

## BPC Covid-19 Decision & Payments Log – 011

Cheques written	
Mrs F Gooch 3390 - £9.90	Expenses
Hadlum Design & Print 3391 - £275.00	Barming News Print
Kent Association of Local Councils 3392 - £120.00	Cllr Course for Cllr Manser and Williams

Decisions made outside of meetings due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Actions	Further information
Members who are signatories for the Unity Trust bank have been reminded to contact the bank for new security passwords.	As soon as everyone is up and running, we can use the bank for online transactions. Cllr Gooch has been able to update her log in details.	-
The Decorator will be starting work in the hall w/c 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.	Any updates will be circulated.	-
***** has kindly filled the pot hole in the field car park. It is thought that by spring we may need to purchase a larger amount of MOT sub base/ aggregate.	Members to monitor.	-
The Clerk has received a grant request from the Heart of Kent Hospice.	The item has been added to the January agenda.	-
***** property maintenance has now retired.	If members can recommend any other companies, please send the contact details to the Clerk for future consideration.	-
The Clerk has received speeding complaints regarding vehicles along Heath Road.	The Clerk has been in contact with the PCSO and Highways. The item has also been added to the January agenda.	-
Cllr Manser and Cllr Williams have now been booked in for the Dynamic Councillor Course.	The Clerk will continue to circulate any training opportunities so please contact the Clerk if you wish to be added to any.	-
The MBC play equipment report has been received and it mentioned a possible broken weld on the witches hat/rope equipment.	The Clerk has contacted Creative Play to ask them to investigate the weld as the equipment is still relatively new. The Clerk will keep members updated.	Cllr Muthana kindly went to have a look around the play area and has sent a report in to the Clerk. The witches hat seems to be sound but there are a few jobs that BPC can deal with in house (repairing slats etc) so any volunteers would be great!!

Planning application comments:

20/505872 – The Works – Comments submitted as follows:

The parish council is concerned that parking on site is already totally inadequate and that expanding the number of employees will seriously aggravate the already difficult situation. Therefore we request that a condition be imposed for a travel plan to be submitted to strongly encourage the use of the adjacent East Farleigh station and the adjacent Medway

River Tow Path, noting that there must be no cycling along the narrow stretch of the towpath alongside the Empress Riverside Park.

We are also very concerned at the serious disruption and hazard to road safety during renovation works. There is a long history of congestion and bad driver behaviour caused by drivers needing to give way at the rail crossing to wait their turn to cross over Farleigh Bridge which is single carriageway. Furthermore, The Works building is on the corner of, and shares, a busy access leading into The Malt House (5 residential units), the Empress Riverside Park (35 mobile homes), The Pump House (1 residential unit) and staff accommodation and tourism facility at The Basin, Riverside Park. Renovation works at this critical point will seriously impede residents' safety and ability to access to and from Farleigh Lane. The site is also immediately adjacent to the Public Right of Way that leads to the Towpath, and provision will need to be made for pedestrian safety. Therefore there must be an informative to highlight all these issues at this hazardous bottleneck so that sufficient precautions are put in place throughout the duration of renovation works.

Incidentally as responsibility for the access is shared between Chord Electronics, The Malthouse and the Empress Riverside Park, please ensure that they are served the appropriate certificates of notification in order that the application is properly validated.

In spite of the above concerns, the parish council is mindful of the overriding need for the retention of business in the area and the creation of additional jobs, and supports bringing a neglected building back into use. We therefore wish to see the application approved.

Sandra Manser submitted her personal comments and I have included these below just for your information.

Planning application 20/505876/LBC

I wish to object to this planning application:

It is a listed building and whilst some of its outward details are not original, anything present when the designation was applied is now accepted as part of the listed status. The alterations to the outward appearance as this application proposes are very significant and are for no good reason such as inhabitants welfare or the structural safety/integrity of the building. The addition of a roof-top glass and steel office will look hideous- whilst what is there is not attractive it is part of the listed building. If there is insufficient room inside for anticipated uses the building should not have been considered. Indeed every ornamentation or item present would be changed. The port-hole windows are unique as is the very shape of the whole building. It stands on a very busy river crossing and can be seen from land, rail, and river and for some distance. Any alteration will not be unseen; it is a well-known landmark.

If such a unique listed building such as this can be altered to such an extent then there is no hope for

the appearance of any other listed building.

Therefore my objections are to the significant external alterations to a well-known land -mark which is a very visible listed building.

20/505855 – North Street – No objections

**KCC/TM/0289/2020 – Gallagher's – this application has just been received and comments are due to be submitted by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

Emailed to members: 11/01/2021

To be signed off by the Chairman at the next meeting: