council consider paying in order to temporarily support the Sports Association further. The Chairman stated that she would call a special meeting to be held prior to the next Planning Committee meeting to discuss these additional costs. The revised agreement between TDC and the Sports Association is still awaited before new agreements can be formally given to the new tenants. In addition quotes had been received for the upgrading of the cricket square (£1.5k to £2k) and a meeting was scheduled on Wednesday evening on site to discuss these and the fact that the quotes need to include appropriate fencing for the square once completed. A potential tenant for the cricket was interested and aware that once the square was completed, any ongoing maintenance costs would be down to the incoming tenant. It was noted that the Village Fair Committee were potentially willing/interested in supporting the costs of the upgrading of the cricket green.

**9. Street Lighting** – Nothing to report.

**10. Transport** – Nothing to report.

**11. Tree Management** – To consider a tree management plan for Stychens Lane Playground Field and removal of fallen tree. Following a discussion,

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Clerk would arrange for the contractor who had undertaken the previous surveys to complete the survey of the field and surrounding trees. The fallen tree could remain in situ and be dealt with at the same time as any other works that were identified in the tree survey for which a quote(s) would need to be obtained.

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**12. Village Hall/Community Centre** – All seems to be running smoothly apart from the drains from the ladies toilets and kitchen which repeatedly get blocked. This is due in part to having insufficient fall levels. The AGM date has still not been finalised. The outside light in the car park is not working. Cllr Baharier would report this to D Hale and H Townsend.

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**13. Website** – Website renewals were in hand with reminders having just been sent out for those adverts that remain unpaid.

*D Wiltshire left the meeting.*

## **101/17 FINANCE**

10.1 To consider future renewal of membership to Surrey Hills for a further year (usually £25). The Clerk confirmed that she had now received the renewal request which was for £25.00

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** renewal was confirmed and payment would be made at the September meeting.

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10.2 To consider future renewal of membership for Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC) for a further year (usually £10).

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**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** renewal was confirmed.

10.3 To approve July accounts for payment.

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**RESOLVED** – The July accounts were approved for payment. Cllrs Sherlock and Kiss signed the invoices and Cllr Cock signed the reconciled bank statements with the Chairman authorising the electronic payments.

EP	Mrs K Wantling (Salary)	850.07
EP	HM Revenue & Customs Only (Salary)	50.76
DD	NEST (Salary – Pension)	82.41
EP	The Flying Pig Spitroast Company (Miscellaneous)	169.50
EP	East Surrey Carers Support Association (Donations)	250.00
EP	Citizens Advice Oxted & District (Donations)	200.00
EP	DA Landscaping (Cemetery/P&OS)	790.00
EP	Tandridge District Council (P&OS)	1075.75
DD	Plusnet (Telephone/Broadband)	31.20
DD	British Telecommunications (Telephone/Broadband)	35.04
DD	Telecoms Consortium (Telephone/Broadband)	15.00
		<u>£3,549.73</u>

10.4 To approve August accounts for payment.

**RESOLVED** – The August accounts were approved for payment. Cllrs Sherlock and Kiss signed the invoices and Cllr Cock signed the reconciled bank statements with the Chairman authorising the electronic payments. Regular DD payments would be itemised in September.

EP	Mrs K Wantling (Salary)	850.07
EP	HM Revenue & Customs Only (Salary)	50.76
DD	NEST (Salary – Pension)	82.41
		<u>£983.24</u>

10.5 To authorise the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman/Vice Chairman and at least 1 other Councillor to deal with any urgent matters arising in August.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the above was approved.

10.6 To confirm Cllr Sherlock attends New Councillor Training at Chaldon on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at a cost of around £20 subject to final numbers.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Cllr Sherlock should attend the training session.

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## 102/17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The list of correspondence was noted.

11.1 To consider a response to Surrey's Community Recycling Centres – Public Consultation. The Chairman stated that she had completed one as an individual and urged other Cllrs to do the same. A copy of a general response by Albury Parish Council to the consultation had been received. Following a discussion,

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council should respond along similar lines, highlighting risk of increased fly tipping, overuse of remaining and reduced facilities and increased travel distances for some due to closure of some facilities.

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11.2 To consider the future of Bletchingley in Bloom. A request had been received from Pamela Cock for the Parish Council to consider employing a gardener in the future to maintain the flower beds created by the Bletchingley in Bloom team as the number of volunteers is slowly decreasing. It currently takes about 5 members 2 hours every month to maintain the areas. Following a

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discussion,

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council will start to make enquiries as to possible gardeners who may be interested in the work and consider making a provision for this in the next budget should the In Bloom team be unable to continue with the maintenance.

**103/17 MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA**

Special meeting re Sports Association and additional costs.

Cemetery Mapping.

Cobbles.

Local Plan and Garden Villages and the Prince Albert..

**104/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Planning Committee – 31 July 2017

NO Full Council Meeting in August

Planning Committee Meeting – 14 August 2017 (to be confirmed)

Planning Committee Meeting – 29 August 2017 (TUESDAY) (to be confirmed)

The meeting closed at 21.01