

BREDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Blacksmiths Barn,
Wednesday 3rd November 2021 at 6.30pm**



Present: Cllr Vanessa Jones (Chair), Cllr Steve Bowring, Cllr Dan Fifield, Cllr Claire Sharp,
Cllr Chantelle Goodwin-Sword, Borough Cllrs Heidi Bryant and Anne Brindle.
Steve Hill – Clerk & RFO
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491. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Warren Salter, Cllr Nichola Carr, Borough Cllr Bob Hinder and PCSO Matthew Adlington – apologies accepted.

492. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

493. Minutes of 13th October 2021 Parish Council Meeting

The minutes were **agreed** and signed by the Chair.

494. Police Briefing

On Sunday 17th of October between 01:00 and 01:38 in Dunn Street Road a person was seen attempting entry to cars. Crime Report No. 46/211223/21

495. Matters Arising (for information only)

Action Points 13-10-21	Actions	Clerk or Cllr	Completed or Agenda Item 03-11-21
AP1	To carry out minor repairs (Community Field)	Cllrs Bowring & Fifield	496a
AP2	To obtain three quotes for repair/replacement of wetpour	Cllr Fifield	496b
AP3	To instruct Lucanus re damaged Poplar Trees	Cllr Jones	Completed
AP4	Discussion re new barn booking system	Cllr Carr & Clerk	Ongoing
AP5	Source & order Hornbeam	Cllr Carr	497b
AP6	Arrange Christmas lights and decorations	Cllr Jones	Part Completed
AP7	Inform gardener of new contract terms	Clerk	Completed
AP8	Inform insurance company re renewal of Barn insurance	Clerk	Completed
AP9	Contact KCC regarding the collection of speed data	Cllr Carr	Completed
AP10	Add post to Facebook re Speedwatch volunteers	Cllr Jones	Completed
AP11	Meet with local business re provision of defibrillator	Cllr Fifield	499
AP12	Submit planning comment	Clerk	Completed
AP13	Purchase wreath and Tommy	Clerk	Completed

Action Points from 01-09-21

	Actions	Clerk or Cllr	Completed or Agenda Item 03-11-21
AP10	Publish updated policies	Cllr Jones	Part Completed
AP15	Seek clarification from MBC Planning re 21/502976/FULL	Cllr Jones	Completed
AP16	Seek clarification from MBC Planning re 21/503146/FULL	Cllr Jones	Completed

Cllr Jones apologised for not completing all action point from last month. This was due to the large amount of time spent relating to the Local Plan Review / the proposed Lidsing Garden Development.

496. Community Playing Field

- a. The Clerk has received some but not all weekly reports from Cllrs Bowring and Fifield. Minor repairs have been outstanding since 13-10-21.

AP1: Cllrs Bowring and Fifield to conduct minor repairs ASAP. All weekly check lists to be forward to the Clerk at the end of each month.

- b. Cllr Fifield confirmed he has received some quotes to replace the wetpour but is chasing up the outstanding quotes.

AP2: Cllr Fifield to chase up wetpour quotes.

- c. The contractor has now confirmed delivery of the drain cover and will fit it ASAP.

AP3: Cllr Jones to advise of installation date.

497. Blacksmiths Barn

- a. The new high-speed internet service has been installed.
- b. Cllr Jones emailed the MBC Landscape Officer on 21-10-21 asking for advice regarding the species of Hornbeam and the planting position. No response to date.

AP4: Cllr Jones to Email the MBC Landscape Officer chasing a response.

- c. The Photinias 'Red Robin' have been planted.

498. Traffic Issues and Highways

Boxley Parish Council have confirmed they no longer have their Speedwatch equipment. Hollingboure Parish Council have equipment which they may be able to lend to Bredhurst. They advised a minimum of 20 volunteers are needed to ensure the scheme is effective. Details have been added to Facebook and residents contacted via email to establish the level of interest. If enough volunteers come forward, BPC may consider borrowing or purchasing equipment.

AP5: Clerk to compile a list of volunteers.

499. Defibrillator

Cllr Fifield is discussing with the manager the possibility of siting a defibrillator at The Bell. This is on the basis that BPC would purchase and maintain the equipment.

Cllrs **agreed** to purchase a defibrillator subject to agreement with The Bell. It was agreed to fund the purchase from the Community Barn budget.

AP6: Cllr Fifield to progress discussions.

500. Planning

- a. Cllr Jones provided an update regarding **Lidsing Garden Development / Maidstone Borough Council Local Plan**.

The following actions have been taken:

- Cllr Jones emailed Helen Whatley MP requesting that she demonstrates her support against development at Lidsing. Helen Whatley responded by agreeing to meet with Cllr Jones, Cllr Carr and representatives from Boxley PC and Ward Members.
- BPC have written to MBC requesting an extension to the minimum six-week Regulation 19 consultation period. MBC has refused the request.
- BPC and residents have submitted several Freedom of Information (FOI) requests to MBC querying various aspects of the Local Plan Review process
- A member of ALGD has submitted 2 Code of Conduct complaints in respect of two Borough Cllrs
- Bredhurst PC / ALGD are continuing discussions with Medway Councillors, CPRE, planning consultants and others
- Rehman Chishti MP (Gillingham and Rainham) and Medway Cllrs Rodney and Diane Chambers have issued hundreds of leaflets across Hempstead, Wigmore and surrounding areas protesting against development at Lidsing
- Delivery of 10,000 BPC/ALGD leaflets will be commence Thursday 4th November. Numerous volunteers have come forward offering to deliver to Bredhurst, Boxley, Wigmore, Hempstead, Lordswood, Penenden Heath and other areas
- Detailed guidance on how to submit a response will be posted on ALGD soon
- Cllrs **approved** expenditure of up to £1000 (already in BPCs Lidsing budget) for further costs associated with the Lidsing campaign.
- A dedicate ALGD website has been designed at a cost of £95.88pa. Cllrs **approved** expenditure.

- b. Other planning matters

None.

501. Finance

- a. Financial statement and bank reconciliation were **received** and **accepted**.

Account	Balance as of 01/11/21
Unity Trust Account	£48,532.76

- b. The following payments made out of meeting and at meeting were **agreed**. Payments to be made by BACS unless specified otherwise.

Payments made out of meeting

Ref	Details	Amount	VAT*	Total	Auth
75	Waterhouse Group – Barn Insurance Nov 2021	433.72		433.72	VJ & CGS
DD	Bytes Software Services Ltd – October 2021	8.82	1.76	10.58	N/A
DD	ONECOM SVS LTD – Internet October	24.14	4.83	28.97	N/A

* VAT to be reclaimed.

Payments for authorising at meeting

Ref	Details	Amount	VAT*	Total	Auth
76	Clerk - Tommy Silhouette	166.66	33.34	200.00	CS & CGS
77	Clerk - RBL Wreath	18.25		18.25	CS & CGS
78	Lucanus - Planting of Photinia, Blacksmiths Barn	125.00		125.00	CS & CGS
79	Clerk - Ink Cartridge - Black	30.82	6.17	36.99	CS & CGS
80	Cllr Jones - Christmas Lights, Blacksmiths Barn	160.52	14.45	174.97	CS & CGS
81	TEEC - Annual Hosting Charges - October 2021	125.99	25.20	151.19	CS & CGS
82	Clerk - Cartridgesave.co.uk - A4 Printer Paper	50.60	10.12	60.72	CS & CGS
83	Cllr Jones - Photinia, Blacksmiths Barn	249.97	49.99	299.96	CS & CGS
84	Rachel Ford - October Gardening 7 hrs	140.00		140.00	CS & CGS
85	Michael Searley - October Grass Cutting	15.00		15.00	CS & CGS
86	Rachel Ford - October Plants Purchased	135.18		135.18	CS & CGS
87	Cllr Carr - Barn Booking System	180.00		180.00	CS & CGS
88	JMC BPC Vegetation - Invoice JMC/BPC/8	920.00		920.00	CS & CGS
89	Mona Cleaning - Barn Cleaning Invoice	30.00		30.00	CS & CGS
90	Cllr Carr - MBC Garden Waste Bin	45.00		45.00	CS & CGS
91	Ecotricity Bill - October Bill	52.41	2.62	55.03	CS & CGS

* VAT to be reclaimed.

Cllrs Sharp and Goodwin-Sword **agreed** to authorise the above payments.

502. Reports from Parish Councillors.

None received.

503. Reports from Borough and County Councillors (if present)

None received.

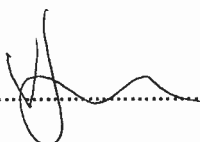
504. Correspondence

None received.

505. Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

506. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 6.30pm

Signed.....

Date.....11/12/21.....