

BPC Covid-19 Decision & Payments Log - 002

Cheques written	
3303 DATA PROTECTION REDACTED	
3304 DATA PROTECTION REDACTED	
Mrs F Gooch 3305 - £15.92	Expenses
Mrs N Attwood 3306 - £91.42	Expenses
NALC 3307 - £17.00	LCR Subscription

Decisions made outside of meetings due to Covid-19 pandemic.	Actions	Further information
Audit – majority (if not all) to be completed remotely.	Clerk has sent the first batch of paperwork over to the auditor.	Clerk will wait for further instructions from Auditor.
Play area equipment annual inspection.	Clerk has booked an annual inspection to be completed by Wicksteed at a cost of £80.00 ex vat.	Wicksteed will contact Clerk with a date of when the inspection can take place.
LCR Magazine Annual Subscription	As members have authorised this payment for the previous 5 years, the Clerk has filled out the form to continue with the subscription.	The cheque has been written and is listed above.
Planning application	20/501506/FULL – 2 Belmont Close	No objections subject to a condition removing permitted development rights in order to ensure the garage remains ancillary to the house and not converted to separate living accommodation.

Other news:

The Clerk was informed about a possible grant from KCC of £1000 to help with the pandemic. She asked whether the church could have the grant instead as they are supporting vulnerable residents within the parish, to which KCC agreed! St Margaret's are going to receive £750 which is fantastic news!

The Clerk has been in contact with Community Champion Group at Morrison's in Maidstone and has managed to secure some care packages for vulnerable residents within the parish. The care packages and food supplies will be delivered to St Margaret's.

The Clerk has also passed on the details of the Maidstone Community Hub contact to Rev Wil North as there are 1000 East Eggs available for distribution for people that need support.

The allotment cheques have started to arrive at the Clerk's house. All allotment holders were requested to either make payment online or send cheques to the Clerk to keep people away from Barry's house at this worrying time. The Clerk has managed to pay some of them in, as her husband's work kindly let him come home during the day for an hour whilst she visited the bank on two occasions. There are still a number of cheques that need to be paid in - this will be done whenever it is possible.

Letters have been sent out to hirers who have outstanding invoices.

Cllr Manser has sent the Clerk her comments on application number 20/501773/FULL - Land off Oakapple Lane which are below. Members will have to devise a group comment for BPC so that the Clerk can submit the comments before the cut off date of 19th May 2020.

Cllr Manser's Comments:

Application 20/501773 land off Oakapple Lane, AKA the pea field.

Although the site is in private hands it has for several years been enjoyed by pedestrians, joggers, cyclists and horse riders even more so of late what with Oaken Woods being quarried, Fullingpits Woods closed off and the Stable land (east of Pea field) now under development. It seems the more houses being built in this area the less land there is for people to walk on.

Many residents of Broomshaw Road and Wesley Close moved in to cul-de-sacs as a quiet place to spend their retirement years, indeed have been assured that no access onto Broomshaw Road from the stable land field would be permitted. However that has now been overturned with an access onto this new site.

With growing numbers of vehicles onto Hermitage Lane drivers will probably try to avoid the traffic lights at the heath crossroads and use Broomshaw Road, Redewood Road, Heath Road and North Street as a rat-run, the latter has a school entrance and is chaotic at school open and closure times. The eastern section of Heath Road is reduced to single file traffic because of the on-street parking and would not be able to take that from this proposed site. The only egress/access to the site is either through the stable land and then Fullingpits Avenue or via the Broomshaw Road route. Neither is acceptable and shows a lack of forward planning. There is no sense in building houses when there is inadequate access to them.

Despite the growing number of houses built in the area over the last few years, there has not been any alteration to the heath or Taj Barming crossroads and traffic lights junctions.

The local schools and G.P. surgeries are full but there are none shown on the application.

This is a site too far and can be seen merely as developers cramming homes into a site which is clearly unsuitable to take them.

I therefore wish to see this application refused for the following reasons:

Loss of open space,

Loss of space used by the public as an amenity,

Change of a quiet cul-de-sac into a rat-run,

Lack of nearby roads to take traffic from the site,

Lack of school places or G.P. places to take those arising from the site.

Sandra Manser,

Member of Barming Parish Council and Barming resident.

Emailed to members: 05/05/2020

To be dated and signed off at next meeting by Chairman: