

| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Full Council Meeting<br/>Birchington Parish Council<br/>Birchington Library, Birchington, CT7 9EG<br/>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 19.00 hrs</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |
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| <p>Present: Chairman Cllr Neville Hudson (NH)<br/>Vice Chairman Cllr Marcel Pooke (MP) Minute Taker<br/>Cllr. Sandra McCreddie, (SM)<br/>Cllr. Nick Blankley<br/>TDC Cllr. George Kup, (GK)<br/>Denise Johnson, Asst. to the Parish Clerk</p> <p>Members of the public x 9</p> <p>Apologies: Cllr Phil Fellows,<br/>Cllr. Nicola Hayes,<br/>TDC Cllr Emma Dawson,<br/>Cllr Robert Wright,<br/>Cllr Geraldine, Cllr.<br/>Cllr Max Houghton.<br/>Cllr. Linda Wright.<br/>Peter Willows, Community Warden<br/>Parish Clerk Caroline Vincent, (CV)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |
| <p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b><br/>There were no declarations of interest</p> <p><b>MINUTES FC2019/55</b><br/>The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 were presented for approval. Councillor N Hudson moved approval and Councillor N Blankley seconded, all agreed. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting and the Chairman signed the minutes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Action By |
| <p><b>CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FC2019/56</b><br/>Councillor N Hudson informed that due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the 1940's event celebrating VE Day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May will have to be cancelled. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May is a National event and can stand; unfortunately, not the children's party due to food being served. The other planned events will rest in abeyance. Events and church services scheduled for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May will go ahead unless cancelled. All public meetings will be cancelled.<br/>Parish website to be updated with a weekly bulletin. The possibility and legality of public meetings being streamed live on website will be investigated, if go ahead can be publicised on notice boards and Facebook.</p> <p><b>Public Question Time/Discussion on Agenda Items Received from the public– FC2019/57</b><br/>Cllr N Hudson allowed public question time to be moved up the agenda to limit time, due to restrictions surrounding the Coronavirus,</p> <p>Members of the public informed they had set up a volunteer support group, to assist vulnerable and house bound residents affected by the Coronavirus outbreak.</p> |           |

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| <p>They will help with shopping, dog walking, collecting prescriptions, and providing telephone support.</p> <p>One member of the group is experienced at leading volunteers: she will produce guidelines by end of week to keep both volunteer and recipient safe. They have around 60 volunteers so far</p> <p>A confidential database will be kept, which will be destroyed at end of crisis. They do not want to duplicate anything big charities doing.</p> <p>Both chemists in the village are happy for volunteers to collect prescriptions if patient has rung ahead and gives signed note.</p> <p>All agreed a commendable idea. Will also support local business as service will only use local shops. Parish will put up posters on their notice boards, on Facebook and website.</p> <p>It was asked if Council could give grant to provide protective equipment?</p> <p>It was thought the main shops in Birchington would try to hold back key stocks for those most in need.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding 'The Hub'; in Minnis Road. KCC had been asked why it couldn't be used as community hub and that Sir Roger Gale was surprised at its lack of use. It was asked what The Parish and KCC had done? Cllr Marcel Pooke reported he has responded to report and that it is to primarily be used as an elderly resource centre. Councillor M Pooke agreed to chase again</p> <p>It was felt by the public that there is still a great need for it, especially for elderly and respite care. Councillor N Hudson felt the Parish would support. There were concerns regarding the low number of referrals being made.</p> <p>Birchington Residents Association, (BRA), asked for clarification on a flagpole at Dog Acre and if it was being privately funded? BRA had unanimous agreed they didn't want another flagpole, widened paths, stage etc. on Dog Acre; they wanted it to stay as it is.</p> <p>Councillor N Hudson clarified there may be a temporary flagpole on Dog Acre for VE Day celebrations, but it wouldn't be permanent.</p> <p>Councillor M Pooke felt we may be facing emergency times ahead due to Virus.</p> <p>It was asked that minutes and notification of meetings be kept up to date on Parish website. It was generally felt they already were.</p> <p>Councillor N Hudson will add Health and Wellbeing on to next meeting.</p> <p><b>Climate Control FC2019/58</b><br/>Report from Cllr N Hudson – withdrawn</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Plan FC2019/59</b><br/>Updated plan will be sent to external examiner, Tony Burton; Parish will pay for his service.</p> <p><b>BPC Strategy FC2019/60</b><br/>Submitted to receive and seek approval.<br/>Led by Councillor Nick Blankley. Members and public were able to view a copy of proposed works, consisting of old and new projects. The draft document outlined a programme of work, divided into sections, with action box and progress reports to be reviewed. It was noted it was put together before virus outbreak and was a flexible document.</p> | <p>NH / CV</p> <p>MP</p> <p>CV</p> <p>NH</p> |
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**Resolved: Members agreed to investigate the strategy document ideas further.**

**Clerk Correspondence Clerk Correspondence FC2019/61**

To receive any correspondence. To consider any matters.

King Ethelbert school request for funds for learning resource centre - £750 requested,

**Resolved: Members approved £250**

Kent & Sussex air ambulance requested £250 towards their 14 million target.

**Resolved: Members approved £250.**

A quote of just over £1,000 had been received from Birchington carpets for carpet tiles for Parish Albion Road office.

**Resolved: Members approved the quote supplied.**

**Community Warden/P.C.S.O. Report FC2019/62**

Any rough sleepers in the area are engaged with and liaison made with the Thanet Council 'RISE' to see what assistance can be provided.

Abandoned vehicle reports are checked out and reported to the police for a check when required.

Potholes reported where needed for repair where needed.

Social service referrals attended where needed and assistance given.

Scam talk given to some residents in the area to ensure they are cautious of cold callers and the type of scams that are being used to get people to part with their money.

Your local KCC Community Warden contact is: Peter Willows  
07969583919

Your local Kent Police contact is: PCSO Deborah Forsyth call 101

**Reports from District Councillors – District Councillors to report as appropriate. FC2019/63**

TDC Councillor George Kup, reported on the following issues: -

Public Footpath at Brooksend, a farmer had put up barb wire, this has now been now resolved.

Parking issues. Councillor George Kup informed renewal coming up next year, advised to email in to TDC about parking concerns, the email is on their website

Coronavirus - Cllr. George Kup has already helped about 5 people; he is working with Sir Roger Gale's office to compile contacts for whole of Thanet. They will be putting a request on Social media to organisations and people who can help.

**Reports from KCC Councillor FC2019/64**

KCC Councillor's to report as appropriate – no representative

**Committee Reports FC2019/65**

To receive draft minutes of recent Committee meetings to discuss and confirm recommendations.

**Resolved: Members had nothing to raise.**

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| <p><b>Finance Requests/Cheques/Transactions/Bank Reconciliation<br/>FC2019/66</b></p> <p>To receive and approve the payments schedule/bank reconciliation for January/February and to be signed by 2 members.</p> <p><b>Resolved: 2 members signed off the payments schedule and bank reconciliations for January/February.</b></p> <p><b>Signed:</b><br/> <b>Chairman:</b><br/> <b>Date:</b></p> |  |
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