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Prior to the meeting a minute silence was held in memory of County Cllr. John Simmonds M.B.E. who has recently passed away.

The Chairman said that he was a true gentleman and expressed the Parish Council's gratitude for his great support and wisdom in all matters that were presented to him.

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

Also present: Ward Cllr. Amy Baker and five members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence: —Cllr. G King – family commitments; P. Wakeling – family commitments; K Vant – work commitments; Ward Cllr. Fitter-Harding - family commitments; Ward Cllr. George Metcalfe – Canterbury Cathedral meeting.

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 9th July 2018:
Proposed by Cllr. Leetham, seconded by Cllr. Harvey and all Members present
AGREED.

4. To Consider for Approval: Amendments to Standing Orders 2018:
The papers had been circulated to all Members prior to the meeting.
Proposed by Cllr. Samuelson, seconded by Cllr. Rouse and all Members present
AGREED.

5. Approval for Invoice Payments (Banking list circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting):
Banking Report September 2018
Approval for invoice payments

Method of payment	Payee	Description	Gross Cost
DD	Serco	Waste Collection September 2018	£77.16 Vat £12.86
Bacs	Mr K Waddington	Handyman Wages August 2018	£167.00
Bacs	Mrs D Horswell	Clerks Salary August 2018	£692.66
Bacs			

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6. Planning Report:

Planning Applications:

Amended Plans:

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 alterations to roof slope and eaves height, extension to garage, alteration to doors, insertion of windows and doors and addition of rooflights to the side and rear - 7 Whitstable Road, Blean, CT2 9EA – No Objection by BPC

5. 18/01524 - Proposed change of use from retail to office together with proposed single-storey rear extension, cycle store, associated alterations and Landscaping - Parkwood Administration, Park Wood Road, Blean, CT2 7SG - No Objection by BPC

6. 18/01817 - Proposed rear single-storey extension - 44 Tile Kiln Hill, Blean, CT2 9EE – comments by 28th September

Decision Notices:

1. 18/01166 - Proposed detached two storey dwelling - The Mill House, 40 Tyler Hill Road, Blean, CT2 9HT – WITHDRAWN

2. 18/01188 | Proposed detached two-storey dwelling - Mont Auban, Pean Hill, Blean, CT5 3BJ – WITHDRAWN

3. 17/00244 - Proposed brick and timber barn for 2no. holiday lets with associated works following demolition of existing timber barn. - Arbele House, Chapel Lane, Blean, CT2 9HF - WITHDRAWN

Appeal Notice:

W/18/3208295 - Proposed detached chalet bungalow with associated bike and bin store and parking - Land r/o 21 Chestnut Avenue, Blean, CT2 9HY

Tree Notices: None

It was noted that Planning Application 18/01249 43-47 Chapel Lane is to be reported to the CCC Planning Committee on 18th September.

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7. Report from Ward Cllrs and PCSO:

7.1 Due to his absence Ward Cllr. Fitter-Harding had sent this report to Members prior to the meeting:

“Many officers at Canterbury City Council have been off for various parts of the summer recess, as I'm sure you'll have noticed when trying to make requests. Hannah and Cherry have also departed the Planning team; as always if you have any issues contacting an officer, in any department, please let Amy, George or myself know and we'll find the right person to talk to.

Despite people taking holiday it has been a busy summer. Talks with Southeastern, Network Rail and Stagecoach have been ongoing as the Council seeks to use its approved Multi-Storey car park at Canterbury West Station as a platform for improving Canterbury West as a transport hub. Indeed, Stagecoach are planning some increased services to Station Road West as early as this October, and we hope that they will continue to recognise the rapid growth of our high speed station and the need to connect it with other parts of the district.

The autumn also marks the start of the budget process. Once again I will join the Leader in whittling down the various department spends, balancing income generation against spending, and building the Council's budget for 2019-2020. To that end, I welcome any feedback, thoughts, suggestions and ideas the Parish Council and members of the public might have.

Talks will also begin around bin collections as the Council looks to chart a course for how household waste will be dealt with when the current contract with Serco ends. Please be assured that everything is on the table, and your councillors fully appreciate the opportunity that this presents to improve service, simply recycling and manage costs.

The new Rural Forum will kick off this month. The new format is less formal than before, and includes networking from 6:30pm to allow Parish and District councillors, plus members of the public, to catch up over tea, coffee and biscuits. The meeting will then move into loosely timed segments for discussing a variety of issues, including ideas for an annual schedule of meetings designed to discuss certain recurring issues at the most relevant times of the year.

Finally, and while it goes without saying, I would like to add my thoughts on the passing of John Simmonds. John truly was a lovely man. Over the years we've walked much pavement together and resolved countless issues for residents across the ward. He has always been a beacon of financial clarity in the hugely complex world of County budgets, and has helped guide us through the various cuts that followed the financial crash. We

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have certainly lost a giant, but I know John would want us to work together to ensure that none of his residents will be underserved. He will be hugely missed”.

7.2 Ward Cllr. Amy Baker reported that the KCC Combined Members Grant is open for application and County Cllr. Alan Marsh will help with the process.

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

Cllr. Flack said that it was nice to note that Blean is not featuring in the crime report. She also said that PCSO’s Gavin and Amy came to the FOBC coffee morning on Wednesday.

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

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

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

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

9. Matters raised by the Public:

9.1 Mrs Letts said that Footpath CB18A is impassable. Where it goes across the cycle path it hits a barricade of trees. Also, there is a tree down on CB27 and on CB7 in the woods where it meets New Road there have been three lorryloads of rubble dumped.

On the plus side CB8 has been done beautifully.

9.2 Mr Christophers said that the Farm Manager of Kent College had said that new kissing gates on their land were going to be installed over the summer holiday but they have not been done. Also, there is a bull in the field where CB9 and CB10 are.

10. Matters to be discussed:

10.1 Update: Boot Fairs on Recreation ground:

Cllr. Leetham said that all the plans were in place to hold the first Boot Fair on 30th September. Notices had been delivered to all neighbouring residents informing them of this and the Parish Council’s insurance company has been contacted.

10.2 Update: Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for recreation ground:

The CCC Head of Safer Neighbourhoods has been contacted for advice on how to apply for this.

10.3 For Discussion: Parking at Blean School:

An email had been received from a member of the public on 19th July expressing concern about the parking at Blean School. At that time there were building works

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at the University which temporarily affected the car park at the rear of the school and put pressure on parking at the front. Cllr. Flack said that the car park at the rear of the school is kindly lent by the University for use by the parents of the school.

Cllr. Samuelson said that parents were advised by two emails from the school of the parking situation at that time.

Blean Parish Council and Blean School continue to work together on the parking situation at the school.

10.4 For Discussion: Speeding on Tile Kiln Hill:

A resident has expressed concern regarding speeding on Tile Kiln Hill. Cllr. Flack said that the Parish Council has new Speedwatch equipment which volunteers are to be trained on. When it is back in use there is an approved site at Blean Tavern where it will be able to be used.

Ward Cllr. Baker said that she will bring to the attention of Stagecoach about buses speeding down the hill at the next Quality Bus Partnership meeting.

Cllr. Flack said that KCC have won a funding bid which will enable improvements to be made on the A290.

10.5 For Information: Masterplan: Open Consultation event – Blean Village Hall on 12th October 2pm – 8pm:

This was noted by Members. The Chairman and Clerk are attending a presentation at the University on 13th September.

10.6 For Discussion: New Noticeboard on office wall:

At the present time the Parish Council share a noticeboard with BVHMC on the Village Hall wall. It was thought that it would be an advantage to have a lockable noticeboard solely for the Parish Council on the wall next to the Parish Office door. Permission has been given by BVHMC who own the building. There will be a plaque put on it in memory of County Cllr. John Simmonds. The cost will be £805. This was APPROVED and AGREED by all Members present.

10.7 For Discussion: Crab & Winkle Cycleway/TH Rd Crossover:

There is concern about the crossover where the Crab and Winkle cycleway crosses over Tyler Hill Road. There have been a few near misses as cyclists have no indication of the road. Cllr. Flack will work with Ward Cllr. Amy Baker and Kent Highways in getting red and white warning signs.

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10.8 Donation in memory of County Cllr. John Simmonds:

As there has been no indication by the family for donations it was thought that a fitting tribute will be the plaque on the noticeboard.

10.9 Purchase of Charles Arnold Baker Local Council Administration v11:

It was agreed by all members present that a new version of this book should be purchased as it would include up to date legislations including GDPR regulations.

11. Councillors' Reports:

11.1 Cllr. Flack reported that KCC have done a patch job at the crossover point in the road at the Royal Oak but there are still some loose chippings on the pavement which have flown up from the road. We understand that a lady has had a fall as a result of slipping on the chippings.

An email will be sent to the Highways Steward informing him of this incident.

12. Any Other Business for discussion at next meeting:

There being no further business Cllr. Flack thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Date _____

Signature _____

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PCSO Report:

Dear Parish Councillors, NHW.

Enclosed is a report for the rural areas for August 2018.

CRIME REPORT INCIDENTS.

Blean, Rough Common & Tyler Hill

Theft- Ross Gardens, Rough Common
Burglary- Highland Close, Blean

Upper and Lower Harbledown

Criminal damage-Bigbury Harbledown

Chartham & Chartham Hatch

Criminal Damage- Brice Ave, Chartham
Theft- Denstead Lane, Chartham Hatch
Theft- Shalmsford Street, Chartham
Theft from a vehicle- Station Road, Chartham
Criminal Damage- Pomfret Road, Chartham
Theft from a vehicle- Downs Road, Chartham

Petham, Pett Bottom, Waltham, Bossingham, Upper & Lower Hardres, Nackington and Garling Green.

Theft- Garlinge Green
Criminal Damage-Tillard Close, Petham
Theft from a vehicle, The Street, Petham
Theft- Street End
Criminal Damage- Street End

Bridge, Patricbourne, Bishopsbourne, Kingston, Bekesbourne

Theft- Bishopsbourne
Theft-Howletts
Theft- Bridge
Theft of a Vehicle- The Street, Kingston
Theft- Bishopsbourne

Barham, Woolage Village, Woolage Green, Womanswold, Adisham

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Theft from a vehicle -Barham
Theft of a Vehicle- The Street, Adisham
Burglary- Bossington
Burglary- Church Lane, Barham

Littlebourne, Stodmarsh, Ickham, Wickhambreaux, Grove Ferry

Theft- Garrington, Littlebourne
Theft- Nargate Street, Littlebourne
Criminal Damage-Grove Road, Wickhambreaux
Theft of a bicycle- Elmleigh Road, Littlebourne
Theft of a vehicle- St Vincents, Littlebourne
Burglary- The Elders, Littlebourne
Theft- Seaton

We have also conducted a speed survey on Rough Common Road, Littlebourne and Stodmarsh Road and hopefully will do some more in September.

Regards

Gavin, Amy and Emma

BVHMC report for Blean Parish Council meeting 10th September 2018

The installation of the following 3 x projects are pending following estimates received and will be completed ASAP from funding generated from the profit made at the Blean Summer fete in June now designated to them.

- A new system for the men's urinals in main toilets, an environmentally based, water and cost saving system will be professionally installed as estimate now 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.
- Watering system provided from mains supply to provide irrigation to the hanging baskets donated and hung by groups. The volunteer watering team rota has maintained them throughout the heat wave and dry summer but an alternative system is needed to support their effort. Another water butt will be installed beside the parish office and the 2 together at the other end in the small car park which benefit from a re-arrangement and new tap system to enable individual

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watering cans fill simultaneously. Volunteer will advise plumber of system that is needed on site.

Damage and security

- Hall Gate padlock: 3 x more padlocks have been bought and installed since the last report due to damage caused by vehicles which rendered them unusable and locked.
- Damage was also made recently to an upright gate post, chain and padlock by an unknown vehicle which meant the gate had to be removed physically to enable exit from the car park by a tractor who was mowing the meadow.
- BVHMC are investigating alternative structures and remedies to strengthen and protect the gate post, gate and to ensure the padlock is secured on the chain after use.

We ask all users to leave the Hall site secure and lock the gate to prevent illegal access to the Memorial ground, please remain vigilant and alert the Letting Officer asap if the padlock, post or gate is damaged again.

Future work update

Hallmark Level 2 renewal is now due as advised by ACRE.

Replacement fire extinguishers will be installed as recommended by KT Fire will be installed in October at the next routine safety inspection.

Committee member met with architect on Friday regarding Phase 2 project he will prepare a couple of schemes for viewing by committee first and then public.

Guerrilla garden will be returned to the verge to re-naturalise to grass as Hall volunteer no longer able to manage the heavy maintenance required, bulbs will be planted and maintenance provided by BPC's contractor/grounds person.

2 x Vacancies for general membership on BVHMC after AGM will occur following known resignations at October's AGM, as noted in minutes at BVHMC's meeting on 2nd July 2018.

- Public posters to advertise above posts to invite applications to join the BVHMC committee are requested to be submitted by email or letter to the Committee before the AGM meeting.
- Successful applicants will be elected to the committee from the floor on the night.

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- AGM notices and agenda information will be published on notices and displayed on village boards, AGM confirmed Monday 29th October 7.30pm in the committee room, open to the public.
- Followed by the usual closed BVHMC monthly and October meeting.

BVHMC Commemorative board for recognition (on an annual basis) of an individual for their outstanding community service will be re-hung in the community space with recent names in time for the September coffee morning.

Another new board will also be hung in the committee room naming a range of dedicated and very special people who have supported the Hall over the past years whose contribution has been so generous to benefit us all, who use the hall.

BVHMC social events programme was suspended during July and August to give the volunteers a much needed break and will resume with the monthly coffee morning/light lunches on Saturday 29th September – when half the profit raised will be donated to support MacMillan.

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 weeks 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

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH report- July/August 2018

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

Twelve relevant reports were received from Kent Police between July 07 and August 30, 2018.

A particular criminal activity extensively reported recently involves the targeting of Range Rovers and Land Rovers. Either parts or entire vehicles are stolen. The following is an extract from police advice concerning this:

Some burglars may break in to your property looking for the keys to your vehicle.

Always store keys away from doors and windows and take them with you when you go to bed.

As well as locking and alarming your vehicle, you should also:

- *remove items left inside*
- *secure items in your boot if you need to leave your vehicle while you're out*
- *park in a secure car park or well-lit location whenever possible.*

If you're clearing ice from your windscreen and need to go back to the house, remove the keys from the ignition and lock your car. Don't be tempted to leave it running.

Park in your garage if you have one.

Extra precautions

Make a note of your chassis number and store it in a safe place.

You could also fit a tracker device and/or tamper-proof number plate screws.

Use a signal blocker for your car keys if they have a remote locking/alarm function.

Consider installing a driveway alarm – or even a Smart System, which will contact you on a mobile device (and can be linked to security lighting and an alarm sounder) if someone tampers with your vehicle.

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Remember: always wipe away satnav suction marks left on your windscreen. Sometimes these are all it takes to entice a thief to break in hoping the satnav is still in the vehicle.

David Greenman- 05 September 2018