

**BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021  
Minutes to be agreed at the next meeting.**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson (Chairman)  
Parish Cllr Graham Duplock  
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden  
Parish Cllr Joanne Watt  
Parish Cllr Emily Young  
Parish Cllr Mary Evans  
Mrs Nicola Purcell, Clerk to the Council

Hilary Scott KCC candidate  
There were 4 members of the public present

**74. Receive apologies**

KCC Cllr Northey

**75. Declarations of interest**

G.Duplock- Village Hall Management Committee.

**76. Agree Minutes for previous meetings**

The minutes were not ready for presenting as held an extraordinary meeting.

**77. Deal with matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere.**

None

**The meeting adjourned for parishioners'  
questions and comments on agenda.**

**78. Introduction from Hilary Scott**

Hilary Scott introduced herself at the meeting. Hilary is standing for the Canterbury South Division at KCC and wanted to take the opportunity to hear about matters affecting the parish.

**79. County/city Councillor reports**

Cllr Northey at KCC sent an email in advance of the meeting stating there was nothing new to report at this stage, but he is still contactable via the usual channels. No report from CCC.

**80. Village Hall**

G.Duplock updated meeting attendees that the VHMC are now currently looking at the interior matters of the new hall proposal. Howdens are providing a kitchen design this week.

Network rail have cleared the carpark following the unauthorised use of the carpark while resurfacing Station Approach.

**81. River Update**

**81.1** G.Duplock has taken over from the late J. Thomas as the Bekesbourne representative on the river group and has completed the Flood Warden training.

**81.2** The water level has gone down slightly. Tankering is still taking place, but have encountered some issues that suggest a lack of maintenance- Southern Water have been questioned about this as similar issues arose in Littlebourne and Bridge.

**81.3** The sandbag store at the recreation ground has not been used this year and the bags in store at the water pumping station have deteriorated significantly. G. Duplock to contact Southern Water to ask for replacements.

## **82. Playground Update**

**82.1** The new playground installation is now near completion. Just awaiting safety certificate and removal of the Heras fencing. There are some ruts around the edge of the recreation ground leading up to the park from the workman's access, Darren Moore at Playdale has agreed to return and make good the ruts- awaiting a date.

**82.2** An email received (see correspondence) regarding accessibility of the play area and asking what plan the parish council had to ensure the playground is inclusive. Discussions had about the fact that the playground/recreation ground is an ongoing project. Surveys were sent to residents prior to the installation commencing to gather the community's views on what they would like at the play area. The entrance gate needs to be addressed to ensure that it opens wide enough to allow access to those with limited mobility. E. Young also mentioned that she would like to see a mud kitchen installed and perhaps a sensory garden too- this would be made with the view of being inclusive. Public participation on the matter is welcomed.

## **83. Finance Matters:**

### **83.1 Financial Report/Statement**

Financial report presented to the councillors in advance of the meeting, no questions arose- and the statement accepted by all.

### **83.2 Map Reproduction**

Due to an increase in the sale of maps recently and coming into the summer season, N. Purcell requested authorisation to contact Omicron in Canterbury as soon as they are open to get another batch reproduced. The allotted budget for this year was £48.00 all Cllrs agreed for N. Purcell to spend up to this amount.

## **84. Clerk Report/Correspondence**

**84.1** 11 emails received raising concerns about the lack of footpath/speed of traffic from Aerodrome Road down Chalkpit Hill. Parishioners requested that the parish council discuss the matter. I responded that it would be added to the agenda for this meeting and invited the parishioners to attend.

All in agreement that Clerk to contact M. Wheeler to peruse a petition to present to KCC regarding the speed on Chalkpit hill/School lane.

**84.2** The old website is due to go offline on 31<sup>st</sup> March, which should see it removed from Google searches and therefore hopefully causing the new site to move up the search list. I have received an email from Terry Martin at KALC

***"We believe that your council might be eligible for the KCC grant, as we understand that it was a customer of CBS (KCC EIS) prior to the legislative change and your council has a precept of less than £30,000.***

***We have therefore attached an application form, which would need to be completed and returned to [support@kentalc.gov.uk](mailto:support@kentalc.gov.uk) by 31 March 2021 at the latest, along with a copy of the invoice from your new website provider.”***

All in agreement that the Clerk is to submit application for this grant.

**84.3**An email has been received from a Patrixbourne resident also identifying speed issues coming into the village. They have very kindly proposed to fund the costs of a village gateway sign, which would not only be a nice welcome to the village, but more importantly slow traffic down.

All in agreement that enquiries are made for this installation.

**84.4**An email received from the office of MP Rosie Duffield:

***We have been contacted by constituents regarding alternations being made to the play area which is great to hear. We understand at the moment that the park does not have any accessible play equipment and hope the opportunity is being taken to make this community resource available to all.***

***I would be grateful if we could hear your plans for the play area and what steps are being taken to ensure the Parish Council are meeting the requirements outlined in the Equality Act (2010) and the Public Sector Equality Duty?***

***I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.***

**84.5**There has been much contact with the playground company as there was a small hiccup with the surface instalment. The existing surface was too pitted and sunken to install the surface on the top. Additional rubber base layer needed to be installed at additional costs we were originally quoted £1800 for this, but we are awaiting a new better price from them. This will also ensure the floor has the guarantee that we originally would not have had.

This was agreed in principle as an emergency authorisation via the telephone for N.Purcell to agree the works. All Cllrs agreed to the spending in retrospect.

## **85. Highways Improvement Plan**

The Highways improvement plan is due for update now. Councillors agreed the following points are to be added:

- Request installation of village gates. A resident has offered to fully fund the installation of a gate at Patrixbourne if the KCC give permission to install.(see correspondence)
- Continue to chase the A2 slip road signage-it needs clearing up.
- Enquire about speed restrictions in the village, specifically School Lane, Station Road/Bekesbourne Lane.
- Enquire about making Patrixbourne a 20mph Zone

## 86. Planning

### 86.1-New Applications:

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| CA/21/00407   | 20 Bifrons Road Bokesbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5DE<br><br>Erection of 02 no. two-storey semi-detached dwellings with associated parking.   | Open to comments until 02 <sup>nd</sup> April 2021 |
| <b><i>Discussion deferred as councillors wanted to look into this application in more detail.</i></b> |   |  |
| CA/21/00349   | Bokesbourne Village Hall Station Road Bokesbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5ER<br><br>Single-storey rear extension together with replacement cladding on external walls, cheeks added to existing porch and canopy over ramp entrance. | Open to comments until 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 |
| <b><i>No comment as parish council application.</i></b>   |   |  |

### 86.2- Application Updates:

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| CA//18/02358 | A Gomez and Co Distribution Services Ltd, Coldharbour Lane, Bokesbourne, CT4 5HL<br><br>Details submitted pursuant to conditions 03 (external lighting) and 04 (external plant and machinery) of planning permission CA/17/02182/FUL.                    | Awaiting decision        |
| CA/20/02780  | The Old Post Office, School Lane, Bokesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5ER,<br><br>Two-storey detached dwelling along with detached garage following demolition of existing dwelling. .  | <b>Granted</b>           |
| CA/20/02870  | Lion Cottage, The Street, Patrixbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DA,<br><br>Detached single-storey outbuilding for use as an artist studio.  | <b>Granted</b>           |
| CA/20/02869  | Westbury, Bokesbourne Hill, Bokesbourne, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 5DZ,<br><br>Single-storey rear and side extension, together with dormer window to rear to allow use of roof space as living accommodation, following demolition of existing conservatory. | <b>Granted</b>           |
| CA/21/00103  | Bokesbourne Farm Bokesbourne Hill Bokesbourne Kent<br><br>One and a half storey detached building for agricultural use following demolition of existing buildings.   | <b>Awaiting decision</b> |
| CA/21/00201  | The Bine Lodge Bokesbourne Hill Bokesbourne Kent CT4 5EE<br><br>Single-storey detached Oak Framed Garage.  | <b>Awaiting decision</b> |
| CA/21/00153  | Beaulieu Bokesbourne Lane West Of Bokesbourne Hill Bokesbourne Canterbury Kent CT4 5DY<br><br>First-floor side extension.  | <b>Awaiting decision</b> |

**87. AOB- For Information Only**

G.Duplock has attended the A257 traffic management meeting, where they are requesting support on the potential new development on the land adjacent to Howletts Zoo (Littlebourne side) G. Duplock will request they write to the clerk to officially request support.

**88. Date for Next meeting;**

Annual Parish Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Statutory meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

(awaiting government guidance on holding remote meetings, these dates could be subject to change)

**The meeting closed at 9.23pm**

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....