



BEKESBOURNE-WITH-PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th July 2024 at 7:30pm Bekesbourne Village Hall.

Minutes to be formally agreed at the next meeting.

1. Those Present

Parish Cllr David Sladden (Chairman),	Parish Cllr Joanne Watt
Parish Cllr Christine Sladden;	Parish Cllr Christine Ash
Parish Cllr Mark Rhodes (Vice Chair);	Parish Cllr Caroline Tuffey

Mrs N. Purcell (Clerk/Proper Officer to the council)

There were 0 members of the public present.

2. Apologies for Absence

Parish Cllr Mary Evans; Parish Cllr A. Nicholson

3. Declarations of councillor interests relevant to this agenda

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

4. To confirm minutes of the previous meeting (*held on 10th June 2024*)

It was noted that Cllr J.Watt was incorrectly listed as vice chair.

Resolved: It was proposed by C. Sladden and seconded by M. Rhodes that with the above amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2024 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 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

Received ahead of the meeting.

7.2 City Councillor Reports

Received ahead of the meeting. Cllr Castle sent his apologies for the meeting.

Parish Council meeting resumes

8. Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council.-

None

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

9.1 Recreation Ground Management Committee

- New committee structure is working well.
- New website up and running so people can manage bookings and payments directly and easily.
- It was highlighted that some teams have not been paying for the use of the space.
- The Pavilion is undergoing huge refurbishments, the flooring is being completely replaced. There has been lots of external work identified, leaks & damp were a huge issue, so the plan is to create better drainage solutions and clear all air vents.
- The disabled toilet will be addressed soon as there are issues.

9.2 Village Hall Management Committee

No updates.

9.3 The River Group

No updates.

9.4 KALC

No updates.

9.5 A257 Traffic Management Group

No updates.

10. Highways Matters

10.1 Any updates

20mph limit at Patrixbourne

The request for a 20mph speed limit in Patrixbourne meets the necessary criteria, as it encompasses key residential areas including Patrixbourne Road, Old Palace Road, and Keepers Hill. The reduced speed limit would enhance safety for residents and visitors. The next step involves a public consultation to gather community input, and the Clerk is currently awaiting examples and further support from Kent County Council (KCC) to proceed with this stage.

The Clerk has been contacted by the Clerk of Bridge Parish Council to discuss the possibility of extending the 20mph speed limit to the stretch of road between Patrixbourne and Bridge, as part of a collaborative effort. Bridge Parish Council is currently working on reducing speeds from underneath the flyover, and they are interested in a unified approach. However, after consulting with a KCC Highways Officer, it appears that this extension is unlikely to be feasible, as the road between Patrixbourne and Bridge does not meet the necessary criteria for a 20mph limit in the same way as the areas within Patrixbourne.

10.2 Any new matters

None

10.3 Speedwatch

Registration of the parish to be set up imminently and ready for volunteers to register.

11. Finance Matters

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

Payments Made in June/July as per financial regulations.

Date	Type	Payment	Amount
June	FPO	HugoFox	£23.99
June	SO	Clerks Salary	As per salary slip

Payments Due for Approval:

Recipient	Detail	Amount
KALC	Annual Subscription	£400.46
AJG	Insurance	£1389.34

Resolved: it was proposed by C. Tuffey and seconded by C. Sladden to approve the June/July Payment schedule and all new payments.

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

11.2 S106 Funding

There is some s106 funding ready to be released to the Parish Council.

£23,428 - for Children's outdoor play areas - to be spent on upgrading and improvements to children's play areas in open spaces

£7,063 - for Outdoor Sport - to be spent on upgrading and improvements outdoor sport in open space

£3,267- for upgrading and improving semi-natural in open space

£9,184 - for upgrading and improving amenity open space

£4,332 - for upgrading parks and gardens open space (can be combined with amenity S106)

The scheduled Teams meeting with the CCC Officer was postponed where further details and explanation were to be sought. Clerk will update details at next meeting.

Initial discussions were had regarding the playground and the installation of some new equipment.

11.3 Clerk's pension- auto enrolment.

Clerk now meets the threshold for pension contributions. Looking into this further.

12. Planning (New applications)

12.1 Application No: CA/24/01042

Proposal: Erection of carport and single storey detached outbuilding for use as an office to rear together with installation of solar panels to roof of existing garage block.,

Location: The Barton , Patrixbourne Road, Patrixbourne, Kent, CT4 5BP

Resolved: it was proposed by M. Rhodes and seconded by C. Sladden to SUPPORT this application.

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

12.2 Updates (If any)

None

13. Allotments

13.1 Fence Repair Quotes

Resolved: It was proposed by C. Sladden and seconded by C. Ash to proceed with the Quote from Ovenden All Works Ltd of £725 +vat to replace the broken fence and post.

Outcome: All in favour, motion carried.

13.2 To arrange inspections

Clerk and D. Sladden will arrange a date.

14. Village Sign

Initial discussions began regarding the installation of a wooden village sign for Bekesbourne. The Council has suggested that this sign, an elegant and beautiful addition to the village, could be placed at or near the site of the old Pin Oak tree.

The Parish Council is willing to fund this project, but before proceeding further, will need to initiate a discussion with the Village Hall Management Committee to gather feedback on the proposed location.

The site of the old Pin Oak tree holds a special place in the hearts of many in our community, and it was suggested that by placing the village sign there could serve as a fitting tribute to the tree while also enhancing the charm and identity of Bekesbourne.

15. Playground: Roundabout & other projects

This was briefly discussed under agenda item 11.2. The accessible roundabout money raised could be utilised with the addition of the s106 funds. Councillor to think of ideas.

16. Next Meeting Date

Monday 9th September 2024

17. 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

Meeting closed 20:27

It was agreed that these minutes are a TRUE and ACCURATE record:

Signed.....(Chairperson)

Date.....