



**BEKESBOURNE-WITH-PATRIXBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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Date of Issue:

4<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Councillor,

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7:30 pm**, at **Bekesbourne Village Hall**, where the business shown on the agenda below will be transacted:

*Nicola Purcell*

**Parish Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer to  
Bekesbourne with Patrixbourne Parish Council**

1. Those Present
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declarations of councillor interests relevant to this agenda
4. To confirm minutes of the previous meetings (**November 2023, Extraordinary Meeting December 2023, January 2023**)
5. To report any matters arising (*from the previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda*)

**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*)
7. External Reports
  - 7.1 County Councillor Reports
  - 7.2 City Councillor Reports

**Parish Council meeting resumes**

8. Any s101 Delegated Authority items to be noted by council. (*if any*)
9. Any updates from representatives for external groups (*if any*)
  - 9.1 Recreation Ground Management Committee
  - 9.2 Village Hall Management Committee
  - 9.3 The River Group
  - 9.4 KALC
  - 9.5 A257 Traffic Management Group
10. Highways Matters
  - 10.1 Highways Improvement Plan Update
  - 10.2 Any new matters
11. Finance Matters
  - 11.1 February/March 2023 Electronic Payment Schedule (**See page 2**).
  - 11.2 Planning
    - 12.1 No New applications
    - 12.2 Any Updates
    - 12.3 CCC Local Plan Update
12. Update following invitation to attend Highland Court Farm meeting.
13. Emergency Plan
14. Correspondence
  - 14.1 Buses (**See Page 2**)
  - 14.2 Pin Oak at the Village Hall (**See Page 2**)

**14.3 Complaint- *Confidential to be held under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960***

**15. Next Meeting Date**

**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.*

**Supporting information:**

**11.1 February/March Payment Schedule**

**Payments Made in September/October as per financial regulations.**

month	Type	Payment	Amount
February 2024	DD	Hugo Fox website	£23.99
February 2024	SO	Clerk salary	As per salary sheet

**Payments Due for Approval:**

Payment	Amount
Clerk Reimbursement HP Instant Ink (February)	£9.99
Village Hall Invoice for use 2024-25 (not to be paid before 1 <sup>st</sup> April)	£168.00
Clerk Reimbursement Phone Bill (Dec- March)	£20.00

**14. Correspondence**

**14.1** Correspondence has been received from resident regarding the poor availability of public transport through the village. The resident has suggested that as the 89 bus passes through Bridge several times a day, diverting one or two a day through Adisham and Bekesbourne would make a very small dent in the timetable and provide residents with better access to the city. We do have a railway station, but a bus would be much more accessible and also cheaper for pensioners who have bus passes, which at present aren't much use in the two villages. The resident has requested the Parish Council support on this matter.

**14.2 Pin Oak at Village Hall**

Email received from the VHMC: 'Just to note for the PC that if it is raised at the next meeting, I did check with Canterbury City Council and the Pin Oak was outside of the conservation area, but only just. I have had some awful comments that have been sent privately by one resident. So, I just wanted to let you know that it was confirmed that the tree was dying, this can be seen in the centre of the stump that is left, it had been dropping branches and debris for a few years now, we have in the past had the branches trimmed back, but it just kept dying. This was and could have caused debris to be dropped on the public or into the road. The car park retaining wall has been damaged, split all the way down as well as the lifting of the carpark surface by the roots. The tree had outgrown its space and the lack of water it could access was contributing to it dying. Under our insurance, we are liable for anything in the carpark that is unsafe and are expected to keep the area safe. This we felt was the only and final option. A decision not taken lightly by the committee.'

***Local electors and the press are entitled to listen to parish council meetings but not take part. An opportunity to speak on an agenda item will be given at the beginning of council business. Please let the Parish Clerk know in advance if you wish to speak by using the contact details at the top of this agenda.***