

## **BEARSTED PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Full Council meeting of Bearsted Parish Council held at Madginford Hall, Egremont Road, Bearsted on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr Michael Bollom (Chair)  
Cllr Fabienne Hughes (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Richard Ash MBE  
Cllr Vivien Bowles  
Cllr Suzanne Camp  
Cllr Helena Goodwin  
Cllr Graeme Hannington  
Cllr Jon Hughes  
Cllr Frank Jagger  
Cllr Pat Marshall MBE  
Cllr Jo Tribley

Also in attendance Ward Councillors Springett, Spooner and Cuming. Deputy Editor Doug Kempster from the Downs Mail and KM Correspondent Rosemary Pearce plus twelve residents.

### **Reports from members of the Public**

A resident spoke in regards to Rosemary Road open space. Residents viewed their concerns in regards to the Barty Farm housing development. Two residents viewed concerns in regards to the speed and volume of traffic along Roseacre Lane. This wasn't an item to be discussed however, it was noted to be placed on the next Environment agenda in January. All comments and concerns were noted by members of the Committee for discussion under the relevant items.

#### **1. Declarations of intention to record.**

A declaration to record the meeting had been received from Cllr Helena Goodwin.

#### **2. Apologies and absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Geoff Bennett, Cllr Josie Smith and The Clerk Sarah Lewis.

#### **3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

Declarations of interests were received from Cllr S Camp in regards to Sandy Lane. Cllr P Marshall in regards to Rosemary Road Green Space. It was also noted that all Cllrs had sight of a letter prior to the meeting in regards to land at Barty Farm.

#### **4. Signing of the Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Full Council on the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were agreed as a true record and duly signed.

#### **5. Matters arising from the last minutes and action points**

There were no such matters.

**6. Reports:**

Borough Councillor Reports had been circulated prior to the meeting and had been noted. It is still unclear who owns the car park near the Doctors surgery. PCSO Zoe Turner reported that there had been an increase in break-ins and tele-fraud in the parish. Community Warden Sally Williams reported that welfare visits were ongoing. The Chairman attended The Chairman's Conference in December. There was a good turnout for the annual Carol service at Holy Cross with the Mayor of Maidstone also in attendance. The deadline for the Mynn Awards is the 1<sup>st</sup> March with a new category of a Youth Award, nominations can be made via the parish web site or by calling the parish office.

**7. Committee and Working Group Reports.**

Reports from all Committees: Reports were received and duly noted from

**Finance and General Policy Committee**

As the Finance meetings are now held at the end of the month there were no reports to submit. Budget headings that are no longer used are currently being deleted.

**Planning Committee**

Applications in regards to Barty Farm, the proposal of two schools on Popes Field, Weaving and the relocation of the nature reserve are to be discussed under item 9. An objection from BPC has been sent to MBC in regards to the change of hours at The Rose Inn.

**Environment Committee**

Clearance work has taken place at The Elizabeth Harvie field by The Community Pay Back Scheme, more clearance work will be carried out around Madginford Library, the Hall and the Parish Office this Sunday. Work has taken place along the foot path along Bell Lane by a local contractor, with letters hand delivered in the area to inform of the work prior to taking place. As concerns were raised, it was agreed that fences that are deemed in disrepair will be placed garden side and a letter sent from the Clerk advising of this. **ACTION CLERK**

**Reports form members of the Council for outside bodies**

There were none to report

**Market on the Green**

The market will be advertised in the next edition of The Downs Mail, the chosen charity of choice for March will be Kent Wildlife Trust and it is hoped that a Christmas Market will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**8. Finance**

As the Finance meetings are now held at the end of the month there were no reports to submit. All Chairs of Committees were asked to think about the 2019/2020 budget. Still awaiting the transfer of the land fund money from Nat West £20,000.00.

- a) Resolution to authorise payments. It was agreed that payment approvals will be completed via email this month.

- b) Finance Reports. There were no raised issues

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- c) Balances of accounts. It was noted that there were two income payments of £120. To enquire with the Clerk in regards to what these payments are in regards to. The transfer of 20K from Nat West back to the Unity trust fund needs confirming on the return of the Clerk.

**ACTION CLERK**

- d) Grants and Donations There were none received  
e) Quotations for repair of street light BPC001 in Egremont Road. It was agreed that other quotes were to be obtained and tabled at the next Environment Committee Meeting.  
f) Quotation for Christmas tree lights take down was ratified.

**9. Planning applications and associated correspondence**

- a) 18/506167/REM: Land at Barty Farm. It was agreed with 10 in favour and 2 abstentions to submit an objection to Maidstone Borough Council in regards to this application.
- b) Proposed schools at Pope's Wood. BPC to work collectively with local parishes Boxley, Thurnham and Detling in regards to a response to this application.
- c) Petition against development of the Rosemary Road open space  
Bearsted Parish Council have maintained this area for many years as part of an agreement with MBC a recollection of a covenant stating that the area to be used for children up to the age of ten as a play area was aired. A copy of the lease to be located at the Parish Office.  
**ACTION CLERK**
- d) Proposed relocation of Nature Reserve 18/506609/OUT  
A unanimous vote took place with all in favour to object to the relocation of the Nature Reserve.

**10. Updated Action Plan**

All Cllrs voted in favour of the circulated plan. Cllr R Ash stated that there may be some items missing. Cllr M Bollom to send the updated version to the Parish Office for circulation.  
**ACTION CLLR M BOLLUM, ADMIN**

**11. BPC monthly clinic**

It was agreed that Bearsted Parish Council would have a stall and hold monthly clinics at the market on the Green. It was agreed that all councillors would take their turn in manning this stall during the year.

**12. Correspondence**

It was agreed that the Patient Participation Group to be invited to join BPC on their stall at the market on the Green and request some more information on what they are requesting BPC to do.

**ACTION CLERK**

The Clerk to send an email to KCC Highways attaching the recent copy of a letter from local residents in regards to Sandy Lane requesting their views.

**ACTION CLERK**

**13. Future Agenda items**

Mynn Awards  
APM  
Budgets

**14. Downs Mail**

Cllr Bollom to finalise the items to be covered in the next edition.

**ACTION CLLR BOLLUM**

**15. Date of the next Meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed at 20.50hrs**

**Signed..... Date.....**