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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, School Lane, Blean
on Monday 9th July 2018

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Those Present: Cllrs: B. Flack (Chairman); W Leetham (Vice-Chairman); C. Dunster; P. Wakeling; J Rouse; K Vant; L. Harvey and Clerk D. Horswell.

Also present: Two members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence: —Cllr. G King – family commitments; H. Samuelson – previous engagement; Ward Cllr. Amy Baker – holiday; Ward Cllr. Fitter-Harding - Conservative Group meeting; Ward Cllr. George Metcalfe – Conservative Group meeting and County Cllr. J. Simmonds – unwell.

2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:
No changes.

3. To Approve: Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th June 2018:
Proposed by Cllr. Leetham, seconded by Cllr. Rouse and all Members present
AGREED.

4. Approval for Invoice Payments (Banking list circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting):
Banking Report 9th July 2018
Approval for invoice payments

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection July 2018	£94.20 Vat £15.70
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages June 2018	£167.00
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary June 2018	£692.66
Bacs	BVHMC	Hall Hire July 2018	£15.00
Bacs	HMRC	PAYE & NIC June 2018	£147.25
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Stationary & Post	£60.34

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		Fixings	Vat £10.06
DD	Unity Trust	Service Charge	£18.00
Bacs	Meadow Grange Nurseries	Wooden Posts	£11.25 Vat £1.88
Bacs	Kent Farmers Market Association	Subscription	£55.00

Total Paid Out **£1,260.70**

Paid in

Bacs – CCC – Concurrent Funding	£5,488.20
Bacs – BVHMC – 50% June Waste Collection & Grass Cutting	£52.41
Chq. – Tyler Hill Youth Football Club - for use of recreation ground	£50.00
Cash – Favour House Church - for use of recreation ground	£10.00
Bacs – BVHMC – Fete – for use of recreation ground	£25.00

Total Paid in **£5,625.61**

Bank Statement as at 30th June 2018

Current Account: £30,694.53

(Not including transactions to be approved and signed at this meeting)

5. Planning Report:

Planning Applications:

1. 18/00619 - Retrospective application for temporary two storey modular building - Research and Development Centre, University Of Kent, Giles Lane, Blean, CT2 7PD – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application although are a little concerned that it is retrospective.

2. 18/01061 - Proposed detached two-storey dwelling - 8 Chestnut Avenue, Blean, CT2 9HY - Blean Parish Council has no objection in principle to this application, however, would like to draw attention to Mr Corris's comments which draw attention to a letter from an officer at KCC with reference to an extension of the cross-over. Blean Parish Council would like to ask the Planning Officer to investigate further as the application clearly states 'erection of two-storey dwelling, extension of existing dropped kerb and provision of off-street parking'.

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3. 18/01067 - Proposed extension to indoor tennis centre & associated plant, new access road and car parking - Sports Centre, University of Kent, Parkwood Road, Blean, CT2 7SR – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.

4. 18/01174 - Proposed single-storey rear extension following demolition of Conservatory - 9 Woodland Way, Blean, CT2 7LS – Blean Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Applications Received since last meeting:

1. 18/01166 - Proposed detached two storey dwelling - The Mill House, 40 Tyler Hill Road, Blean, CT2 9HT - This application has been made by a Blean Parish Councillor. Blean Parish Council can only respond in accordance with Planning Policies and local knowledge of the site.

Therefore, although the Parish Council is sympathetic with the medical needs of the family, objects to the application on the following grounds:

1. Contrary to policies SP4 and HD4 in the Local Plan and is a greenfield site outwith the confines of the village.
2. Impact on Grade 2* listed building within the Conservation Area.
3. The design and materials proposed are not in keeping with the area and are architecturally at odds to the neighbouring properties.
4. Potential impact upon the adjacent SSSI of the Blean Woods Complex.

2. 18/01249 - Proposed detached single-storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space together with associated parking, following demolition of stable block - Land to the rear of 43-47 Chapel Lane, Blean, CT2 9HE - Comments by 20th July

3. 5. 18/01332 - Proposed single-storey rear extension, use of garage as ancillary accommodation and creation of new private driveway/off-street parking area - 36 Tile Kiln Hill, Blean, CT2 9EE - Comments by 27th July

4. 18/01357 - Variation of condition 02 (drawings) of planning permission CA//18/00151/FUL for the proposed two-storey detached dwelling to the rear of 7 Whitstable Road; to allow insertion of rooflights to side and rear, door & window to rear ground floor and window to 1st floor - 7 Whitstable Road, Blean, CT2 9EA – Comments by 3rd August

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Decision Notices:

1. 18/00750- Proposed single-storey rear extension with 3 no. roof lights following demolition of conservatory - The Hive, 59 Honey Hill, Blean, CT5 3BP- GRANTED
2. 18/00598/RES - Application for the approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of four detached dwellings following the demolition of existing buildings and structures pursuant to outline planning permission CA/17/01907/OUT - Dockers Field Farm, Pean Hill, Blean, CT5 3BP - GRANTED

Tree Notices: None

KCC Footpath Closures from 23rd April for a maximum of six months.

With reference to Planning application 18/01249: Cllr. Flack and Ward Cllr. Amy Baker had met with a group of residents who have concerns over this application. On all planning issues Cllr. Flack commented that Blean Parish Council are requesting consistency of decisions by Planning Inspectors.

6. Report from County Councillor, Ward Cllrs and PCSO:

Vice-Chairman of RAMP is now Ward Cllr. Amy Baker and not Ward Cllr. George Metcalfe as stated in the previous minutes.

As there were no Ward Cllrs. present Cllr. Flack reported that the decisions of the Community Governance will be published in full after the next Full Council meeting.

6.1 PCSO Report: *(attached to these minutes)*.

7. Reports and Updates: (Reports circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting)

7.1 Questions re: Village Hall Report (attached to these minutes)

Congratulations were given to the Hall Committee on the Annual Fete and Music Festival which had made a profit of £3,500. It was noted that Carol Sturgeon is stepping down in October after thirteen years on the Hall Committee, twelve of those as Chairman. Blean Parish Council continues to support the village hall Committee.

7.2 Questions re: N.H.W. Report (attached to these minutes)

It was noted that scams are still the main issue. Cllr. Wakeling confirmed that the PCSO's are continuing to visit Woodlands Estate which the residents are pleased about.

7.3 Questions re: Footpath Report (attached to these minutes)

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8. Matters raised by the Public:

8.1 Mrs Letts reported that a willow tree on CB8 is dead. The clerk has reported this to PROW.

Mrs Letts confirmed that the barbed wire has not encroached on CB18A. The footpath in the crop field has never been re-instated.

Mrs Letts also asked whether building is permitted in a Conservation Area. Cllr. Flack replied that being in a Conservation area does not prohibit building only the style and density.

8.2 Mr Gammon said that he had noticed that a lot of bungalows are being converted into houses in the village. Cllr. Flack replied that often bungalows are cheaper than houses for families to buy and then convert but they all then will have to go through the due planning process.

9. Matters to be discussed:

9.1 For Discussion: Boot Fairs on Recreation ground:

Cllr. Leatham suggested having boot fairs on the recreation ground three times a year. Possibly May/September and later in the year. Members thought that it was a good idea. It was thought that Sunday would be a good day to hold them and not to have any food stalls. All Members were 'in agreement' in principle.

Cllr. Leatham will take the lead and the clerk will check with the Council's insurance on public liability etc.

Prices were discussed and it thought best to distribute leaflets to surrounding residents.

9.2 To Consider: Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for recreation ground:

Cllr. Flack said that she will have a chat with CCC Environmental Officer and put together a proposal during August.

9.3 To accept: GDPR Policies on an interim basis until further guidance from the ICO:

It was agreed to accept the policies, which had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting, as an interim policy until we have any further guidelines.

Proposed by Cllr. Leatham, Seconded by Cllr. Vant, All Cllrs. present AGREED.

Proposal that the Clerk be Data Controller

Proposed by Cllr. Flack, Seconded by Cllr. Rouse, All Cllrs. present AGREED.

It has been noted that it is not law that Parish Councils need to have a Data Protection Officer.

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9.4 To consider: Erection of 'Tommy' Memorial statue on the former recycling site (to be purchased by Friends of Blean Church):

Cllr. Flack explained what the statue would be like and circulated a drawing to Members. Friends of Blean Church are considering purchasing one and if agreed by the Parish Council would become a permanent memorial.

All Cllrs. present AGREED in principle.

10. Councillors' Reports:

10.1 Cllr. Leetham has spoken to KJ who is keen on doing a litter pick around the village. It was proposed to have it on 21st July. Cllr. Leetham would advise of further details. The clerk will arrange with Serco to pick up the bags.

10.2 Cllr. Leetham also reported that the Kent Highways contractor has been clearing the culvert at Blean Church on the Crab and Winkle Way and Sustran is clearing the vegetation from the greenhouses to Chapel Lane and Amery Court to Tyler Hill Road will be cleared. He said that it needs urgent work done on it in the way of resurfacing.

10.3 Cllr. Flack said that there was good news as Ward Cllr. Amy Baker had said that at the QBP the bus shelter will be reinstated at St. Dunstons.

10.4 Cllr. Dunster reported that the footways are not in too bad a state.

10.5 Cllr. Wakeling said that in the last two days five residents of Woodlands Estate had enquired about the fire-break being cut in the woods behind the estate as the grass is now five-six feet high and they are concerned about the dry weather. Cllr. Flack said that she will ask the Ward Cllrs to take it up.

10.6 Cllr. Wakeling said that the crossing at the Royal Oak has been cleaned up but is falling apart again. The clerk will email the Highways Steward to see when it is to be done.

10.7 Cllr. Harvey said that she did a litter pick on her way to the school and had collected two bags of rubbish. Cllr. Flack said that maybe we need to get in touch with the Rural Liaison Officer to get some 'Litter' signs.

10.8 Cllr. Rouse reported that she had heard from the Farmers Market Manager and once we have sent the membership fee he will set up the website and activate it. Cllr. Vant left the meeting at 8.50pm.

11. Any Other Business for discussion at next meeting:

There being no further business Cllr. Flack thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

Date _____

Signature _____

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PCSO Report:

Dear Parish Councillors, NHW.

Enclosed is a report for the rural areas from 01/06/2018 to 30/06/2018

CRIME REPORT INCIDENTS.

Blean, Rough Common & Tyler Hill

Theft from a vehicle-Tyler Hill
Burglary- Tyler Hill
Criminal Damage-Blean

Upper and Lower Harbledown

Burglary- Harbledown
Attempt Burglary- Harbledown

Chartham & Chartham Hatch

Criminal Damage- Chartham
Theft -Chartham
Burglary- Chartham Hatch
Attempt Burglary – Chartham Hatch
Arson- Chartham

Petham,Waltham,Bossingham,Upper & Lower Hardres, Nackington

Burglary- Petham
Burglary- Upper Hardres

Bridge,Patricxbourne,Bishopsbourne, Kingston, Bekesbourne

Theft-Patricxbourne
Theft from a vehicle-Bishopsbourne
Theft from a vehicle- Bridge
Burglary-Bridge

Barham, Woolage Village, Woolage Green ,Womanswold, Adisham

Theft of a vehicle-Adisham
Theft from a vehicle-Barham
Vehicle interference - Adisham

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Littlebourne, Stodmarsh, Ickham, Wickhambreaux, Grove Ferry

Criminal damage, Theft, Burglary, Arson, Theft from a vehicle and theft of a vehicle.- Littlebourne

We have decided to produce a report that covers all the rural areas and also give other areas ideas of what's happening also. Also joining the team from now and covering **Petham, Waltham, Bossingham, Upper & Lower Hardres, Nackington, Chartham & Chartham Hatch** is PCSO Emma COYLE.

Regards

Gavin, Amy and Emma

BVHMC report for Blean Parish Council meeting 9th July 2018

The volunteer led annual village fete and music festival last weekend was a huge success and will the help of a huge number of volunteers and the public who supported the events raised a profit of £3,500 for immediate hall projects and internal refurbishment work.

- To include a new system for the men's urinals in main toilets, an environmentally based, water and cost saving system will be professionally installed when estimate received and work agreed.
- Internal walls in hall spaces need to be permanently re-furbished with sheets of Perspex to protect painted surfaces from damage from heavy use, furniture shifting and general use.

Fete profit to be designated to above though may not cover all costs at this stage. Photos of music festival uploaded to website. We're still awaiting photos of fete from local photographers which will be uploaded to website when received.

Hall Gate padlock: the new padlock was "removed" by an unknown person on Saturday which means a new padlock is needed to be purchased to secure the gate and rear car park. Until it's replaced the gate can't be closed or secured after use which leaves the Hall site insecure to avoid illegal access to the Memorial ground, please remain vigilant until a new padlock is bought and installed by Hall Liaison Officer.

Brief meeting on 2nd July addressed a range of official complaints from 4 x regular hire groups + 1 informal complaint – all were resolved after discussion/investigation/followed up by L.O. and Chairman with reasonable and remedial action agreed.

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Reminder for all regular hall user groups that under their current hiring agreement version 2.3-0/16 the following applies to all groups.

“Information for regular users first sheet of bullet points refers:

- 2. If you find the Hall in an unacceptable condition on arrival please report it to the Letting Officer.
- 11. Please remember to leave the Hall in a clean and tidy condition ready for the next user, with internal doors closed and windows locked”
- Footnote: Hall Cleaner comes in twice a week (6 hours total); the hall will never be cleaner than the state she leaves it in. Maintenance of cleanliness in the hall relies on every user group or private hire’s own responsibility for cleaning and clearing up after every session to make certain that all areas they have used are left clean and tidy.
- Reminder notices to be put up in the Hall to inform all users to check above and take action before leaving the hall.

At 2nd July’s brief meeting:

Chairman (CS) gave notice that she will resign as BVHMC Chairman at next AGM in October 2018 and stand down from the committee after 13 years of public service, (joined committee in 2005 – BVHMC Chairman since 2006).

Secretary (JS) also gave notice that she will resign as BVHMC Secretary at next AGM in Oct 2018 and stand down from the committee (after 9 years of public service - 7 years as BVHMC Secretary).

Both will continue to support the hall and committee with volunteer work and personal commitment when they can.

Next BVHMC meeting 3rd September 2018. No meeting in August.

The BVHMC social events programme is suspended during July and August to give all the volunteers and committee a well deserved break and will resume with the monthly coffee morning/light lunches on Saturday 29th September.

Other community based groups will continue to offer existing regular social events in the hall and in the village during the remainder of the school term and during the summer period.

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Hall bookings – Letting Officer continues to deal with a range of enquiries for regular and private hires and BVHMC request that people who make contact remain patient and plan bookings in advance. Please acknowledge and respect this system, which requires a time scale of 72 hrs to respond or reply to inquiries made. BVHMC's Letting Officer details: All bookings, enquiries, communication/messages via <bleanvillagehall@gmail.com> email account.

Phone number is: **07709530860**, address for all documents/letters/payments to BVHMC Blean Village Hall 2 School Lane Blean Canterbury Kent CT29JA. The Hall post box is emptied by the Letting Officer or a BVHMC member on a regular basis.

Carol Sturgeon - Chairman BVHMC Email: bvhmc@outlook.com or visit website: www.bleanvillagehall.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH report- June/July 2018

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET
Phone: 01227 450853/mob 07843962986
e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

Five relevant reports were received from Kent Police between June 12th and July 5th, 2018.

Several of these involved bogus callers and rogue traders. The following is extracted from one of the, very comprehensive, reports:

ROGUE TRADERS

A rogue trader is someone who comes to your house without invitation (cold calling), offering services or goods and overcharging for them.

This includes overcharging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately to get money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating someone to get money.

[Sign up to Kent Trading Standard's email alert system](#) to receive rogue trader and fraud updates direct to your inbox.

Top tips to protect yourself

Check they're from the company they say they're from.

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Ask for their quote in writing and then ring 3 or more other traders to get an average price.

Remember traders must give you written notice of your right to 14 days cancellation when agreeing to do work at your home, including work gained from a cold call

If in doubt, don't agree to services or goods from doorstep callers.

More information

*To report problems involving suspected rogue traders call Citizens Advice consumer service on **03454 040506***

Trading Standards is also involved with setting up Cold Calling Control Zones, aimed at stopping people being targeted in the first place. You can report issues by filling in the form on the [Kent](#) or [Medway](#) Trading Standards sites.

David Greenman- 05 July 2018

Footpath Report 06.07.18

Walked this month:

CB12 (very overgrown)

CB18a has been marked across the field but then ends in barbed wire once it comes into the cherry orchard of Amery Court.



I'm not sure which side of the fence the footpath should be.

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CB19 and CB26 Paths not cleared through crops so unpassable



CB27 (unpassable due to overgrown nettles and brambles)