

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting 7th March 2006

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th March 2006 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr A Hudson (Chairman), Mrs L Trott (Vice Chair), Mr A Smith, Mr G Cooke, Mrs C Culver and Cllr Jordan.

Apologies were received from Mr R Bush.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 17th January 2006 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

Morris Court Footpath: The Clerk reported he had confirmed that the works to bring the area up to adoptable standard after which Swale Borough Council would add the area to its regular maintenance schedules, had been ordered by Swale Borough Council. Mrs Culver confirmed that works had commenced.

Repairs to footpath, Wiltred Road. No progress to report.

Footpath Doubleday Drive/Morris Court - railings. Mrs Culver reported that the works had been completed.

Road Flooding, various locations. Mr Cooke reported that works had been completed at the junction of Hempstead Lane and the A2. It was uncertain if any other works had been attempted but it was noted that at the junction of Panteney Lane and School Lane the drain was still not cleared

Fox Hill, Bank north side. No progress to report.

Common Land Registration: The Clerk reported no further progress.

Bus Shelter – repairs. It was noted that the repairs had been completed and the account was awaited in the sum of £105 + VAT.

Mrs Trott enquired whether the Borough Council would replace our shelter, which was looking in need of updating, with one of their own together with integral lighting. The scheme on which the other Parish Council shelter was replaced was several years ago and was not thought to be available. However, it was agreed to look for opportunities when they present themselves.

Planning Matters:

Other:

Kent and Medway Structure Plan – Consultation on further modifications. The Chairman outlined the content and context of this consultation which had been previously reported but reminded Members that the increase in the housing numbers by 1600 for Swale area. As previously reported, this increase would have a knock on effect on the local plan and other strategies; 800 houses could be catered for within current plans without new sites being available (by increasing housing density) however the additional 800 would need new sites and the Chairman and Cllr Jordan stated that Stones Farm site would be reconsulted on.

Swale Borough Council, Local Plan -

The Chairman gave a resume of the current position. The Local Plan Enquiry has now been set start on 20th April.

The Chairman raised the other consultations going on contemporaneously with the local plan, specifically The Transport, Tourism and Economic Development Strategies. Responses had been made on these consultations, mainly concerning the Science Park and the M2/A2 strategies and he promised to circularise those Members without email connection.

Applications:

Retrospective appln. For double wooden stables – Land rear of The Street – comments/objections raised with planners
12 Hemstead Lane - two storey extension
12 Hemstead Lane - two storey extension – appln.withdrawn
12 Ashtead Drive – rear conservatory
22 Ashtead Drive – two storey extension
63 The Street – Side and Rear extension

Planning Decisions by Planning Authority:

2 Wihtrred Road – two storey side extension - Granted
63 The Street – Side and rear extensions – Granted
26 Wihtrred Road – 1st floor rear extension over single storey extension - Granted

Accounts:

Parish Council Grants Scheme. The Clerk reported that Swale Borough Council had reduced by half the sums available in this scheme as part of their budget process. It would appear that earmarked sums allocated to Parish Councils would be protected. The Chairman stated that he would meet with Mrs V smith to take this matter forward.

It was agreed to draw the following cheques:

D Akhurst, Clerks salary & expenses	£2950.00
J B Landscape – supply and plant tree	£58.75

It was agreed to draw the following cheques when the invoices were received:

Swale Borough Council – grounds maintenance, footpath	£TBA
Swale Borough Council – grounds maintenance, Churchyard	£TBA
Queensbury – Bus shelter repairs	£TBA

Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence –

- 1 Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
 - 1.1 Parish News No's 314
 - 1.2 Swale Area Committee – Agenda 06/03/06
- 2 Kent County Council -
 - 2.1 News and Views
 - 2.2 KCC Waste Exhibition Unit
 - 2.3 Kent Trails
- 3 Kent Police -
- 4 Swale Matters
- 5 Swale Borough Council
 - 5.1 S'bourne & Swale West Area Forum – public session – meeting 28/03/06
 - 5.2 Parish/Town Council – Allowances
 - 5.3 Funding Advice
 - 5.4 Local Council Review – March '06
 - 5.5 Action with Communities in Rural Kent

- 5.6 The Playing Field
- 5.7 Friends of CAB
- 5.8 CAB – Donation request
- 5.9 The Office H M Lord Lieutenant of Kent

Any Other Business:

Mr Cooke reported that the wooden bollards, which surround the open spaces School Lane, were rotting and some had fallen over. It was agreed to request Swale Borough Council to replace them as and when necessary and to provide reflectors.

The Chairman stated that he was to meet with Cllr Jordan and Mr Mark Bilsborough, Swale Borough Council's new Chief Executive tomorrow morning and tomorrow afternoon would be meeting Cllr Ferrin and Mr Paul Carter, KCC's new Chief Executive, to discuss various parish matters including the completion of the NRR, Kent Science Park and the A2/M2 road link.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 9th May 2006 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

