

# BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006

The Annual General Meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 9th 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.

Apologies were received from Mr R Bush, Mrs Kingsley and Cllr Jordan.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 7th March 2006 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Election of Chairman. It was proposed by Mr Cooke and seconded by Mr Smith that Mr Hudson be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. This was agreed with all praising the Chairman for his efforts over the last very busy year. The Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance form.

Election of Vice Chairman. It was proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Hudson that Mrs Trott be re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. This was agreed. The Vice Chairman signed the declaration of acceptance form.

Members interests forms. Forms were distributed and signed by Members.

### Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

#### *Footway and Highway Matters:*

*Morris Court Footpath:* The Clerk reported that progress had been made by the contractor towards the acceptable standard required by Swale Borough Council.

Repairs to footpath, Wiltred Road. Works had yet to start on this scheme.

Fox Hill, Bank north side. No progress to report. The Clerk was requested to follow up this request.

*Common Land Registration:* The Clerk reported no further progress. It was noted that there had been a complaint with regard to parking on the grass. Mrs Culver advised that the complainant should contact Swale Borough Council and that a warden would attend.

*Wooden Bollards surrounding open spaces, Village Green.* It was noted that replacement bollards had been installed

### Planning Matters:

Other:

Swale Borough Council, Local Plan -

The Chairman gave a resume of the current position. The Local Plan Enquiry is now sitting.

The Chairman also outlined the current position regarding the five Parishes Group and the site meeting held at the Kent Science Park.

Salient points are:

Kent Science Park, hearing has been postponed to a future date.

Kent Science Park submissions only received today, a day before the scheduled hearing. There should have been at least three weeks given to

absorb this information – the Five Parishes Group will consider the next steps.

The inspector agreed that the security fence is the boundary, not the land ownership.

The inspector appears to appreciate the position regarding occupancy, spare land and making good use of this land at the site.

Locate in Kent states 1000+ workers on site but need a breakdown of this figure as it seems unlikely.

Concern re bias regarding Kent Science Park commissioned surveys

Economic Strategy -

The Chairman reported that he had raised a Freedom of Information enquiry of Swale Borough Council regarding this consultation. Swale Borough Council had not responded in time. Further consideration is required as to the next step.

Stones Farm –

The Swale Borough Council inclusion of this site in the Local Plan at the last minute, seemingly forced on it by Government housing allocations, has yet to be consulted upon. This would happen probably next month.

#### Applications:

Retrospective appln. For double wooden stables – Land rear of The Street – application withdrawn

Pomphreys Bapchild illuminated signs – letter from agent advising imminent application

50 Randle Way – Relocation of existing fence – No adverse observations.

#### Planning Decisions by Planning Authority:

12 Ashtead Drive – rear conservatory - granted

#### Accounts:

Parish Council Grants Scheme. The Clerk reported that Swale Borough Council had advised a much reduced allocation for 2006/07 - £1,360.

Annual Accounts for 2005/06. The Clerk produced the accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and gave explanations as necessary. It was agreed that the accounts be signed by the Chairman and Clerk

Receive Statement of Internal Control 2005/2006. The Clerk produced the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 and gave explanations as necessary. The Statement was agreed and the Chairman and Clerk signed it.

The Chairman raised the issue of the donated Computer which he still has. There had been no interest shown in using it so he considered that it would be appropriate for the Parish Clerk to take control of it and use it for parish council business. This was agreed.

It was agreed to draw the following cheques:

Queensbury Shelters – repair of bus shelter	£123.38
Swale Borough Council – grounds maintenance, Churchyard	£1,451.08
Allianz Cornhill Insurance – Annual premium	£433.24
Kent Assn of Parish Councils – Annual membership	£313.78

Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence –

- 1.1. Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
  - 1.1.1. Parish News No's 315
  - 1.1.2. Swale Area Committee – Minutes 06/03/06
- 1.2. Kent County Council -
  - 1.2.1. Around Kent
- 1.3. Kent Police -
  - 1.3.1. Swale Matters
  - 1.3.2. Policing your area
  - 1.3.3. Kent Police Authority
- 1.4. Swale Borough Council
  - 1.4.1. Churchyard & parish council burial grounds
  - 1.4.2. Funding Advice
- 1.5. Clerks & Council Direct – March '06
- 1.6. Kent Parish Council News – April 06
- 1.7. Applause Rural Touring
- 1.8. DEFRA – Clean Neighborhoods & Environment Act 2005
- 1.9. Drought update
- 1.10. Groundwork Medway Swale

Any Other Business:

The Chairman reported that judges have attended the village on the first round of the Village of the Year competition. He and Mrs Smith showed judges around and this proved to be a very worthwhile exercise and the judges seemed impressed.

The Clerk reported on an incident where he was aware of two residents who had suffered crop/weed control spray damage.

The Clerk reported that the village clean up would take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The clerk reported that Ibstock Bricks were shortly to commence soil extraction.

The Chairman raised the issue of the New Years Eve celebration annually held at the village hall. The organiser has, after many years, stated that he would not continue and the Chairman enquired whether members felt the Parish Council could help in continuing this function. The Clerk stated that he had checked and considered that any expenditure on this would be legal. Members note this but considered that it would be inappropriate at this time to be involved.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

