

**Biddenham Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting - 112020
Held Wednesday 11th November via Zoom**

In line with current Coronavirus government legislation, The Parish Council will not be holding face to face meetings for the foreseeable future, therefore this meeting was held by Zoom conference facility.

Meeting commenced at 19.30 and finished at 21.50

Present:

Cllrs - P Chase (Chairman), G Bates, S Briggs, C Gee, H Fowler, F Slade ,K Osuch and K Cotton (Clerk)

Borough Cllrs - J Gambold and R Rigby

Members of the public – There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Warren and A Jacobs

2. Declaration of Interests

Members are invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any items on the agenda. None declared.

3. To Approve The Minutes

RESOLVED - *The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th October 2020 were approved.*

ACTION – *PC to sign minutes and Clerk to retain copies.*

4. Public Open Session

a. Speed Review

Bryan Glasper provided the following update:

- Gold Lane SID (Speed Indication Device)
Whilst peak volumes were registered in February BC (before Covid), current volumes are still showing a 75% reduction. There are virtually identical volumes in both directions whilst violation levels are again almost twice the level when leaving the village (i.e. north bound) when compared to arriving in the village (i.e. south bound). However the degree of violation tends to be worse south bound as measured by the top speeds involved.
- SPEED WATCH
We have 3 approved sites for Speed Watch of which two (Biddenham Turn and Main Road) gave quite low volumes of traffic. Discussion with some residents in Biddenham Turn confirmed that the problems being experienced there were “out of hours” and thus would not be addressed by either our actions (Speed

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Watch activities can not take place after darkness) or those of the Council Speed Van. Bromham Road West generates a much higher volume of traffic and of speed violations.

The current situation is that:

- i) We can continue with Bromham Road West (with a 20mph limit as necessary) and Main Road with occasional visits to Biddenham Turn.
- ii) Bromham Road East is not authorised
- iii) The current lockdown precludes any activities in any case

RESOLVED – *That the SID be moved to Biddenham Turn.*

CG asked why Bromham Road East authorization had not been granted. After some discussion it was unclear why and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Police and Speedwatch to understand the reasons.

ACTION – *KC, in conjunction with BG to write to the Police and Speedwatch.*

BG requested that if money was available as part of the budgeting process for 2021/22 that consideration be given to purchasing a new SID. PC asked BG to put a costed proposal together and submit to the Clerk by 24th December 2020.

ACTION – *BG put a costed proposal together and submit to the Clerk by 24th December 2020.*

5. To Receive a Report on the Golf Course Land Between Biddenham and Great Denham

Peter C provided an update on the latest regarding the closure of the golf course at Great Denham.

- PC attended a meeting with the nursery owners hoping to operate out of the clubhouse. PC confirmed that the new operators would need to submit a planning application for change of use, not Bidwells.
- Whilst the prospective tenants had outlined their plans, both Councils made clear that they would be offering no comment on these in advance of receipt of a planning application. No planning application has yet been made; once received it will be reviewed at a Parish Council meeting, which is our standard practice, and considered in the light of all material considerations and policies in force.
- There has been some concern from local residents that the new nursery 'Little Putters' have already started advertising with places from September 2021.
- PC updated the meeting with the latest update from Bidwells and advised that the current position of the trustees was to concentrate on options for the buildings rather than the land. The trustees did not want to make or be forced into a decision as they are nervous about making a long term connection between the land and buildings when they remain uncertain about plans for the land, and wish to keep options for the land open (stewardship, woodland etc).
- PC had asked for a more constructive engagement on this matter, given all recognise that the planning conditions on the buildings and Local Plan policies are already in place and would be upheld in the event of a change of use

application. The Councils believe there is an opportunity here to come to a solution which addresses the issue of revenue generation and also the wishes of the community to retain the sports and leisure facility of a golf course, in line with Local Plan policies.

- Bidwells confirmed that the proposal for a 9-hole course has been shared with the trustees and conversations have been had but no official response from the trustees has been received.

6. To Consider Planning

All Cllrs had received a copy of the planning report prior to the meeting – Appendix A to these minutes.

- 20/02316/FUL Full Planning Application PROPOSAL: Single storey side extension. 6 Ison Close Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BH

The application is for a single storey side extension to house a hairdressing salon. There were concerns raised about possible issues that might arise from such a business, dependent on its size, as it situated on a quiet residential cul-de-sac.

ACTION – GB to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to Borough.

- A local resident contacted GB about an established willow tree in the garden of 10 Darlow Drive – 20/02426/FUL. The resident said that he wouldn't want to see the tree removed. GB had written to Borough.

The Clerk proposed a new spreadsheet to monitor the review of planning applications by the three sub committees.

RESOLVED – To adopt the new planning application review process.

ACTION – KC and CG to discuss implementation of Google sheets and advise Cllr's once active.

7. To Agree Financial Matters

a. To approve accounts for payment

RESOLVED - That the following payments were approved;

Biddenham Parish Council - November 2020 meeting accounts for payment to 5/11/2020

Bank Balances as at 5/11/2020

BM Account	£	40,416.31
HSBC Community Account	£	48,046.41
Total	£	88,462.72

Date	Type	Payee	Description	Amount	VAT included
14.10.20	Invoice to be paid	Fogizar	Pavilion Covid misting October	90.00	
14.10.20	Invoice to be paid	PRS	Annual Invoice**	633.53	105.59
18.10.20	Invoice to be paid	PJB Plumbing	Pavilion Maintenance - no heating	72.00	12.00
18.10.20	Invoice to be paid	PJB Plumbing	Pavilion Maintenance - new boiler sump ***	153.60	25.60
18.10.20	Invoice to be paid	PJB Plumbing	Pavilion Maintenance - radiator and boiler repairs***	144.00	24.00
20.10.20	Invoice to be paid	KM Cotton	Opus Energy phone bill claim****	32.02	
26.10.20	Invoice to be paid	Gary Creek	Sun dial base making good	110.00	22.00
26.10.20	Invoice to be paid	KM Cotton	Zoom account reclaim	14.39	2.40
2.11.20	Invoice to be paid	KM Cotton	Clerks allowance - October	10.00	
3.11.20	Invoice to be paid	Fogizar	Pavilion Covid misting November	90.00	
9.11.20	Invoice to be paid	KTJ Services	Pavilion Maintenance Descale shower heads and urinals	105.00	
19.10.20	DD already taken	Opus Energy Electricity 88	Pavilion Utilities	167.20	7.96
23.10.20	DD already taken	TSO Host go cardless 93	Website	3.59	0.60
23.10.20	DD already taken	Dial 9 Comms 94	Covid phone line	5.99	1.00
26.10.20	DD already taken	Bedford Borough 95	Employment Costs	2,328.11	4.28
29.10.20	DD already taken	Opus Energy Gas 96	Pavilion Utilities	9.31	0.47

Additional Comments

PRS	**Increase from last year (£370.28) due to tariff changes - negotiated down from £1338 quoted
PJB Plumbing	*** Invoices dated 9.2.2020 re-submitted via DS as Checked bank account and not paid not settled
KM Cotton Opus	**** Calls to Opus to resolve Parish account issues resulted in a phone bill of £32.02 for 3 phone calls. Following my complaint an amount of £35 has been credited to Parish bank account Opus account - this amount is to reclaim amount of the Clerks personal phone bill.

RESOLVED – That the following invoices received since meeting pack was issued were approved:

Invoice to be paid	Bedford Borough	Pavilion Premises License	£180
Invoice to be paid	Chris Horne	Mowing Services	£1806 vat £301

b. To note the spend against budget for the Parish Council and Pavilion

All Cllrs had received a copy of spend against budget spreadsheets prior to the meeting and income and balances were noted.

- PC confirmed he had undertaken a review of forecasts.

PC noted that Pavilion income to date was down due to ongoing Covid restrictions. JG advised that Bedford Borough was processing additional Covid grants and the Pavilion should automatically receive an additional payment.

PC confirmed that Manor Hospital have started to use the Pavilion car park again after a short break.

The Clerk advised of an outstanding debtor Destination Judo £641.24. KC advised that she had emailed the debtor and is awaiting a response. It was agreed to review at the next meeting if contact and or payment had not been made.

ACTION – KC to add to next agenda if needed.

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PLEASE NOTE ALL COSTS NET OF VAT

October - reported in November 2020				PC Payments			PC Receipts		
	Actual Year to Date	Full Year Forecast	Original Budget		Actual Year to Date	Full Year Forecast	Original Budget		
Clerk's Salary	6630	11300	11300	Precept	43000	43000	43000		
Payroll Charges to Beds BC	150	260	260	Cil Levy	0	0	0		
Audit Fees	0	500	500	Interest	20	30	100		
General Administration	334	500	500	Bidwells	2000	2000	2000		
Affiliation Fees/Subscriptions	560	700	600	Beds BC grass cutting	0	2300	2300		
Annual Insurance	2907	2907	2650	Ward funds	0	5000	0		
Christmas Tree & Illuminations s137	57	1750	1750	Other	35	4455	0		
Website	411	600	500						
War Memorial/Sun Dial/Remembrance Day s137	327	500	150						
Grasscutting Services: Playing Field, Parish verges, Pavlion lawn, village triangle including Bromham Road	9940	16000	16000						
Grasscutting Equipment	275	9730	3500						
Lawn Treatment (Greenthumb)	105	210	210						
Weedkilling	0	0	500						
Tree surgery	1600	2200	1000						
SSSI (funding to Beds Wildlife Trust)	0	600	600						
Play Area Safety Inspection	0	0	130						
Play Area (repairs)	0	700	700						
Street Furniture repairs / Memorial / Sundial	1215	1500	1000						
Cllr Training - no line on cash book		400	400						
Clerk's Training	0	100	100						
Contingency	0	1000	2000						
Grants	0	0	0						
Reserves	0	0	0						
Local Print Costs	0	0	0						
TOTAL	24511	51457	44350	TOTAL	45055	56785	47400		

Year to date - receipts less payments

Budget	3050
Forecast	5328
Actual	20544

Remaining to pay/receive

Remaining to pay	26946
Remaining receipts	11730
Balance	-15216

Pavilion Balance	5971
Expected Use of Reserves	0

To pay/receive total to year end	-9244
Current Bank Balance	48269
Forecast Bank Balance at Year End	39024

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October Reported in November				Pavilion Payments			Pavilion Receipts		
	Actual Year to Date	Full Year Forecast	Original Budget		Actual Year to Date	Full Year Forecast	Original Budget		
Staff salaries	4089	7500	8000	Car Parking	925	3000	6700		
Deposits refunded	389	0	0	Deposits received	0	0	0		
Utilities & PRS License	1176	4225	4225	Hire Fees	2153	5000	14750		
Maintenance/Service/Inspections	3342	5000	5000	Cricket Club Fees	550	0	1330		
Improvements*	335	500	2000	Coronavirus grant	0	10000	0		
Other (cleaning materials/consumables)	1493	2000	1500			0			
						0			
TOTAL	10824	19225	20725	TOTAL	3628	18000	22780		

Year to date - receipts less payments

Budget	2055
Forecast	-1225
Actual	-7196

Remaining to pay/receive

Remaining to pay	8401
Remaining receipts	14372
Balance	5971

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The Clerk requested that following be approved:

- Weed kill Noddars Way £35 plus vat
- Clean War Memorial £320 plus vat

RESOLVED – *That these costs were approved.*

c. To agree Christmas Tree Costs

Christmas Tree Costs 2020 for approval - excluding VAT

Tree 1 - Village Green	620	includes delivery
Tree 2 - St Marys	0	Linden to donate if works complete in time
Electrician	450	Dick Evans
Contractor	1650	Gary Creek
New manhole St Mary's	0	Linden Homes to provide
New electricity box and supply St Mary's	0	Linden Homes to provide
New lights and transfofmers St Mary's tree	498	To approach Bovis homes at St Marys to donate to Parish
Electricity bill - through year	240	Based on £120 for vilage green tree 2019
Total Costs	3458	
Budget	1750	
Shortfall	-1708	

The clerk confirmed that should the St Mary's tree not be possible this year then the costs would be reduced by a further £1170.

RESOLVED – *To agree to the costs.*

ACTION – *KC to order the tree and extra light set.*

ACTION – *KC to approach Bovis to see if they will pay for the St Mary's light set.*

d. Other

JG asked whether the Defibrillator had been PAT tested this year.

ACTION – *KC to check with Pavilion Manager.*

CG enquired as to whether we had a list collated of annual renewal activities for the PC and Pavilion. The Clerk advised that she is hoping to produce one.

ACTION – *Cllr's to provide KC with any known renewals for her list.*

8. To Accept Reports

Clerk's Report

All Cllrs received a copy of the Clerk's report prior to the meeting – Appendix B to these minutes. No comments were raised.

RESOLVED - *That the Clerk's report be accepted.*

Borough Cllrs' Report

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All Cllrs received a copy of the Cllr's report prior to the meeting – Appendix C to these minutes.

JG advised that the Bedford Borough Community Hub had re-started in light of the new lockdown restrictions.

RESOLVED - *That the Borough Cllrs' report be accepted.*

Pavilion Manager's Report

All Cllrs received a copy of the Pavilion Manager's report prior to the meeting – Appendix D to these minutes.

CG advised that a new Pavilion door was hopefully not needed and DS was checking with locksmiths that the new smart lock could be fitted to the existing door.

RESOLVED - *That the Pavilion Manager's report be accepted.*

9. Matters In Progress

All Cllrs received a copy of the Matters in Progress summary prior to the meeting and items were reviewed. The matters in progress summary in Appendix E has been updated to reflect progress and actions from this meeting.

RESOLVED - *That the following matters be closed:*

- *Graffiti*
- *Remembrance Sunday*
- *Time in Lieu*

10. Coronavirus Measures Update:

RESOLVED - *That support of the Coronavirus Support Network would continue (email and phone line) and Parish Council meetings would continue via Zoom.*

11. Correspondence

All Cllrs received a copy of the Communications summary prior to the meeting – Appendix F to these minutes.

The Clerk advised a request has been made for remedial work to several low hanging trees at Church End outside Ramsmead.

ACTION – *KC to get a quote for the tree work and bring to next meeting for approval.*

12. Items for Consideration

- Facebook
CG briefed the meeting regarding the background to the current Biddenham Facebook page which he set up at the start of Covid and now has well over 250 residents. CG has recently had to do some moderation of the site due to advertising and it was unclear whether the pages should be overseen by the Parish Council or should be run by Residents. PC felt that this should be handed over to the local community to run and that

the Clerk could post Parish notices as needed. It was also agreed the administrators of the St Mary's facebook pages should also be contacted to establish a link.

RESOLVED – *That the existing Facebook site should move to be run by a couple of local residents.*

ACTION – *CG to 'advertise' for Facebook administrators through the current pages.*

ACTION – *KC to make contact with St Mary's Facebook administrators.*

- Tennis coaches – use of Pavilion facilities
CG had been approached by Jonny Wolfe to use the facilities at the Pavilion when running coaching sessions. KC advised that DS had already emailed JW and agreed that this would be allowed once Covid lockdown restrictions are finished and the new smart lock has been installed at the Pavilion. Existing hirer agreements and charges would need to be agreed to, and DS has already provided all documentation to JW.

13. Parish Concerns

- GB – A local resident had raised concerns about the Anglian Water work that was taking place outside the post office cottages on Main Road and that Anglian Water may not make good.

ACTION – *KC to review once works finished.*

- FS – Would like to re-instate the bus stop on the opposite side of the road to the sundial on Main Road. FS thinks there might be a site plan in the Parish archives. The area should be marked with 6 paving slabs.

RESOLVED – *That the bus stop should be re-instated.*

ACTION – *KC to review for previous plans/correspondence and then contact Stagecoach and Borough and request.*

- KC – KC asked whether the Pavilion Field Community Asset needs to be re-registered with Borough as it had expired on 1.12.2019

RESOLVED – *That the registration for the Pavilion Field as a community asset be renewed.*

ACTION – *KC to contact Borough.*

14. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 13th January 2021@ 7.30pm via Zoom. The Zoom link is <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/524544164>.

The Clerk confirmed the 2021 meeting dates as follows:

Jan 13, 2021
Feb 10, 2021
Mar 10, 2021
Apr 14, 2021
May 12, 2021

Jun 9, 2021
Jul 14, 2021
Aug 11, 2021 (will only be held if needed)
Sep 8, 2021
Oct 13, 2021
Nov 10, 202

APPENDIX A

Biddenham Parish Council Planning Summary

New Applications

Information taken from Bedford Borough Council Planning Database Monthly listings Validated in this month - for the month of October sorted by date received by Borough.

T1 Oak. Shorten lateral branches from neighbouring property and remove dead wood. Open for comment icon

40 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

Ref. No: 20/02535/TPO | Received: Tue 27 Oct 2020 | Validated: Tue 27 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 26th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 29/10/2020

Ash located in rear garden - reduce the Ash tree which is subject to a TPO by 30%.

46 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

Ref. No: 20/02510/T5DN | Received: Mon 26 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 26 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

No notification received from Borough

Common Beech - fell a Beech tree which is heavily infected with Merripilus Gigantius

48 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

Ref. No: 20/02509/T5DN | Received: Mon 26 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 26 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

No notification received from Borough

Oak - Remove 3 secondary and 1 primary limb as needed, reduce 2 lateral limbs over drive by 2m as needed, reduce and/or remove low limbs over road to 5m as needed, remove all large deadwood through crown, remove all debris Open for comment icon

11A Biddenham Turn Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AT

Ref. No: 20/02498/TPO | Received: Fri 23 Oct 2020 | Validated: Fri 23 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 24th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 27/10/2020

Erection of walls, gate pillars and gates on the existing drive. Open for comment icon

Grove House 18 Main Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BB

Ref. No: 20/02420/FUL | Received: Mon 19 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 26 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 25th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 29/10/2020

Single storey rear and side extensions and part garage conversion Open for comment icon

10 Darlow Drive Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AX

Ref. No: 20/02426/FUL | Received: Mon 19 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 19 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 25th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 25/11/2020

Erection of timber framed car port to front Open for comment icon

35A Main Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BD

Ref. No: 20/02382/FUL | Received: Wed 14 Oct 2020 | Validated: Wed 14 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 16th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 19/10/2020

Single storey rear and side extensions and part garage conversion Open for comment icon
 10 Darlow Drive Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AX
 Ref. No: 20/02426/FUL | Received: Mon 19 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 19 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 23rd November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 22/10/2020

Partial conversion of existing detached garage to home office. Open for comment icon
 60 Watercress Rise Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4US
 Ref. No: 20/02333/FUL | Received: Fri 09 Oct 2020 | Validated: Fri 09 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 11th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 14/10/2020

T1 Oak: Remove deadwood and trunk suckers. T2 Oak: Remove deadwood. T3 Oak: Reduce limb growing towards house by 1.5m to give adequate clearance to house. Remove deadwood. T4 Crab Apple: Fell. Poor structure and misshapen crown. T5 Cedar: Remove two lowest branches to give more light to garden. Open for comment icon

The Oaks 3 Old Oaks Drive Biddenham MK40 4BQ

Ref. No: 20/02344/TPO | Received: Fri 09 Oct 2020 | Validated: Fri 09 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 9th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 14/10/2020

Single storey side extension Open for comment icon
 61 Church End Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AS
 Ref. No: 20/02331/FUL | Received: Thu 08 Oct 2020 | Validated: Wed 21 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 23rd November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 26/10/2020

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension. Open for comment icon

Rosedale 25 Church End Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AR

Ref. No: 20/02305/FUL | Received: Wed 07 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 19 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 19th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 22/10/2020

Single storey side extension Open for comment icon
 6 Ison Close Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BH
 Ref. No: 20/02316/FUL | Received: Wed 07 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 26 Oct 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Consultation expires 25th November 2020 – Cllrs emailed 29/10/2020**Pending Decision by Bedford Borough**

Information taken from Bedford Borough Council Planning Database Application Search Awaiting Decision

Two Storey Side Extension

Laurel House 1 Observer Close Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4EU

Ref. No: 20/02113/FUL | Received: Thu 17 Sep 2020 | Validated: Thu 17 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Erection of 1.4m high gate

39 Darlow Drive Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AY

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Ref. No: 20/02024/FUL | Received: Wed 09 Sep 2020 | Validated: Thu 17 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Two storey side extension to provide a sun room with en-suite and dressing room over
18 Perch Mews Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4UT

Ref. No: 20/01997/FUL | Received: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Validated: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Conversion of outbuilding to annexe

11A Church End Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AR

Ref. No: 20/01888/FUL | Received: Tue 25 Aug 2020 | Validated: Mon 21 Sep 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey rear extensions and alterations and repairs. (revised scheme for the addition of first floor obscure-glazed window)

34 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

Ref. No: 20/01848/FUL | Received: Mon 24 Aug 2020 | Validated: Tue 25 Aug 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey rear extension

3 Lucas Court Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4RN

Ref. No: 20/01851/FUL | Received: Mon 24 Aug 2020 | Validated: Mon 24 Aug 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Single storey rear extensions and alterations and repairs. (revised scheme for the addition of first floor obscure-glazed window and removal of chimney breast to main bedroom)

34 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

Ref. No: 20/01849/LBC | Received: Sun 23 Aug 2020 | Validated: Tue 25 Aug 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Remove and rebuild chimney stack

35 Main Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BD

Ref. No: 20/01779/LBC | Received: Fri 14 Aug 2020 | Validated: Fri 14 Aug 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of 2 storey side extension incorporating garage and single storey rear extension

228 Bromham Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AA

Ref. No: 20/01703/FUL | Received: Thu 06 Aug 2020 | Validated: Thu 06 Aug 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Remove dead Sycamore

23 Biddenham Turn Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AZ

Ref. No: 20/01165/T5DN | Received: Fri 05 Jun 2020 | Validated: Fri 05 Jun 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

T1 Sycamore on boundary - die back in crown - remove/ reduce to six foot high stem and replant in winter

7 Nevern Gardens Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4RW

Ref. No: 20/00995/TPO | Received: Mon 18 May 2020 | Validated: Mon 18 May 2020 | Status: Awaiting decision

Demolition of 21 Church End and erection of 5 detached dwellings with garages, access, landscaping and ancillary works

21 And Land To The Rear Of 21A To 39 Church End Biddenham Bedfordshire

Ref. No: 19/02538/FUL | Received: Mon 18 Nov 2019 | Validated: Fri 29 Nov 2019 | Status: Awaiting decision

Erection of Doctors Surgery (Class D1) and Nursing Home (Class C2)

Land Off Bromham Road Biddenham Bedfordshire

Ref. No: 19/00973/MAF | Received: Tue 07 May 2019 | Validated: Fri 17 May 2019 | Status: Awaiting decision

Outline planning application for up to 160 dwellings including vehicular access from Gold Lane, emergency only access from the A4280, pedestrian and cycle links, public open space, car parking, drainage, landscaping and other associated works. All matters are reserved except for access.

Land Off Deep Spinney Biddenham Bedfordshire

Ref. No: 18/03100/MAO | Received: Fri 07 Dec 2018 | Validated: Fri 07 Dec 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Retention of replacement incoming gas pipe and new kitchen extraction ducting

The Three Tuns 57 Main Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BD

Ref. No: 18/02811/LBC | Received: Fri 02 Nov 2018 | Validated: Fri 02 Nov 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Replacement incoming gas pipe and new kitchen extraction ducting (Development already carried out)

The Three Tuns 57 Main Road Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4BD

Ref. No: 18/02810/S73A | Received: Fri 02 Nov 2018 | Validated: Fri 02 Nov 2018 | Status: Awaiting decision

Applications Granted

Information taken from Bedford Borough Council Planning Database Monthly listings Decided this month - for the month of September

Fig tree - Dismantle and fell to ground level.

BMI Manor Hospital Church End Biddenham Bedfordshire

Ref. No: 20/02043/TCA | Received: Thu 10 Sep 2020 | Validated: Thu 17 Sep 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

T1 Douglas Fir - Remove. T2 Green Beech, reduce side limbs to clear building by 1m T3 False Acacia, remove lowest limb to allow more light under canopy

12 Thorpe Close Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4RA

Ref. No: 20/01994/TPO | Received: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Validated: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

T1 - Oak. Removal of all branches less than 5.2m above the road and removal of dead branches.

25 Biddenham Turn Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AZ

Ref. No: 20/01996/TPO | Received: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Validated: Mon 07 Sep 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

T1 - Cherry, re-reduce back to previous points. T2 - Cherry - Fell to ground level.

7 Regents Mews Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4DL

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Ref. No: 20/02012/TCA | Received: Fri 04 Sep 2020 | Validated: Fri 04 Sep 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

T1 - Pine - Fell to ground level

5 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AD

Ref. No: 20/01837/TCA | Received: Tue 18 Aug 2020 | Validated: Fri 04 Sep 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

Single storey rear extension

4 Lucas Court Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4RN

Ref. No: 20/01620/FUL | Received: Wed 29 Jul 2020 | Validated: Wed 29 Jul 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

Erection of detached garage

Church Farmhouse 63 Church End Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AS

Ref. No: 20/01578/FUL | Received: Thu 23 Jul 2020 | Validated: Tue 28 Jul 2020 | Status: Decided – Permitted

An outline application (all matters reserved, except access) for residential development at land adjoining Bromham Road, Biddenham, Bedfordshire.

Land At Bromham Road Biddenham Bedfordshire

Ref. No: 19/01394/MAO | Received: Wed 26 Jun 2019 | Validated: Wed 26 Jun 2019 | Status: Decided - Permitted

Applications Refused

Information taken from Bedford Borough Council Planning Database Monthly listings Decided this month - for the month of September

G1 - Yew x 3 - Sectionally Fell to ground level

Redcot 33 Day's Lane Biddenham Bedford Bedfordshire MK40 4AE

Ref. No: 20/01968/TPO | Received: Thu 03 Sep 2020 | Validated: Thu 03 Sep 2020 | Status: Decided – Refused

Erection of two dwellings with detached garages including removal of condition 9 and variation of condition 10 attached to 14/01607/FUL (appeal reference APP/K0235/W/15/3032654) to allow for changes in the requirements for an Energy Audit and Energy Statement.

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APPENDIX B

Biddenham Parish Council

Clerks Report for meeting on Wednesday 11th November 2020

Meetings

Joe Warren – Web and Mail overview

Debs Slade - Pavilion

Peter Chase – Minute signing and review outstanding items

Linden Homes – St Mary's Christmas tree site visit

Electrician – Regarding St Mary's requirements

Correspondence

Local residents raised a number of concerns over the month. I have responded to each and actions are in place to resolve. Full details can be found in the correspondence log.

Remembrance Sunday

In line with the latest government guidance a small socially distanced Remembrance event can take place. Plans have been made to stream this to local residents and notifications regarding the event have been placed on Biddenham.org, village noticeboards and disseminated via the Whats App groups.

Christmas Trees

We are hoping to have the tree installed on Friday 4th December and taken down on or around 5th January 2021. I have received the quotes for the tree from Stagsden's and reconfirmed costs with both the Christmas tree contractor and electrician. After several weeks of chasing I had a site visit with the Sales Director of Linden Homes and we have agreed a location for a tree at St Mary's. Linden are currently looking into replicating the village green manhole which houses the electricity spur and large metal tube which helps keep the tree upright. In addition, it is hoped we can take the electricity supply off a nearby lamppost, and again Lindens technical team are looking into this. Both jobs will be undertaken at their cost. I am currently awaiting a quote for the lights that will be needed for the St Mary's tree and if agreed, I will contact Bovis Homes at St Mary's to see if they will make a contribution towards them.

Biddenham.org Website

I received some further training and am now able to post documents and news articles.

Webmail – TSO Host

Continuing to encounter ongoing issues with the clerks email account. Contacted TSO host on numerous occasions with no satisfactory resolution. Under review with Joe Warren to consider alternatives.

PRS

Received replies from hirers regarding their music requirements, which was fed back to PRS. After some further negotiation I managed to get the quote reduced from £1338 to £633. Even with this reduction it is still significantly more than last years charge of £370. The increase is as a result of a PRS simplifying their tariff bands which has adversely affected Parish Councils.

Karen Cotton

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APPENDIX C

Biddenham Parish Council – Borough Cllr’s Report

Parish Council update November 2020

Motion to save Great Denham Golf Course and keep ‘urban gap’

A motion proposed by Cllr Jim Weir (Kempston Rural Ward) was accepted at Full Council on Wednesday 14 October which stated that the Council must uphold rulings that the Golf Course acts as an urban gap and that any development in the area must be made in connection with a golf course.

Maternity Services in Bedford

A motion proposed by Cllr Phillippa Martin-Moran-Bryant (Great Barford Ward) was passed at Full Council on 14 October, asked the Mayor to write to the chief Executive of Bedford Hospital to ask them to increase the number of appointments a birth partner could attend during pregnancy. Though the Hospital have not come in line with national guidelines they have allowed partners at 11-14 wk as well as 20wk scans. They are also allowed to attend the delivery suite further than just the established labour. Whilst this is a good change we are hoping the Mayor’s letter can help bring them in line with national guidelines.

Veolia Awarded Waste Contracts for Bedford Borough and Central Bedfordshire Councils

Veolia have been given the Bedford Borough Council waste contracts which means the Covanta incinerator site in Stewartby will begin taking in waste from both Bedford Borough Council and Central Bedfordshire too. We will continue to look for ways to mitigate the effect of this decision on those living in the vicinity of the Covanta plant and who are most likely to be concerned by the invisible particulate matter that the facility will emit. We continue to believe the Mayor and Borough Council should be looking for ways to destroy the business case for Covanta rather than using it to burn Borough waste and that of our neighbouring Council.

Response to planning white paper

The Conservative Group have submitted a response to the consultation “planning for the future”. In our letter the main points were:

- Unhappy at proposals to give local democracy less say, feel that this is vitally important to planning process
- Support the use of the neighbourhood plan as we believe the time put in by local residents led to plans that are beneficial to local communities.
- Also agree with BBC submission that there needs to be a solid plan regarding affordable housing

Planning department admit they are performing poorly

In a recent Planning committee, Jon Shortland who is the Chief Officer for Planning admitted that the department was ““keeping our heads above water.” He also said: “I thought the committee might find it interesting that figures were released by the Government this week looking at the performance of all 353 councils. We are currently ranked at 337th.” Though we were left disappointed by this revelation, it is not a surprise and we are in constant contact with the planning department to see what can be done to improve their services.

Boundary commission

As I am sure you will be aware the boundary commission has made its proposals and we now have until 7 December to comment on them. In general there are a lot of improvements we feel need to be made and you can find out more the consultation here:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/bedfordshire/bedford>

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It is worth remembering you need to follow 3 key factors for proposing new wards, there are as follows:

1. New wards should leave each councillor representing roughly the same number of voters as other councillors elsewhere in the authority.
2. New wards should – as far as possible – reflect community interests and identities, and boundaries should be identifiable. Consider transport links, community groups and facilities, natural or physical boundaries, parishes and shared interests.
3. New wards should promote effective and convenient local government. Consider the number of councillors for, the geographic size of, and the links between parts of the ward

Please do submit a response at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/have-your-say/20441?bbox=474108.5,235922,537332.5,275234>

Lane Closure into Bedford Starts on Monday 19 October

Cadent Gas are carrying out essential works to divert gas services that will see a lane closure from the A6 Paula Radcliffe Way roundabout to Clapham Road. This will see one lane closed travelling southeast into Bedford past Sainsbury's from 10am. This lane will be reopened by the middle of December, at the latest. This is part of wider works to make improvements to these roundabouts and help ease congestion as part of the A6 Northern Gateway. As part of the wider Transporting Bedford project, road and junction improvements have been carried out across the town which will improve congestion and road safety.

School Admissions

Bedford Borough Council's online admissions system is now open to all parents and carers whose children are due to transfer to secondary or upper school in September 2021. Parents who live within the Borough who have a child in year 6 at primary school or year 8 at a middle school will need to transfer their child to a secondary school or upper school in September 2021. The transfer to Secondary 2021 round and the transfer to Upper 2021 round is now no longer available 12 September 2020 via the Council website, closing 31 October 2020. For parents who have a child due to transfer to middle school in September 2021, the transfer to middle school application form will go live from 26 September 2020 until 15 January 2021. For children starting school in September 2021 (date of birth between 1 September 2016 – 31 August 2017), applications will open 26 September 2020 and will close 15 January 2021. For further information go to www.bedford.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

COVID-19 update

As you will be aware, we are currently under a National Lockdown due to the rising R number and increasing threat of COVID 19 spreading from Thursday 5 November until Wednesday 2 December, you must:

- Stay at home, except for specific purposes.
- Avoid meeting people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
- Close certain businesses and venues.

You can find more information about lockdown regulations on:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

In Bedford there has been 2457 cases since the start of the Pandemic and there has been 201 registered cases in the last 7 days (as of Nov 4). If you would like the latest COVID snapshot (as of 4 Nov) please find it below:

<https://bbcdevwebfiles.blob.core.windows.net/webfiles/Social%20Care%20Health%20and%20Community/Covid19/covid19-weekly-statistics-4Nov.pdf>

More information available at: <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/social-care-health-and-community/public-health/coronavirus/>

Track and Trace App

The government has released new legislation as part of its efforts to drive down the rate of coronavirus infection and support the test and trace system.

On Friday 18th September it became law for hospitality venues to enforce the rule of 6 or face a fine of up to £4,000 and to log contact details for customer, visitors and staff as part of NHS Test and Trace. From Thursday 24th September, this has been extended so that it will be a legal requirement to display an official NHS QR code poster to help people check in to venues.

The NHS COVID-19 App also launched today across the country. It can be downloaded via <https://covid19.nhs.uk/>

New COVID-19 Marshals Operating In Bedford Borough

In October we saw the first COVID-19 marshals take to the streets in Bedford town centre, providing advice and information about how to stay safe and slow the spread of coronavirus locally. However, it must be noted they do not have the power to make arrests or break up any activity. Funding has been provided by the Government to support and encourage the public and businesses to follow coronavirus measures to keep themselves and our communities safe. The marshals will be working with the public, shops, businesses and partners to provide advice and information about the situation locally and action to take to tackle the virus.

COVID test centre opened on University of Bedfordshire Polhill campus

A new walk-in coronavirus (COVID-19) walk-in testing centre has opened at the University of Bedfordshire's Polhill Campus. The centre, in the campus Car Park on Polhill Avenue, will be open every day providing testing for local residents and students at the university. Results from tests should be available within 24-72 hours. This will be the third testing facility in Bedford supporting those in Borough Hall and Prebend Street car parks.

APPENDIX D

Biddenham Parish Council

Pavilion Report – October 2020

As you'll all be aware we have had to close the pavilion due to the new mini lockdown which will of course affect our income. Good news is the Manor Hospital have requested the use of the car park again as of Monday 9th November. I have requested that the last person to leave closes the gate behind them.

I have spoken to Chris reference cctv and he has passed me details regarding an Amazon system called Blink which I will investigate.

I am yet to speak to BT reference installing a line to have access to WiFi for the building but will arrange for them to conduct their survey.

I will hopefully be following up in the next few weeks regarding speaking to locksmiths to change the door to a smart lock, I will provide 3 estimates for the work hopefully before your next meeting.

Tracey, the cleaner has been put in 3 weeks holiday while Kate the caretaker can still carry out her duties.

All other business has been ticking along as usual.

Deborah Slade

APPENIDIX E**Matters in Progress**

Due to the size of this file it has been saved as a separate document.

APPENIDIX F**Biddenham Parish Council – Correspondence Log October 2020**

This document is produced to log general parish correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.

Date Received	Subject	Action Taken	Date Closed
14/10/20	Email received from resident following public open session enquiring whether her daughter could lay a wreath on Remembrance Sunday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PChase replied on 21.10 that in view of current covid situation that he was worried that a young school attendee accompanying an elderly gentleman not from her household could be construed by many as an unfortunate and unnecessary risk. 	21/10/2020
22/10/20	Email received by Chair from local resident concerned about Church End lime trees overhanging property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk emailed resident and advised she would visit site and review 22.10.20 Clerk visited site – photos taken trees not too big some encroachment over wall/fence of Ramsmead. Clerk replied to resident on 28.10 To raise at next parish meeting. 29.10.20 	
22/10/20	Phone call received from local resident having issues finding out details about a Biddenham planning application.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk emailed a copy of the Borough planning notice and advised the resident how to search for the plans. 	26/10/20
26/10/20	Email received from local resident with two concerns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Holes in pavilion field – caused by moved cricket nets, dog lost his paw down it. Deep Spinney to Bromham Road cut through – overgrown hedgerow and trees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk emailed resident and advised she would investigate both matters 22.10.20 Clerk visited Bromham Road site and there is significant encroachment from hedgerow and trees into gardens. 28.10 Clerk emailed Paul Pace 29.10 who will review in next 5-7 days. Clerk visited area on field but could not find any specific holes although ground is uneven in this area. Clerk replied with update on both issues 2.11.20. Resident provided photos and need to refer to cricket club groundsperson – awaiting contact details from DS 4.11.20 	
5/11/2020	Email from resident to PChase concerned about the increased parking around Manor Hospital. Sent with photograph. The resident is concerned about the ever increasing amount of traffic and that sooner or later	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PChase acknowledged the email. Manor Hospital will in fact be using the Pavilion car park again from 9.11.2020 so it is hoped this will alleviate the situation. Clerk replied to resident advising. 7.11.2020 	7/11/2020

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	there will be a serious accident unless something is done and enforced.		
5/11/2020	Email from resident to PChase raising concerns about the recent spraying of the church meadow and fields. They think their dog licked something on the path and he subsequently became ill. A request was made for the contractor to put up signs when spraying had taken place to warn dog walkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CJ clarified the field is the big field next to the churchyard and beside the coffin path • CJ has confirmed who the owner is and Clerk will make contact 6.11.2020 	
5.11.20	Request via PChase for end of Noddars way to be weed killed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk visited site. • Quote obtained from Chris Horne for £35plus vat to spray the length of Noddars Way. • To raise at next parish meeting. 9/11/20 	