

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 13th May 2003

The Annual General Meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May 2003 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr R Bush (Chairman), Mr A Smith (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Culver, Mrs L Trott, Mr A Hudson, Mr G Cooke, Parishioners Mr and Mrs Chapman and Mr M Holton.

Apologies were received from Cllr Jordan.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th March 2003 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Result of Uncontested Election: The Clerk read the notice received from Swale Borough Council advising Members official position as Members of Bapchild Parish Council. Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, Declaration of Election Expenses and Register of Members interest (where necessary).

Election of Chairman: It was proposed by Mr G Cooke and seconded by Mrs C Culver that Mr R Bush be elected Chairman. This was agreed. Mr Bush accepted but gave notice that he would wish to relinquish the position at the next meeting.

Election of Vice-Chairman: It was proposed by Mr R Bush and seconded by Mr A Smith that Mrs L Trott be elected Vice-Chairman. This was agreed.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

Footpath Closure, Panteny Lane. Members noted that this matter was now being considered by KCC PROW office and that adjudication was still to be made by them.

Panteny Lane – Car parking junction with A2. Cllr Jordan has indicated that the yellow “no waiting lines” will be provided shortly.

Footpath, Morris Court Close - overgrowth. It was noted that the clearance work had been completed.

Electronic Speed Warning Signs – No progress had been reported on this matter.

Common Land Registration: The Clerk reported that so far no response had been received from the request for statements.

Hemstead Lane – Parishioners Letters: Members noted the letters and the Parish Councils response.

Unsocial Behaviour in the Village: Mr Best, resident of Morris Court Close adjacent to the play area had emailed details of The Open Spaces Acts and Swale Borough Council’s responsibilities regarding them. It appears that Swale Borough Council are not adopting the model byelaws for their open spaces. It was agreed to ask Swale Borough Council with regard to reviewing their policy of adopting byelaws for Open Spaces and also for Parking.

It was noted that the Clerk had asked Graeme Tuff to draft a tree planting scheme for the Morris court close area and this was considered to be a good start to reducing problems at this site.

The clerk’s email to Leslie Hunt, Local Police co-ordinator, was noted.

It was agreed to include these issues in the next Parish Newsletter to highlight the problem. It was also agreed to look into additional fencing regarding the boundary of the open space in the Panteny Lane and Lords Close and to ask the Park Rangers to patrol.

Parish Website: Mr A Hudson reported that the Web-site was almost ready for the launch when the open evening was to take place. However, as no date had been set for the open evening, it was agreed that the site go ahead anyway, then it could be “officially” launched when the open evening could be arranged

Planning Matters:

Planning Applications:

9 Morris Court Close – Front, side and rear extension amended plan. No adverse observations.

Extraction of Brick-earth, Land south of A2, East of Panteny Lane. It was agreed to comment on the application as follows:

- o Working hours should be restricted both early mornings and Saturdays.
- o The lorry movements per day are excessive.
- o Another access preferably directly on to the A2 is recommended.
- o Should Panteny Lane access be agreed, can a footpath be provided along Panteny Lane.
- o Can there be a restriction placed on the land that the land, after extraction, could only be used for agriculture.
- o What arrangements were there to be regarding the PROW running across the site.
- o Has there been a wildlife/environment study on the proposals.
- o Clarify whether solicitors should advise in searches on house purchases regarding this activity.

Other:

Tonge Conservation Area - Swale Borough Council official notification of the new area boundaries was noted.

East Hall Farm – planning application and route of the NDR. It was noted that no decision had been made at present

Accounts:

Audit of 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 Accounts – the receipt of the auditors certificates and audit opinions were noted.

2002-2003 Accounts. Members received copies of these accounts and the Clerk gave explanations as necessary. It was agreed to accept the accounts and the Chairman and Clerk signed them.

Review of Insurance. The Clerk explained that it was an audit recommendation that the Parish Council review insurance arrangements. Members considered the cover adequate but recommended that alternative quotes be requested at the next renewal.

To draw cheques:

KAPC – Annual Membership	£255.93
Teynham Landscapes Ltd – Grounds maintenance	£411.25
D Akhurst – Parish clean-up expenses	£75.00
Allianz Cornhill Insurance plc – Annual Premium	£331.43

Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence -

Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
Parish News No 291

Swale Area Committee, Agenda 3/03/03
Kent County Council –
Lorry Maps
Kent Trails
Clerks and Councils Direct – May '03
Local council Review – March '03
Letter from Mrs Vincent re the Village Green
Environment Agency – 1953 and the North Sea Surge
South East England Regional Assembly – No Time to Waste
SWA – re Bapchild School
Wards Homes – re Panteny Lane development
Derek Wyatt MP - Surgeries
KPA News – March '03

Any Other Business:

The Chairman reported that there was a casual vacancy for a School Governor. Mr A Hudson was to consider this appointment.

Mrs Culver reported on an accident in Church Street where a head-on car crash had occurred caused mainly through speeding. This highlighted the problems caused by motorists using country lanes as a rat run and travelling too fast for the narrow roads.

Mr Cooke reported that The Village Hall was considering the provision of an extension to the bar area

The date of the next meeting was noted as 23rd September 2003 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.50 p.m.

Chairman.....
Date.....

The Annual Assembly of Parishioners of the Parish of Bapchild was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th May 2003 at 8.30pm.

Present: Mr R Bush (Chairman), Mrs C Culver, Mr G Cooke, Mr A Smith, Mrs L Trott, Mrs J Kingsley, Mr A Hudson and Parishioners Mr and Mrs Chapman and Mr M Holton.

Minutes of the last Annual Assembly were read and signed as a true record.

Matters Brought before the Meeting:

Hedgerow - School Lane. Mr A Smith advised that ivy growing up the Chestnut trees would eventually kill the trees. It was agreed to contact the Tree Officer, Swale Borough Council, Mr Dick Kear regarding this.

Parking in The Street It was reported that BMW had purchased the vehicle sales site west of Pritchards and that week-end parking was dangerous especially with parking caused by plant sales in The Street.

Panteny Lane Estate – re Brickearth extraction proposal, West of Panteny Lane. Mr and Mrs Chapman spoke on this issue – please see PC minutes for this minute.

Mr M Holton raised several issues:

Footpath, repairs required Wihfred Road (near OAP bungalows) and top end of Ashtead Drive.

Footpath between Doubleday Drive and Morris Court Close

Fir tree in Mrs Potters Alley blocking out light

Panteny Lane verge needs cutting and road repairs

Parking on footpath throughout the parish

Parking in Lords Close a major problem and requested funds to allow extra parking where there is currently trees and verge areas

Garages, Lords Close being used as a short cut by youths.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9.56pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....