

BROCKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting of Brockham Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2017, in the Pavilion Middle Street, Brockham at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Hammond, Homewood, Millward, Hamilton, Buckle, Songhurst
District Councillor Paul Potter
Representative from BERT
16 Parishioners including Ms G Venables, interested parishioner for vacancy of Parish Councillor.

184. APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from County Councillor Helyn Clack, District/Parish Councillor Muggeridge and Cllr Washtell

185. MINUTES:
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd January 2017 were approved and signed as a true record.

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllrs Songhurst, Hammond and Homewood declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the planning application MO/2016/2026OUTMAJ The Sewage Works, The Borough, Brockham. Cllrs Hammond and Songhurst would retire from the room when this item was to be discussed.

187. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORT TO PARISH NEWS:
Cllr Hammond agreed to submit the February report to the Parish News.

188. COMMUNITY POLICE REPORT:
Inspector Richard Hamlin from Surrey Police submitted the crime figures for January. He explained the reason for the higher than usual figures which was directly attributable to the protests in Old School Lane. Other reported crimes - tools stolen from van, several motor related offences and theft of two farm gates
Cllr Songhurst raised the issue of the vehicles which are continuing to park across the pavement in Brockham Lane whilst building works are undertaken on an adjacent property and that no action has been taken to stop this obstruction. Cllr Hammond to contact Inspector Hamlin.

PUBLIC TIME

The planning application relating to the Former Sewage Site in The Borough was discussed with local residents raising concerns and expressing their views which would be considered by the Parish Council under the Planning Item on the Agenda The Applicant was present and the Chairman agreed he could take questions.

An update on the matter of street lights being switched off was raised – SCC had been notified of the areas of concern and the Clerk to contact them again regarding the dangers relating to Old School Lane.

Anthony West House planning application was raised as there was concern that the conditions placed on this development were not being adhered too. Cllr Hammond agreed to look into the matter.

A parishioner raised concern that Surrey Wildlife Trust were making their rangers redundant and reducing the number in a reorganisation of the Countryside Management Department and therefore who would be responsible or monitor the area surrounding the Betchworth Lime Kilns and the rare colony of bats on site. Letter to be sent to Surrey Wildlife Trust.

189. MATTERS ARISING:

BERT – it was reported that documentation relating to registering BERT as a charity with the Charity Commission had been approved. It now has Charity status namely ‘Community Support in the Countryside’ The Parish Council will now pass all financial matters to the appointed Trustees and the Clerk has met with the Trustees Accountant to commence this procedure. Mr Budd said that BERT had undertaken clearance of ditches on the **8th January 2017**. Householdors were reminded of riparian ownership of ditches and the consequences of their neighbours’ properties being flooded because of their neglect.

A leak was reported on The Green and the Council to ask BERT if they are able to investigate the matter as it seems ongoing and the cause could possibly be tree roots.

Tynedale Road questionnaire - Cllr Homewood delivered his findings following the questionnaire. Report to be attached to the Minutes. There was a strong feeling for the return of a one-way system for the Island although road works are very expensive. Agreed to investigate costings. Site meeting to be arranged with CC Helyn Clack and SCC Highways Dept. In the short term properly marked end-on parking bays in front of the green area outside the Shop, with dropped kerbs on the pathway across it for ease of access. Details to be circulated.

190. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Casual Vacancy – Mole Valley District Council confirmed that they had not received a request for an election, therefore, enabling the Parish Council to proceed to Co-Opt a Councillor. A Parishioner has expressed a wish to be considered and submitted a CV and agreed to attend the meeting. Matter to be discussed under PART 2.

Oil Site -The protesters have left the site in Old School Lane. We understand Angus Energy have stated that they would not frack or acidize at the site and this would be confirmed in a legal statement. Awaiting clarification from their lawyers and whether it could be included into the production licence which has been issued. The site will be monitored closely. Angus Energy have produced a video of the Site called ‘Behind the Scenes @ Brockham and can be seen on their web site –

<http://www.angusenergy.co.uk/media/videos>.

Cllrs Hammond and Songhurst looking into getting quotes regarding installing bollards to protect verge opposite the Church in Wheelers Lane.

Cllr Hammond to finalise Standing Orders.

Circle Housing confirmed they have repaired the posts in The Smithers following our request.

191. BROCKHAM VILLAGE HALL:

No report or news from the Village Hall Committee regarding the grant from SCC towards repairs to the Hall roof.

192. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Current Acc	1,356.88	Big Field contribution £1,087.50 received
Deposit Acc	11,757.29	
Reserve Acc Web	2,339.70	
War Memorial Acc	1,125.21	
BERT Acc	4,621.02	
EBF Acc	285.40	
Youth Council	14,549.35	

Cheques:

1984	Recreation Committee (increased to £30 per session)	30.00
1985	Mr C Long	£115.00

Receipt	Allotment rent	41.00
	Big Field Community Sports Centre	1087.50

BERT No transactions

Youth Council No transactions

SALC – confirm we are unable to apply for a grant towards complying with the Compliance of Transparency as the Council’s turnover is above £25,000.

MVDC – precept form completed and returned to MVDC with our approved precept for 2017/18.

Authorisation Form for February 2017 attached.

193. CLERK’S REPORT:

Next Parish Council Elections 2019

SALC- half-day conference re End of Year Finance 23rd February – Clerk to attend

SALC – half day training re Allotments 28th March – Clerk to attend.

MVDC – Community Housing Fund – must be community led - information passed to the Poland Trust.

Request for a Bus Shelter in Middle Street – Jason Hughes MVDC to contact Clerk.

MVDC – Nominations for Assets of Community Value - gives the community 6 months to try and raise funds etc otherwise the Asset goes on the open market.

Bus Route 465 – Transport for London funding the route have now put the tender up for renewal. Concern that the service/route from Leatherhead to Dorking will be withdrawn leaving Mickleham without any bus service.

MVDC – working on the Local Plan a vision for the next 20 years. Public Consultation expected Spring/Summer

St Catherine’s Hospice – requested a donation – Clerk to contact the Web Team and it was agreed if they approve a donation the Parish Council will match the amount.

Visit Surrey 2017 Forum 22nd March at Brooklands Museum to hear the latest news in tourism and new projects in Surrey. No Cllrs available to attend.

194. PARISH PLAN AND EMERGENCY PLAN (SCC)

SCC Consultation to be forwarded to Flood Forum for a response.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/flooding-advice/more-about-flooding/surrey-local-flood-risk-management-strategy>

195. COMMUNITY ISSUES:

HEARTSTART Course confirmed 23rd March at 7.00 in the Pavilion. £1 per person Names to the Clerk.

Friends of Deepdene Trail – Volunteering Day 4th March on site 9.30 – 3.30 at the Gardens of the Deepdene Trail. www.deepdenetrail.co.uk

Great British Spring Clean 3rd – 5th March it was agreed to carry out a litter pick but after Easter. MVDC to be informed.

196. YOUTH COUNCIL FOR BROCKHAM:

Skatepark – The Parish Council wish to put on record that the Hamilton Estate have been fully supportive of this project and worked with solicitors to try and move the scheme forward. It is the legal issues that are delaying the plan.

It was agreed to co-ordinate a meeting with all interested parties. CC Helyn Clack to advise dates and suggested venue. Await news.

Hedleys, solicitors contacted the Estate’s solicitors for an update. London Marathon Trust have withdrawn the funding at the present time but a further application would be considered.

197. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING THE EBF:

Cllr Millward reported he had carried out an inspection of the field subsequent to MVDC's report. Cllr Millward monitoring the bark chippings (cushionfall) in the play area and the gate spring mechanism.

Mr Long carried out clearance work on the EBF and we now await news regarding seeding the area in front of the goal posts and the spraying of the footpath.

198. BROCKHAM WEBSITE:

Website funded the new computer system at The Strood Green Shop at a cost of £680. The Web Team were thanked for this generous offer to the community and Cllr Washtell thanked for organising the project. St Catherine's Hospice requesting donation for the Hospice, which serves the village. Parish Council agreed to match any offer put forward by the Web Team. Await news.

199. PLANNING MATTERS:

There were no objections in respect of these planning applications

MO/2016/2080/PLAH	4 Old School Lane	Erection of single storey rear ext
MO/2016/2045/PLAH	59 Oakdene Road	Erect ground floor front ext and ground floor and 1 st floor rear extension.

Cllrs Hammond and Songhurst left the meeting having declared an interest under Item 186

MO/2016/2026/OUTMAJ	Former Sewage Works	Outline planning application, with all matters reserved, to erect 4 houses with access from Hillside Close and 1 house with access from The Borough following removal of existing structures, large concrete filter beds and contaminated matters associated with the sewage farm.
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A full discussion took place having heard the concerns, comments and views from parishioners and the applicant. Cllrs voted in favour of the scheme and recommended that the application be approved subject to certain conditions. The applicant gave his assurance that he would make it possible for the heavy vehicles, to be used on site, to cross his land and not use the public highway and that all site vehicles would be parked on site. Also that the Environment Agency's planning conditions be complied with. Letter setting out the Parish Council's recommendations be sent to MVDC.

APPEAL – Dismissed

APP/C/3620/W/16/3163934	9 Kiln Lane	Erection of a single storey front extension
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DECISIONS:

MO/2016/1915/PLAH	4 Kiln Lane	Erection of single storey ext following removal of existing conservatory	APPROVED
MO/2016/1732/PLAH	12 Kiln Lane	Erection of front first floor extension and extension to existing shed in front garden	APPROVED
MO/2016/1574/PLAH	Manor Trace, Kiln Lane	Raise ridge height and add dormer windows on front and rear to increase 1 st floor accommodation. Erect single storey rear ext. Demolish integral garage and erect detached double garage. Alterations to existing front boundary brick wall to create new vehicular access.	APPROVED
MO/2016/2024/TFC	Flat 1 Boxhurst	Old Reigate Road	Tree Surgery WITHDRAWN

MO/2016/1691/PLA	Velgrad, Mill Hill Lane	Erection of 6 dwellings following demolition of existing buildings - Application referred to the March - Development Control Committee MVDC	Cllr Homewood to represent the Parish Council.
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Moore's Storage Yard – it was reported that the conditions are still being breached. MVDC to be informed.

200. HIGHWAYS AND GENERAL PURPOSES:

It was reported that the Oak Tree adjacent to Long Cottage, Brockham Green needs pruning and also another tree between the Pubs. Clerk to discuss the matter with MVDC. Seek clarification from MVDC that work can commence on the repairs to the Village Pump.

SCC - VMS (Variable Message System) await up dated plans.

Letter sent to SCC Rights of Way regarding ditch on BW 52 and drainage issues.

SCC confirmed that the hedge adjacent to Kiln Lane has now been cut following concerns from motorists.

Land in Wheelers Lane adjacent to Star Building premises – received a request for soil to be replaced on the exposed tree roots – Clerk to liaise with SCC/MVDC and Mr Long.

It was confirmed that the Grit spreader, supplied by SCC is stored at the School and it was suggested that perhaps a grit bin could be installed at the Doctors’ surgery for use in icy conditions. Clerk to communicate with the Surgery.

Condition of the Coach Road to be reported to MVDC.

The street light at the entrance to the Coach Road – Clerk to request it remain on and not included in SCC’s scheme for turning lights off at 12.00 due to the dangers if the Brook floods.

201. ALLOTMENTS:

There are plots available on both sites. It was agreed to review the Rules before the next Allotment Meeting 18th April 2017 in the Pavilion.

Wheelers Lane site – quote received for cutting of the hedge on the footpath boundary – Coppice Hazel to 2 mtrs on boundary and Public Footpath £300 –from stile to end of allotment Hedge (top and sides of smaller hedge £150. Lift lower branches on allotment side £150 plus VAT. Cllr Homewood to meet with contractor to discuss the work.

Wheelers Lane – reported fallen tree at entrance to site – contractor agreed to remove the tree.

202. REPORTS OF MEETINGS:

Brockham Big Field Community Sports -. meeting attended by Cllrs Hammond and Muggeridge and Clerk. It was agreed that the parking issues were being addressed and improving. It was reported that Thames Water were investigating the problem at the entrance to the Big Field car park and the matter of spraying on the field was raised with the Committee agreeing to monitor the situation.

SCC Highways meeting 14th March 7.30 in Betchworth – Clerk to let Betchworth Parish Council know who will be attending.

203. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Date confirmed as 28th April. Agreed to invite MVDC’s Hope Springs Eternal Project Manager to give a presentation on the Deepdene Trail.

183. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS:

No issues raised

PART 2

Co-Option of a Parish Councillor

Meeting closed at 10.20pm

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