

PARISH COUNCIL OF BENENDEN

Ordinary Meeting of the Council Monday 14th December 2020, Remote Meeting, 7pm

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1. APOLOGIES No apologies received.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA No declarations of interest received.
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER 2020 *Separate document*
4. MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING ITEMS
 - a. Village Hall/Public Toilets/Community Office The plan to convert the Community Office into the public toilets and to relocate the office to the existing public toilet building is being delayed due to the current restrictions on opening the Village Hall. BVT will continue to seek planning permission and obtain estimates for the work.
5. REPORTS BY COUNTY/BOROUGH COUNCILLORS
6. REPORTS BY CHAIR AND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
7. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN *Separate documents*
 - Regulation 16 Consultation ended 11th December and representations made to TWBC have been published.
 - TWBC has appointed John Slater as examiner for the BNDP. He is a former Chief Planning Officer for Portsmouth with a very good overall understanding of planning, and extensive experience carrying out neighbourhood planning examinations and is highly recommended by TWBC.
8. PLANNING
 - a. Applications
 - **20 03297 FULL and 20 03298 LBC** Tilden Farm, Water Lane, Hawkhurst Removal of outbuilding; Conversion of existing granary into a dwelling
 - The proposal to convert the granary building was granted consent in 1999 and was renewed in 2004, the latter has now lapsed hence this application.
 - Brick built with dark stained weatherboarding to upper elevation, clay tiled roof, structurally sound (except vertical crack in flank wall needs repairing). Improvement works have been undertaken at first floor level so no historic fabric remains at first floor level. However, it is not the granary that is a listed building, it is in the curtilage of the listed Grade II Tilden Farmhouse. Whilst the granary is old, it has been repositioned and resized. That said, the Conservation Officer considers the granary to be 'curtilage listed' but has not commented.
 - The granary is the only historic building within the farm. It is surrounded by modern, open fronted, corrugated agricultural buildings, and therefore contributes to the local distinctiveness, and makes a positive contribution to the setting of the Grade II listed farmhouse.
 - Conversion to a 3-bed dwelling, 2-storey. 12.4m x 6.4m x 7.5m high. No extensions to the footprint, straight forward conversion as it stands. Parking in front courtyard and removal of an

outbuilding to enable the creation of a small garden/amenity area to the rear of the granary. No removal of trees or hedges.

Propose to support with request for outdoor lighting conditions.

- 20 03291 LBC Eaglesden, Mill Street Existing boot room to be demolished and re-built; internal re-modelling; loft conversion; addition of rooflights; replacement of rain water goods

Propose to support subject to the Conservation Officer's opinion.

- 20 03185 Recreation Ground Trees T1 (HORSE CHESTNUT) – Fell; T2 (OAK) – 15-25% Reduction; T3 (OAK) - Thin crown 15-20%

The Parish Council had unanimously agreed to support this application.

b. Other Planning Matters

- Tunbridge Wells Agreement

9. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

a. Pavement Parking

Cllr Cruse had put notices on car windscreens to no effect.

b. Highways Improvement Plan

- Cllr Driver has written to and chased Highways, specifically regarding the removal of central white lines through Iden Green and issues regarding Benenden crossroads but has received no response.
- Cllr Beveridge had written to Cllr Holden regarding Quiet Lane status asking if KCC would consider reintroducing this policy.

10. RESOURCING/FINANCE

a. Monthly Finance

TRANSACTIONS FROM 1st November 2020

Brought forward 95462.33

Income

Payee	Reference	Amount
Community Shop	Server	36.00

TOTAL 36.00

Expenditure

	Supplier	Reference	Amount
DD	John Lewis	Broadband	10.06
DD	CF Corporate Finance	Copier Lease	180.00

BACS	C Levett	Clerk's Salary	947.32
BACS	Thompsett Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance	258.00
BACS	edf Energy	Public Toilets	37.89
BACS	Zoom Video Communications	Remote Meetings	14.39
BACS	Castle Water	Public Toilets	100.04
BACS	Graham Beveridge	Neighbourhood Plan/Adobe	151.68
BACS	PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit	360.00
BACS	BT	Office Telephone	153.95
BACS	TW Counselling Service	Donation	100.00
BACS	Citizens Advice TW & District	Donation	100.00
BACS	Tenterden Twilight	Public Toilets	675.68
BACS	edf Energy	Public Toilets	43.72
300014	RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath	17.00
BACS	TWBC Rates	Public Toilets	104.00

TOTAL **3253.73**

Reconciled with bank statement 039 4th December 2020 **92244.60**

December 2020 Payments

DD	John Lewis	Broadband	9.92
BACS	C Levett	Clerk's Salary	947.32
BACS	Thompsett Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance	258.00
BACS	The Solar Centre Ltd	Christmas Lights	114.97
BACS	The Bull	Neighbourhood Plan	74.70
BACS	Zoom Video Communications	Remote Meetings	14.39

TOTAL **1419.30**

b. Resourcing Committee Meeting 1st December 2020

i. Draft Minutes *separate document*

ii. Iden Green Playground

The Resourcing Committee unanimously recommends to the Parish Council a donation of £12,000 gross/£10,000 net towards the refurbishment of the Iden Green Playground refurbishment.

iii. 2021/22 Precept

The Resourcing Committee unanimously agreed to recommend a precept of £39,650 to the Parish Council. Based on the advised taxbase the current Band D equivalent of a precept of £39,650 represents no change.

c. Developer Contributions Project List *separate document*

TWBC is currently drafting its Pre-Submission Local Plan (Reg19), due to be consulted on March/April 2021. The strategic and site allocation policies for Benenden will include information about the contributions that development will be required to provide, and TWBC requested a project list. An initial list has been sent, which can be costed as information becomes available.

11. CORRESPONDENCE/PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS

a. KALC Community Awards Scheme 2021

The aim of the scheme is to acknowledge and give recognition to those living or working within the parish that have made a significant contribution to the local community.

A significant contribution to the local community could be any or all of the following:

- Long and sustained service to the community or part of it;
- Achievements or actions of an inspiring nature to the local community;
- Such other activities which have reflected credit on or brought benefits to the village or its people.

The Parish Council can take into account any or all of the following :

- The level of commitment shown;
- Any obstacles that had to be overcome;
- The amount of benefit derived by the community;
- The number of people benefited or affected;
- The length of service;
- Such other matters that in the opinion of the Council promote the purpose of the Award.

The Parish Council has to agree to adopt this scheme and submit nominations by 12th February.

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Date of Next Meeting: 18th January 2021