

**MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20 MARCH 2023
AT BEARE GREEN VILLAGE HALL**

1 IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Dale, Mr McLachlan, Mrs Schryver, Mr Ashwood, Mr Cox, and the Clerk.
District Councillor Mrs Caroline Salmon and Mr James Baguley, Headteacher The Weald CofE Primary School.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr Salter, Mrs Ryan, Mr Garber and Mr Ball.

3 TO APPROVE THE ACCURACY OF MINUTES OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 20 FEBRUARY 2023

The minutes were regarded as a true record of the meeting. All Councillors voted in favour of accepting the records and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

4 MATTERS ARISING:

None.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None.

6 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

The Chair welcomed Mr Baguley to the meeting and invited him to speak to the Parish Council about establishing an outdoor learning classroom. Mr Baguley said The Weald School was came out out of special measures in September 2022 and had recently been rated Good by Ofsted. To continue to push forward, the school was keen to establish a new outdoor classroom. This would be beneficial for all children when participating in the enquiry curriculum. Due to the creative and varied learning opportunities that our curriculum provides, the emphasis is now on enhancing our outdoor provision which will help to ensure the school grounds are used to their full potential and in doing so enrich the children's learning.

The school is currently looking to raise £12,000. The site manager is in the process of breaking down the resources needed for this project. This will be published in due course and several parents have offered to network, speak to other parents and local businesses.

It was asked how this classroom was different from a forest school and Mr Baguley explained that the classroom was more formal, and lessons would take place every week. This classroom had the capacity to accommodate up to 35 pupils.

Councillor Caroline Salmon suggested the school applies for financial grants from the Wates Group whose land is adjacent to the school and also Gatwick Airport.

The problem with parking along Newdigate Road was mentioned, especially during dropping off and pick up times. It was asked if the school could consider allowing cars to use the playground at these times to alleviate parking pressures.

7 CLERKS REPORT:

- Following on from a recent complaint, it has been established that the verge outside 1 The Bungalow, Horsham Road, Beare Green is common land and not registered in the name of the Parish Council. The Councillors suggested that as the owner of the property has concerns regarding the Oak tree on the verge, they could instigate maintenance work at their own expense. Councillors were reminded that as a gesture of goodwill, the Parish Council had authorised a resistograph test on the tree and it was found to be in good and safe order, not requiring immediate attention. The complainant will be given this latest information and advised that the Parish Council would not object if they wanted to proceed and pay for remedial works.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- **MO/2023/0226 - 4 Stockrydons, Henfold Lane, Beare Green.** This is an application for the Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed development in respect of the erection of an outbuilding for use incidental to the enjoyment of the main dwelling. The Councillors discussed the application taking into consideration the size of the outbuilding and the impact the development could have on the adjacent properties. It was agreed that there could be a detrimental effect on neighbouring properties and therefore suggested that the application be refused.
- **MO/2023/0221 - Crackerbarrel Farm, Horsham Road, Beare Green.** This is an application for the erection of a detached single storey annexe building ancillary to the main dwelling. The Councillors were reminded of the previous applications and agreed that as this was a proposal for development within the Green Belt, the application should be refused.

9. LAND OFF TEMPLE LANE, CAPEL:

Further to the letter received from Engleharts Solicitors on 10 February 2023 the Parish Council sought legal advice on the specific point of what evidence is required to prove/support prescriptive rights to be 100% sure. There has been only one item of evidence submitted (which is historical) and the Parish Council has up-to-date photographic evidence to the contrary. The Parish Council's opinion is unchanged, agreed that court proceeding should begin at the landowner's expense. A letter of response will be drafted for agreement by all Councillors.

10. PARISH COUNCILLOR RE-ELECTIONS:

All Councillors have now received their election packs with instructions and were reminded to book appointments with Mole Valley Democratic Services to register their nominations. It has been established that the Clerk is allowed to register forms on behalf of Councillors who are unable to attend Mole Valley personally.

11. KING CHARLES III CORONATION CELEBRATIONS:

Mrs Schryver confirmed arrangements for the celebrations over the Coronation weekend and has made application for funding of £200 from Mole Valley toward the costs.

12. BYWAYS:

Mr McLachlan was pleased to inform the Parish Council that Surrey County Council had agreed the permanent closure of Wolvens Lane, Coldharbour "to prohibit any motor vehicles or any horse drawn carriages, with four or more wheels, wider than 1500mm (4'11") from entering or proceeding in that length of the BOAT. The Order does not affect any private vehicular (or other) rights that may exist".

13. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS:

(a) Finance

(i) To agree, approve and Authorise Cash Book entries for month of February 2023:

The bank statement cash book entry for February 2023 will be signed at the April Full Parish Council meeting.

(ii) To agree and approve accounts to 20 March 2023:

Mr McLachlan addressed the meeting. At the end of the current financial year the precept will be overspent by 20%. Additional income had been received from other areas to reduce the overspend. The overspend was due to legal representation at Local Plan sessions and legal fees contesting the Temple Lane dispute. It was agreed that any funds left in the current account once the April precept payment is received would be transferred back into reserves.

The current account balance on 20 March 2023 was £14,797.53 and the balance of the reserve account is £30,353.31.

(iii) To approve and authorise payments of outstanding invoices:

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Allotment Fee	£50.00
Hall Hire	<u>£60.00</u>

PAYMENTS APPROVED

		VAT	TOTAL
Mrs L Quirk	£45.00		£45.00
The Image Company	£92.50	£18.50	£111.00
Surrey Playing Fields Affiliation Fee	£10.00		£10.00
J Russell reimbursement postage	£13.04		£13.04
Treeline - Invoice 25980	£662.40	£165.60	£828.00
Treeline - Invoice 26256	£769.80	£199.20	£969.00
Helpdesq Invoice 13147	£53.85	£10.77	£64.62
BGCA Hall hire	£45.00		£45.00
J Russell March salary	£2,479.40		£2,479.40
SES Water Burial Ground	£69.26		£69.26
MVDC Council Tax Burial Ground	£267.22		£267.22
HMRC Clerk's income tax	£619.80		£619.80
KSS Air Ambulance Charity	£350.00		£350.00
Mid-Surrey Community Fridge donation	£150.00		£150.00
Date Protection DD	£35.00		£35.00
PWLB Repayment DD	£965.69		£965.69
OPUS Energy Gas DD	£236.18	£12.43	£248.61
OPUS Energy Electricity DD	£60.33	£3.17	£63.50
Total	£6,924.54	£409.68	£7,361.22

Although approved, payment to HAGS for playground repairs - **£501.30** continues to be withheld until all spares have been received.

(b) Ward Matters for discussion

Coldharbour - (i) Mr McLachlan informed the Councillors that filming had been taking place in Coldharbour. Permission had been granted by the Forestry Commission but residents were concerned regarding the size and number of vehicles being driven up and down to the filming area and the damage that is being done to the verges. (ii) It was mentioned that vehicles had been driving over Coldharbour cricket grounds.

Capel – (i) Mrs Schryver asked if there had been any update from SCC regarding the footpath at Bennetts Green. The Clerk will contact Councillor Clack again.

Beare Green – (i) Mr Cox mentioned a car had landed in the ditch along Newdigate Road. The vehicle had been towed out by the ditch had been damaged. (ii) A large amount of fly tipping had been noticed along Newdigate Road and this will be reported to Mole Valley.

Councillor Salmon asked the Parish Council if it had or was proposing to respond the current AONB consultation. A particular reference was to the land in Beare Green, recommending the boundary be extended beyond the railway up to the A24/A29. The Clerk will remind the Chairman of the Planning Committee of this consultation and the 13 June 2023 closing date.

15 CORRESPONDENCES:

A request had been received from Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance Charity for a donation. All Councillors agreed unanimously to support the charity with a donation of £350.00.

A request had been received from Mid-Surrey Community Fridge for a donation toward Easter 2023 hampers. All Councillors unanimously agreed to support the request with a donation of £150.00.

16 URGENT MATTERS AT DISCRETION OF CHAIRMAN FOR NOTE OF INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA:

None.

Dates of Next Meetings -

Planning Committee: **Monday 3 April 2023**

Full Council Meeting: **Monday 17 April 2023**

Finance Committee: **Tuesday 9 May 2023**