

# BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting 12th March 2002

A Meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th March 2002 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr R Bush (Chairman), Mr A Smith (vice Chairman), Mrs G West and Cllr D Jordan.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs L Trott, Mr B Rogers, and Mrs C Culver.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd January 2002 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Presentation – Ms Pooja Punshi, Mr Peter Chegwiddden and Mr Mike Wheeler, re Swale Recycling Scheme. It was agreed that the scheme had been a great success so far and that locally there had not been many issues or objections raised. It was explained that the next stage starting in April was to extend the recycling by the use of a clear plastic recyclable sack. A roll of thirteen sacks would be delivered to households shortly. These sacks are for the use of recycling waste plastics, tins/cans and paper and cardboard and will be collected on the Thursday of the brown bin week. The current Friday collection of paper would cease. Swale would offer as much assistance with the new arrangements as was given at the beginning of the scheme. Swale confirmed that all recyclable waste collected was in fact recycled. Regarding the extension of the scheme to other parts of Swale this depended upon finance being available.

Police – Ms Leslie Hunt and Sylvia Everest. A number of traffic issues were discussed which involved the Police, KCC and Swale Borough Council. Ms Hunt stated that PC Cumberland had resigned and that for a temporary period PC Hinton would look after Bapchild area. Ms Hunt stated that the Hawkeye cameras had now been supplied and work had commenced to get these cameras on line. Mrs Everest explained that she was the area co-ordinator for the Kent Police Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. She was hoping to get all parishes signed up to the scheme and had visited Upchurch and all roads were now covered by the scheme. The new scheme was aided by the Ringmaster computer system communicated by email and was a data exchange of information updated on a daily basis. Mrs Everest left a package of information to be distributed and viewed by Members so that it can be discussed at the May meeting. The Chairman stated that this system might well interface with the new web site currently being developed. It was agreed to contact Mr Cook and Mr Williams who were involved with the original scheme to discover the status of the scheme.

Model Code of Conduct. The Chairman referred to the information distributed with the agenda and stated that in his opinion the new arrangements were not too onerous. The clerk stated that the Parish Council have to formally adopt the Code of Conduct and upon putting this to the meeting Members agreed to Adopt the Code of Conduct. Members now had twenty-eight days to complete the Register of Members Interests and the acceptance of office and return these documents to the clerk.

### Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

Footpath Closure, Panteny Lane. No further progress to report.

Traffic calming/30 m.p.h. and other measures, The Street:

The Chairman reported that several traffic calming central reservations remained unlit and that there were inherent problems with this manufacture of lights. The Clerk reported on discussions he had had with the traffic engineers, that revealed a problem in the maintenance of the traffic islands; there was insufficient room for operatives to manoeuvre and health and safety issues were being discussed with the KCC Highways Safety Audit staff.

Ms Hunt reported that speed checks had been carried out in the village on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2002 and there was not a speed problem evident. She promised to supply data collected from the speed checks.

A letter had been received from Swale Traffic engineers dated 24<sup>th</sup> January 2002 regarding a meeting with Bapchild Motoring World representatives to be held on Wednesday (tomorrow). The issues raised will include parking issues in The Street and a copy of the minutes of the meeting has been promised to the Parish Council.

School Lane - Traffic calming. The Chairman reported on his correspondence with the highway engineers with regard to the efficiency of the road humps and the lack of illumination of the signage as previously reported and it was noted that the works are still awaited.

Panteny Lane - fencing and hedgerow maintenance. The Chairman reported that information regarding the arrangements for roadside/verge maintenance had still not sent to the Parish Council. Cllr Jordan agreed to speak to the traffic engineers.

Footpath - overgrowth and ponding. Mrs Culver was to see a representative of KCC on site. Regarding Wihtrud Road and the junction with the new estate it was reported that now the fencing was removed the passageway had been exposed. It was agreed to look at the plans again then correspond with Wards regarding this access.

Common Land Registration:

The Clerk reported that there was no further progress to report on this matter.

Parish Web-site:

This item adjourned until the next meeting.

Residential Caravan, Hemstead Lane:

The Parish Council's letter to Swale planners was awaiting response.

Rural Development Grants:

Members noted the supply and erection of the notice board. The Village Hall Committee had written to thank the Parish Council and to express satisfaction.

Accounts:

It was agreed to draw the following cheques:

Pride Property Maintenance – erection of notice board - £184.61

D Akhurst – Clerks fee and expenses – The Chairman stated that the calculation based on the National Scheme of Conditions for Clerks was based on the number of electors. This calculation resulted in a salary of £2548 and it was agreed to pay this sum plus £50 out of pocket expenses.

Planning Matters:

Planning Applications:

8 Morris Court Close – extension – No adverse observations.

Planning Decisions:

Sittingbourne Community College – Two-storey extension to sports hall – granted.

Other:

KCC reserve matters, Landscaping – Two-storey extension to sports hall

Officers' report – Erection of 15mtr monopole, Hemstead Road

Planning Appeal – The Gables, 93 The Street

Public entertainment Licence – Village Hall

Footpath Map, Panteny Lane – It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Local Plan – Brian Lloyd had asked that the Parish Council be represented at a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> March, which was to discuss future development to the North East of Sittingbourne. It was agreed to contact B Rogers and ask if he could attend.

Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence -

Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -

Parish News No's 281.

Swale Area Committee:

Agenda 4/03/2002.

Kent County Council -

Planning Green Paper on Development Plans.

CPRE – re Planning Green Paper

Kent Police – Jan 2002.

Bapchild Village Hall –

Advice of officers now in office after AGM.

Receipt of copy accounts

The date of the next meeting was noted as 14th May 2002 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

