

Birling Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 10 January 2017 in Birling Village Hall at 8pm

Present: Councillors Mrs Westwood (Chair) Mr Grimmett (Vice Chair)
 Mr Hewett Mrs Spooner
 Mrs Walker

County Cllr Mrs Hohler and Mrs Grimmett (Clerk)

1 **Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**

None

2 **Reports**

Borough:

County: Cllr Hohler advised that she has Members funds available to fund traffic surveys on 2 roads. A decision had not yet been made about keeping the no right turn at Castle Way junction. The application for the school hall at Ryarsh School is still out for consultation while objections are being considered and could go to committee in February or March.

Crime: It was noted there had been a number of instances of tyre slashing and vehicle keying in Snodland.

3 **Open Forum**

Nothing was raised under this heading.

4 **Approval and Signing of Minutes of Previous Month's Meeting**

Cllr Hewett asked that item 5(a) be amended to replace complain with improve and after this amendment was made it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 December 2016 be **APPROVED** and they were **SIGNED** by the Chair.

5 **Matters arising and last month's circulation**

(a) **Actions from December's meeting:**

Vacancy for Clerk – Interviews had been conducted and the position had been offered to a candidate, subject to references, with a start date of 1 March 2017.

Traffic Survey – Cllr Hohler had confirmed that she would fund a survey on 2 roads and if BPC wished to fund another it would cost £750. It was **DECIDED** that Bull Road & Ryarsh Road would be the best positions.

Action: Clerk to advise Cllr Hohler

Faster Broadband – Cables on Birling Estate Cllr Hewett had established the KCC contact and passed the name on to Cllr Nevill.

Anonymous letter re Bull Road – Cllr Grimmett had spoken with the house owner about the stones.

Landscape PCSO – Invoice received

Cllr Westwood had raised the letter to Rev Dr Shuker

(b) **Any other matters arising**

Nothing was raised under this heading.

6 **Parish Business and Decisions**

(a) **Change of Secure Trust Signatories**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Hewett should replace Cllr Harrington.

Action: Clerk to complete papers.

(b) Any other Parish business

Nothing was raised under this heading.

7 Correspondence / Communications

Invitation to Lord Lieutenant of Kent's Civic Service – no-one available to attend

Thank you letter from KCC re Try Angle donation

8 Financial Matters

(a) PAYE records were signed, quarterly reconciliation sheet and bank statements to be signed at February's meeting.

NatWest balances as at 31 December 2016:

Current £19372.92 **Reserve** £100.46 **Secure Trust Bank** £17239.22

(b) Cheques to be signed

The following cheques were signed:

			Net	VAT	Gross
1520	Mrs Grimmett	Jan salary + reimbursements			£323.02
1521	TMBC	Light column testing	£19.90	£3.98	£23.88
1522	KCC	Landscape PCSO	£250.00		£250.00

(c) Any other financial business

Nothing was raised under this heading.

9 Roads

(a) JPCTCG

Next meeting 23 January 2017

(b) Any other roads business

Cllr Hewett had noticed the street light outside 1 Bull Road had been on during daylight hours.

Action: Monitor before reporting

Nothing further was raised under this heading

10 Planning

New:

TM/16/03785/FL 3 Bull Road Birling ME19 5JR

Demolition of existing conservatory, kitchen & bathroom & replace with ground floor family room & 1st floor bathroom plus internal alterations

BPC: No objections to plans provided that materials used are in keeping with the village.

Decisions:

None

11 Any Other Business

(a) The Village Party will be held on 8 July.

(b) Cllr Westwood said that handrails on a bridge on the footpath leading from the village to the Downs on the Birling Estate had collapsed and that there is also a lot of litter in that area. It was suggested that any future litter picks could deal with the litter.

Action: Cllr Westwood to provide footpath number – Clerk to report to Public Rights of Way Team.

Nothing further was raised under this heading

12 Date of next meeting

As previously agreed the next meeting will be held at **8pm on Tuesday 14 February 2017**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.