



BEKESBOURNE WITH PATRIBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th September 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 Mark Rhodes;
Parish Cllr Christien Sladden;

Parish Cllr Caroline Tuffey;
Parish Cllr Christien Ash

Mrs N. Purcell (Clerk to the council)

There was 1 member of the public present.

2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllr Joanne Watt; Parish Cllr Andrea Nicholson

3. Declarations of councillor interests relevant to this agenda

Cllr M.Rhodes and Cllr C. Tuffey both declared an interest in item 13 as allotment tenants.

4. To confirm minutes of the previous meeting *(held on 10th July 2023)*

It was proposed by C. Sladden and seconded by M. Rhodes that the minutes from the meeting held on 10th July 2023 are a true and accurate record.

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

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 Patricbourne 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

Cllr Sole sent his apologies

7.2 City Councillor Reports

Cllr Castle's report has been circulated prior to the meeting. The bin strike has been resolved but collections are still behind, the crews are working hard to catch up with missed collections.

There is a scrutiny meeting due imminently. The Park & Ride in Sturry Road is due to open in April, and will be a trail run.

Parish Council meeting resumes

8. Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council. *(if any)*

None

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

9.1 Recreation Ground Management Committee

No update

9.2 Village Hall Management Committee

Report received and read on behalf of J. Watt:

The hall continues to do well with bookings which include private parties, community events, exercise classes, bridge club, drama group etc. The VHMC are looking to organise a community event monthly with a Cluedo based evening soon and a craft stall event in November. A recent private party resulted in cigarette burn damage in the toilets and the floor, litter and noise. Local residents complained and the police were informed. Members of the VHMC cleaned and tidied so the hall was ready for another party in the morning. The VHMC will be meeting with one resident at their request.

9.3 The River Group

No update

9.4 KALC

The next area committee meeting is on 25th September.

9.5 A257 Traffic Management Group

Next meeting due 18th November 2023

10. Highways Matters

10.1 Any updates:

10.1.1 Old Palace Road- Quiet Lane

The clerk shared an update received from a report regarding quiet lanes, following discussion at the previous meeting of the possibility of turning Old Palace Road into a quiet lane.

The report summary stated:

- No change in measured traffic on Quiet Lanes, despite large increases on adjacent roads
- No significant change in measured vehicle speeds on Quiet Lanes
- Observed increase in pedestrians but numbers remain low
- Sustained strong support for the scheme but about half say it is not working in practice
- Small declared increase in non motorised use
- Small declared decrease in motorised use
- Declared increase in careful driving
- There remain some concerns over safety
- There remain perceived problems with quiet lanes

The consensus from this feedback was that there doesn't seem to be much benefit from turning the road into a quiet lane

10.1.2 Pedestrian access to bridges over the river at Patricxbourne

The clerk read an update from KCC- who have suggested that there may be some scope to install 'keep clear' markings on the approach to the pedestrian bridge at Patricxbourne. The council discussed this and agreed this would not be the preferred option, and they will continue to monitor the situation.

10.2 Speed watch

The council discussed the desire to initiate a Speed watch programme. Cllr L. Castle has details of some residents keen to assist.

It was proposed by M. Rhodes and seconded by C. Tuffey for the clerk to begin the initial stages of creating a speed watch scheme.

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

The clerk will contact Kent Police, advertise for volunteers; and contact Littlebourne PC to formally request the hire of the speed watch equipment.

10.3 Any new matters

None

11. Finance Matters

11.1 To note July/August payment schedule & approve any new payments.

July/August Payment Schedule

Payments Made in July/August as per financial regulations.

Date		Type	Payment	Amount
30.7.23		SO	Clerks Salary	As per salary sheet
30.8.23		SO	Clerks Salary	As per salary sheet

Payments Due for Approval:

Payment	Amount
PlaySafety ROPA	£106.80

It was proposed by C. Ash and seconded by C. Sladden to approve the July/August payment schedule and approve the new payments.

Outcome: all in favour, motion carried

12. Planning

12.1 No New applications

12.2 Any Updates.

None

13. Allotments

No updates

14. ROSPA Annual Inspection

The Annual inspection report was circulated to councillors.

Cllr Rhodes volunteered to trim back the branches overhanging the swing.

It was proposed by C.Sladden and seconded by C. Tuffey that the remedial recommended action for the Zipline be actioned. (cable requires tightening)

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

15. Next Meeting Date (*Monday 13th November 2023*)

16. Items for Next Agenda

Requests are to be emailed to the Clerk at least 10 days prior to any meeting; together with supporting information if relevant.

Cllr Watt sent an email in advance of the meeting wishing to acknowledge the tragic accident at Garrington Farm and the death of Roger Nicholls who supported the village at many events and sold the British Legion poppies in Bridge every year - whatever the weather! Also to request the council consider 'thank you' letters to those who 'give' to the parish.

The parish clerk requested that any nominations be sent to her via email.

- Meeting closed 20:30pm -

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

Signed:.....(Chairman)

Date:.....