

## BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7:30pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall

### Minutes to be formally agreed at the next meeting.

#### 1. Those Present:

Parish Cllr David Sladden (Chairman)	Parish Cllr Christine Sladden
Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson	Parish Cllr Christine Ash
Parish Cllr Joanne Watt	Parish Cllr Caroline Tuffey
Parish Cllr Mark Rhodes	Parish Cllr Mary Evans
Mrs Nicola Purcell, Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer	

There was 0 members of the public present.

#### 2. Receive apologies.

CCC Cllr Lee Castle & Report received.

#### 3. Declarations of councillor interests relevant to this agenda

M. Rhodes declared an interest in item 15- as an allotment tenant.

#### 4. To confirm minutes of the previous meeting (held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023)

It was noted that minute 11.2 should read "Station Road" rather than "School Lane." It was therefore proposed by A.Nicholson and seconded by C.Ash that with the noted amendments above, the minutes from the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 are a true and accurate record.

Outcome: all in favour- motion carried.

The chair therefore signed the minutes accordingly.

#### 5. To report any matters arising (from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

None

***The meeting is suspended for up to 15 minutes to allow discussion with members of the electorate of the parish of Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne present at the meeting.***

#### 6. Public representation (notified to the clerk in advance of the meeting, agenda items only)

None

#### 7. External Reports

##### 7.1 County Councillor Reports

KCC Cllr Mike Sole has Circulated a report, which has been shared with councillors.

##### 7.2 City Councillor Reports

CCC Cllr Lee Castle's report has been circulated to councillors.

### ***Parish Council meeting resumes***

#### 8. Parish Clerk report

Training schedule has been received and circulated to all councillors. Councillors are to let the clerk know if they wish to sign on to any of the courses.

Enquiries have been made regarding the felling of trees on Keepers Hill, awaiting response.

## **9. Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council.**

- Payment of IA invoice as detailed on payment schedule.

**Outcome:** 6 councillors responded approving the payment. 2 councillors did not respond. Therefore this invoice was paid using s101 delegated authority.

- Application No: CA/23/00885

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent for mesh to the chimney.

Location: Garden Cottage, The Street, Patricbourne,

**Outcome:** 5 councillors responded with no objections, 3 councillors did not respond. Therefore, no objection was submitted using s101 delegated authority.

## **10. Any updates from representatives for external groups (if any)**

### **10.1 Recreation Ground Management Committee**

Cllr Evans reported on behalf of the RGMC. A report was circulated demonstrating the RGMC's financial position. Cllr Evans reassured council that although finances are looking to be ok short term, it is a constant battle to balance the expenditure of the pavilion vs the income and usage. Cllr Evans hopes that long term someone will come forward to take on the role of committee chair. Nicola to liaise with Cllr Evans regarding advertising the position.

### **10.2 Village Hall Management Committee**

Cllr Watt reported that the VHMC's AGM has taken place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

There are some planned events occurring in the upcoming months to include a strawberry tea and a Lego event. It is yet to be decided if these are community events or fundraising events. Financially the VHMC is doing much better than predicted.

### **10.3 The River Group**

Cllr Nicholson reported on behalf of the River Group. No meeting held yet. The Nailbourne is still flowing in parts, and it has been noted that there are Water Voles in the area which is good news.

### **10.4 KALC**

Cllr C. Sladden attended the meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Minutes have been circulated to councillors and will be available on the website.

### **10.5 A257 Traffic Management Group**

Cllr Rhodes attended the core group meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Minutes have been received and circulated and will be available on the website.

## **11. Highways Matters**

### **11.1 Any updates**

The footpath of Station Road has been partially cleared. There is still presence of Poison Hemlock.

### **11.2 Any new matters**

The Hedge along School Lane belonging to The old Vicarage is overgrowing into the road, causing the road to become very narrow almost single lane in parts. Clerk to report to highways.

## 12. Finance Matters

### 12.1 June/July Payment Schedule

#### Payments Made in June/July as per financial regulations.

Date	Type	Payment	Amount
14.06.2023	FPO	Viking Direct (printer)	£235.14
14.06.2023	FPO	Clerk Expenses for cllr pack	£91.00
30.6.23	SO	Clerks Salary	As per salary sheet
04.06.2023	FPO	Lionel Robbins (IA)	£90.00

#### Payments Due for Approval:

Date	Type	Payment	Amount

It was proposed by Cllr C Sladden and seconded by Cllr Ash that the June/July Payment schedule be approved.

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

### 12.2 Q1 Accounts 2023/24 (April-June)

Council were presented with the Q1 Accounts for 2023/24 (April- June) there were no discrepancies.

Outcome: It was proposed by Cllr Rhodes and seconded by Cllr Evans to approve the Q1 accounts 2023/24.

All in favour, motion carried.

### 12.3 Funding Request from PCC Bridge Group

As in previous years the parish council have received a request for a contribution toward the upkeep of the open churchyards at St Mary's Patrixbourne and St Peter's Bekesbourne. Council have £700 in the budget for this.

Outcome: it was proposed by Cllr Tuffey and seconded by Cllr Ash that the full amount of £700 be paid. All in favour, motion carried.

Both signatories approved the release of the payment of £700.

Clerk to enquire about direct funding for this from CCC.

## 13. Planning

### 13.1 No New applications

### 13.2 Updates (If any)

**Application no:** CA/23/00035 **GRANTED**

**Location:** 2 The Green Keeper's Hill Patrixbourne

**Application No:** CA//16/00600 **GRANTED**

**Location:** Land North And South Of New Dover Road Canterbury Extending North To Canterbury-Dover Railway Line West To Nackington Road And South To A2.

**14. Allotments**

Inspections are due. Clerk to arrange a date with Cllr D Sladden.  
The Clerk is to seek a quote for repair for the damaged fence post and bring it back to councillors.

**15. Next Meeting Date:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September m2023, 7:30 pm at Bekesbourne Village Hall.

**16. Items for Next Agenda**

Any requests for agenda items must be emailed to the clerk at least 10 working days prior to the meeting; together with any supporting information if relevant.

- Meeting ended 8:08pm -

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It was agreed that these minutes are a true and accurate record:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Chair)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_