

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting 11th September 2007

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th September 2007 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr A Hudson (Chairman), Mrs L Trott (Vice Chair), Mr A Smith, Mrs Culver, Mr Cooke Mrs Kingsley and from approx. 20.20hrs Cllr M Bonney.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Bush.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15th May 2007 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Register of Members Interests. The Clerk tabled recently received forms from Swale Borough Council necessary for completion as a result of the new Code of Conduct. Members completed them and handed them over to the Clerk.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Common Land Registration: The Clerk reported no further progress had been made.

Open Space, Panteney Lane: The Clerk referred to previous agreement that Members had agreed for the Parish Council to contribute towards a scheme of improvement with Swale Borough Council and that a scheme would be put forward in the Autumn for various improvements.

Replacement Wooden Bollards: Mr Bush had previously requested that the wooden bollards surrounding parts of the open space in School Lane should be replaced where they had rotten. The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Mr Tuff, Swale Borough Council, and that he had promised to replace the damaged bollards.

Village Green, subsidence: Mr Bush had previously requested that the depression in the open space in School Lane be reported to Swale Borough Council as this was getting worse. The Clerk was requested to follow this up with the Parks and Gardens section when discussing the other outstanding matters.

Open Space, Morris Court Close – outstanding maintenance. Mrs Culver stated that although some work had been completed, the standard was not of a high standard. The Clerk was requested to follow this up with the Parks and Gardens section when discussing the other outstanding matters.

Damaged Street Nameplates: The clerk reported that Swale Borough Council had ordered two nameplates; "Doubleday Drive" and "Wihtrud Road". This order had been outstanding for some time and the clerk was asked to follow this delay up.

"Bapchild" sign missing: The clerk had previously reported this matter but can now report that KCC had a moratorium on expense of this nature. Members agreed that this was a nonsense and agreed to object to this policy.

Planning Matters:

Other:

Stables behind Fox & Goose. The Chairman reported on his correspondence with Swale Borough Council planning department. The Clerk reported on a response received from Mr Hinksman, Planning Enforcement Officer, Swale Borough Council addressed to the Chairman.

After considering this response and discussing the issues raised, it was agreed to object to the handling of this planning application, in particular the delays in resolution of the issues raised by the Parish Council by the applicants, the undated timescale proposed in the letter, and the fact that there appears to be an acceptance of the existence of a stable even though the retrospective application had not yet been considered by Members of the Borough Council.

Swale Borough Council, Local Plan -

The Chairman reported that the Local Plan meetings had now been completed and that it would be December 2007 before the Planning Inspector would report.

He further reported that the South East Regional Plan inspectors had accepted the provision of enabling infrastructure specifically for the Science Park. However, he understood that the increase in new housing number would not be sufficient to fund the new road and nor had the Highways officers agreed to the proposal.

Regarding the Northern Relief Road, KCC had changed the proposed route again which will be against the wishes of near residents.

Applications:

No adverse observations were recorded on the following applications:

77 The Street – Conservatory
47/45 School Lane – Single Storey Side and Two Storey Rear Ext.
35 Randle Way – Rear Ground Floor Ext.
48 The Street – Single Storey Rear Ext. and Conversion of Roof Space
13 School Lane – Porch Canopy, Rear Ext. and dropped kerbs
8 Randle Way, Conservatory

Planning Decisions by Planning Authority:

47/45 School Lane – Single Storey Side and Two Storey Rear Ext - refused
77 The Street – Conservatory - granted

Accounts:

To receive the Internal Audit Report for the year ending 31/03/07. The Clerk produced the report provided by the Internal Auditor. Mr K Funnel. There were no matters for Members to discuss.

Resubmission of Annual Accounts for the year ending 31/03/07 – Audit Commission Accounts. The Clerk reported that the Audit Commission required that Members agree to re-approve sections 1 and 2 now noted with the minute number and authorise the re-signing of the accounts by the Chairman and Financial Officer.

It was agreed to draw the following cheques:

Swale Borough Council – election expenses	£63.49
K Funnell – Internal Audit fees	£35.00
Bapchild and Tonge Village Hall – grant re disabled access	£1,000.00

Correspondence – It was agreed to note the following correspondence:

- 1.1. Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
 - 1.1.1. Parish News No's 324, 325, 326
 - 1.1.2. Swale Area Committee – Minutes 04/06/07
 - 1.1.3. Swale Area Committee – Agenda 03/09/07

- 1.1.4. Chairman's Annual Report
- 1.2. Swale Borough Council –
 - 1.2.1. Shoreline Management Plan
 - 1.2.2. Draft Play Strategy 2007-12
 - 1.2.3. Open Day re CCTV system at Minster
 - 1.2.4. Notice of meeting and agenda, Swale Rural Forum 9/8/07
 - 1.2.5. Minutes, Sittingbourne & Swale West Area Forum
 - 1.2.6. Towards a Fairer Swale
 - 1.2.7. Parish Council Grants Scheme – new forms
 - 1.2.8. Shaping the Future of Swale
 - 1.2.9. Tourism Website
 - 1.2.10. Swale Local Plan update Newsletter
 - 1.2.11. re Planning Decisions
 - 1.2.12. Swale Children & Youth Division Network
- 1.3. Kent County Council -
 - 1.3.1. Kent Minerals Development Framework – further consultation Church Path Pit, Northfleet
 - 1.3.2. Policing Kent 2007/10
 - 1.3.3. Countryside Access Improvement Plan
 - 1.3.4. KCC Annual Plan 2007/08
 - 1.3.5. Explore Kent
 - 1.3.6. Kent Police Authority – Safer Kent Awards
- 1.4. Local Council Review – July '07
- 1.5. Clerks & Councils Direct - May '07 and July 2007
- 1.6. Local Council Update May 2007
- 1.7. Ibstock Bricks
- 1.8. Bapchild & Tonge Village Hall – Accounts to 31/12/06 and insurance renewal papers
- 1.9. Water Resources Update - Summer 2007
- 1.10. Cre8ive Productions Youth – Panto for Villages in Kent
- 1.11. Environment Agency – South East River Basin
- 1.12. Derek Wyatt MP – upcoming meetings
- 1.13. Friends of CAB in Swale
- 1.14. Groundwork News – Summer 2007
- 1.15. Eastern and Coastal Kent NHS – Health profile

Any other business:

Mr Bush requested that the matter of litter in and around the fruit stall and Fox Hill be raised with Swale Borough Council.

Mrs Culver reported that the repairs done to footways in Wihtrud Road had only covered some of the footway and requested that KCC look again at the un-repaired sections.

Mrs Culver requested that the Village Hall Committee add a responsibility for hirers to take down notices placed by the hirer outside the hall and on the footway/highway, after their event. Mr Cooke agreed to discuss this with the Village Hall Committee.

Mr Smith asked that the Highway Authority be informed with regard to the overgrown hedge in School Lane.

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 13th November 2007 at 19.30hrs.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30hrs.

Chairman.....

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