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**BLETCHINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE BLETCHINGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**ON MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2019**

**PRESENT**

S A Ray – Chairman  
P Glenn – Vice Chairman  

Councillors: L Baharier, A Cock, A Butler, D Kiss, L Sherlock, P Tarrant and R Trotman

In attendance: Clerk - G Dessent, DC Black, and Mr Boughton

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from DC Tony Elias and DC Debbie Vickers.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Councillors interests were declared.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th January 2019 and the Planning meeting held on 28th January were approved and signed by the Chairman and are now on the website.

4. **RESIDENTS’ REQUESTS**

Mr Boughton asked whether the Parish Council had further tree planting planned.

The chair explained that there were no current plans by the Parish council to plant additional trees in the village but that the Council was sympathetic to the growing of more trees in and around the village and would welcome /support such initiatives.

There were concerns raised to councillors over the last month about the presence of Japanese Knotweed in various parts of the village. Cllr Tarrant raised these concerns and clarified the area of concern - the track from Outwood lane to the gas flare on the landfill site runs through the middle of a large stand of Knotweed. The concern is vehicles use the track and could easily transfer viable material enlarging the stand.

**Action:** Clerk to ask TDC to investigate

5. **REPORT FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

District Councillor Black reported

that £600 had been raised towards maintaining the Grange Meadow skatepark but that more would be needed. Tandridge had asked for a meeting with the Parish Council and representatives of Bletchingley Skatepark.
The Chairman reported that, on advice from CC Thorn, she had written to Annette Grundy of SCC requesting an urgent update on SCC’s proposals re the crossroads at Little Common Lane/Big Common Lane/Sandy Lane/Pendell Road, especially in light of the Parish Council’s offer to contribute to costs if the works were carried out expeditiously.

6. POLICING ISSUES

Nothing to report officially; however, Cllr Glenn said she had seen our former PCSO, Lorraine the previous week. She was now covering the Nutfield area and in the absence on sick leave of our own PCSO, was also keeping an eye on Bletchigley.

7. MATTERS AND ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The chair clarified that all items would be dealt with under agenda items.

The action points from the previous meeting on 14 January had all been completed.

8. CURRENT PLANNING ISSUES

The following applications were considered and comments agreed for submission to Tandridge District Council, as follows:

8.1 2019/60/N Land at Lake Farm (Agricultural notification)

**No Objection**

8.2 2019/58 17A Tilgate Common, Bletchingley

Proposal: Conservatory to rear, porch to front and single storey detached garage to side.

**Objection:** Bletchingley Parish Council objects to the proposed Garage as it reduces parking availability in an already congested area.

**Note:** Cllr Trotman abstained from this discussion as the owners are known to him.

8.3 2019/126 4 Lake Farm Cottages, Pendell Road - single storey rear extension (Application for a certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development.

**No Objection**
9. REPORTS FROM AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

9.1 Affordable Housing – it was agreed that the Council would seek to have a further Housing Needs Assessment Survey (via Surrey Community Action) as the last survey was done back in 2012.

Action: Clerk to contact Surrey Community Action

9.2 Allotments/Fields – It was agreed to keep the allotment fees at the current level for this year.

As regards the rules due to the covenants on the Little Common Lane Allotment, it was agreed that no structures should be permitted on any allotments. A further revision of the rules would be submitted at the next meeting.

9.3 CCTV – Nothing to report

9.4 Cemetery – Cemetery Extension - it was agreed that Cllr Kiss should progress the application on the basis that costs would be in the region of £1,500.

9.5 Community Speedwatch – Nothing to report.

9.6 Footpaths and Bridleways – Cllr Glenn has received a communication from a resident in relation to FP 178, In light of the fact that she did not perceive that any problem exists with this footpath, she had suggested that the resident elucidate in person at a Council meeting or by email exactly what he considers is the problem with the path.

9.7 Minerals and Environment – Cllr Butler made the following points:
   - Sibelco: - nothing to report – next meeting 15 May (includes site visit)
   - Mercers – nothing to report
   - IGas – notes circulated about Palmers Wood and Horse Hill gas/oil developments, following local anxieties about radioactivity and fracking, ie: The EA have issued a licence for accepting radioactive material for storage at Palmers Wood, however no change to existing operations there. Salfords and Sidlow clerk kindly sent over their response to hydrocarbon work at Horse Hill - no fracking planned.
   - QOG – met on Jan 11th but Cllr Butler could not attend. Next meeting May10th, venue TBA
   - TAG-A25 – next meeting on Thursday Feb 21st, 7.30pm at Whyte Hart
   - Air Quality – our sensor is still calibrating / collecting data at R&BBC site prior to re-instatement in Nutfield.

9.8 Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Tarrant noted an increase in telephone scams in the area and advised all to be aware of this.
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9.9 **Sports Association** – Nothing to report.

9.10 **Street Lighting** – concern about Lamp post 3 in the High Street.
Action: Clerk to seek action from Surrey County Council. (Actioned)

9.11 **Transport** – Cllr Glenn agreed to seek advice on the prospect of new style up “real-time” information at the village bus stops.

9.12 **Tree Management** – nothing to report on trees

9.13 **Village Hall / Community Centre** - Nothing to report. Next meeting in March.

9.14 **Website**

Nothing to report.

10. **FINANCE**

All payments agreed as follows:

- EP Mrs K Wantling (Salary) 893.38
- DD NEST (Pension KW) 86.88
- EP HMRC (Salary Tax and NI - KW) 57.34
- EP Mr G Dessent (Salary) 642.79
- EP HMRC (Salary – Tax and NI- GD) 195.09
- EP Clerk’s expenses (Reimbursement - paper, folders, Website Domain fee, and new Parish Mobile phone and one month’s calls) 51.75
- EP D A Landscaping (Cemetery) 560.00
- EP G Wantling (Bus Shelter - metal scrolls) 80.00
- EP St Catherine’s Hospice 200.00
- EP T Cherriman (Godstone Rd works) 5500.00
- Surrey Playing Fields 10.00
- DD Plusnet Plc (Business Broadband) 31.20
- DD British Telecomm (BT bill for 01883 742922) 37.21
- DD Telecomm Consortium (Line rental for 01883 740263) 15.00
- DD SES Water (Old Allotments) 13.00
- DD SES Water (Cemetery) 8.00

**TOTAL** 8381.64
11. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
The list of correspondence was noted. In particular the request to support St
Catherine’s Hospice which was approved.

12. MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA

- Bins in the Parish
- Update on air quality monitor
- Clerk’s Office

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Planning Committee – 25 February 2019

Full Council Meeting – 11 March 2019

The meeting closed at 9.12pm