

BEARSTED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held at
KGV Memorial Hall, Bearsted on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Richard Ash
Cllr Dan Conner
Cllr Pat Marshall MBE
Cllr Fiona Redman (Chairman)
Cllr Tony Ryan
Cllr Paul Young
Cllr Helena Goodwin

Also in attendance were 5 members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Fiona Redman
The meeting was being recorded by Cllr Ryan

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Graham Farrow. Cllr Jon Hughes, Cllr Suzanne Camp, Cllr Geoff Bennett, Cllr Richard Camp, Cllr F Hughes, Mrs Rumble (clerk)

2. Disclosure of interest or Lobbying

Cllr Tony Ryan – interest on the cheque list

3. Minutes of the previous full Council meeting

RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11 October 2016 as a true and correct record. The minutes of the October meeting were agreed with minor amendments, i.e. point 12 to be amended to “Mayoral Invitation - Cllr Ash is attending this event as it is on a week day when many councillors are at work. Thanks go to Cllr Ash. Cllr F Hughes and Cllr S Camp attended on behalf of BPC”. Proposed that they should be signed by Cllr PY and Seconded by Cllr TR **RESOLVED** by all members present.

It was noted that the August FC minutes need to be updated and signed – ACTION CLLR REDMAN

4. Reports

4.1 Report from the PCSO and Police Issues.

PCSO Ed Money did not file a report.

4.2 Report from the Community Warden

Sally Williams was unable to attend due to illness but had prepared a report which she will table next month.

5. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Borough Councillors Report – Cllr Val Springett – Cllr Springett sent apologies

Local plan re-commences 8.11.16. MBC consulting on budget as they need to save £4.2m. Caring Lane will be closed 5 days in November.

Borough Councillors report – Cllr Mike Cuming

Cllr Cuming reported on road name signs that need repairs and this is still in progress. He also reported on parking on Ware Street and that KCC couldn't justify the expense of putting a double yellow line in. KCC's suggestion was that the Parish Council could look to get the work initiated with a survey at a cost of approx. £3k. Cllr Redman to contact Thurnham Parish council to see if a joint approach could be adopted. It was felt that BPC should also contact the residents. ACTION CLLR REDMAN

The parking around the railway station was brought up as a safety issue – Cllr Cuming remarked that this had been the case for many years but is happy to pursue with KCC. ACTION CLLR CUMING

The lines have not been reinstated on Hog Hill following the recent resurfacing. Cllr Young to speak to KCC. ACTION CLLR YOUNG

Borough Councillors report – Cllr Mike Revell

Cllr Revell reported on the noise levels at the Ramblin Man this year. Cllr Revell asked for any comments that would like to be made. Cllr Redman stated the Parish didn't have any specific complaints and that the council had a variety of views, but would like to see greater monitoring. Cllr Revell stated that any independent monitor should clearly be independent and not employed by the organisers.

Cllr Revell asked for comments on the café in Mote Park as it recently was under review and had received a red star. Generally the comments were that it could do with some improvement and should look at similar establishments in local parks which provide excellent catering facilities.

County Councillor Paul Carter

Cllr Carter was not in attendance and no report had been received.

6. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

For the parish council to receive the minutes. Members are allowed to ask questions of the Committee Chairman but may not initiate a discussion.

6.1. Planning Committee 25 October 2016

- 7 Cavendish Way – Objection on the grounds of change from garage to residential.
- 164 Ashford Road – only objection was to the widening of the access road to gain access to the house behind. There is also a TPO on this location that the committee would like to remain.
- Cllr Young to discuss with Cllr G Farrow the possibility of submitting a written statement to the Local Plan panel as this is being held on Tues/ Wed/ Thurs during the day. MBC have confirmed that a written application will hold equal weight to oral statement. ACTION CLLR YOUNG

6.2 Finance and General Policy 2 November 2016

Online banking still in progress as one of the forms was incorrectly filled out. HR package from KCC has been agreed. Budget for 2017-18 needs to be submitted for the December Finance meeting by appropriate committee chairs. ACTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

6.3. Communications & Community 19 October 2016

Fireworks went really well with 90% of tickets sold prior to the event. The council thanked Mrs Dunford for all of her efforts on this event. Cllr Ryan was also thanked along with Cllr Young for help during the evening. Overall, a good team effort from the local community. Only one negative comment from a member of the public that they didn't get their ticket checked.

The Event for the Older generation also had excellent feedback and was felt to run well. Many letters of thanks and a very successful event.

Christmas Fayre work continues for the Event on 26th Nov with considerable interest from local stallholders.

Another newsletter has been published and some further work needs to be completed with regard to distribution. ACTION CLLR RYAN

6.4. Environment 24 October 2016

Anti-Vandal paint is to be used on the lighting on the Church Landway due to reports of people trying to climb them.

A number of other projects are underway.

7. Finance

7.1 Payments made outside meeting

None

7.2 To authorise list of payments made from 12th October to 8th November 2016- for approval and signing, including list of individual payments exceeding £500.00. All members agreed the payments presented at full council meeting. Proposed by Cllr Marshall, and seconded by Cllr Young and **RESOLVED** by all members present, with once abstention from Cllr Ryan due to being on the cheque list.

Cllr Ash raised a question on tree decorations that had not been approved by the council prior to purchase. However it was felt that they would have been covered in the budget for the Christmas Fayre.

7.3 To note Account balances and receipts. – not available but Cllr Young and Cllr Goodwin will present at next meeting. ACTION CLLR YOUNG/ GOODWIN

8. Chairman's Report

Cllr Redman stated that all Cllrs should adhere to process due to issues in the last Full Council meeting and that Cllrs would be asked to leave immediately if they did not behave appropriately.

9. Vice Chairman's/Deputy Vice-Chairman's report

No report.

10. Reports from councillors

Cllr Ash and Cllr Marshall stated that Madginford hall committee had had its AGM. There has been a new booking clerk appointed and contact details have been made available.

Cllr Ash also attended the BWT AGM.

KALC AGM Agenda is now available however no particular items require further discussion by BPC.

11. Matters for discussion

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Young updated.

Public meeting – 30th November Madginford Hall 7pm – 9.30pm

Steering Group – Councillors and members of the public who expressed an interest in this to get together.

Leaflets have been delivered and it is being promoted on social media.

Cllr Young proposed that a budget of £300 on banners and catering for the evening. Seconded by Cllr Ryan. RESOLVED by all members present.

Mynn Awards

Cllr Marshall said that 2 nominations have been received to date, the closing date for the receipt of nominations is the 15th November 2016. Budget is assigned under C&C. Cllr Marshall and Mrs Dunford are working on this event, supported by Cllr Ryan.

Remembrance Sunday

A Cllr will be in attendance to lay the Wreath.

Christmas Fair

This has already been discussed

Farmers' Market

No further updates

12. **Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received requiring further discussion.

13. **Future agenda items**

Budget 2016/17

Neighbourhood plan

Grant Applications

Co-Opting of Councillors

This part of the meeting closed at 9.25pm

14. **Resolution:**

Smarts Cottages/ HR Matters

To resolve to go into closed session and to exclude the press and public during items 14 (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 in accordance with standing order 10 (xi).

Covered in Closed session

15. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Full Council will be at Madginford Hall on the 13th December 2016 including the Mynn Awards – time to be confirmed.