

# BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th November 2005 at 7.30p.m.

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

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

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th September 2005 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 that he had spoken to Alan Morolio, Swale Borough Council, and he had suggested that if the Parish Council paid for works to bring the area up to adoptable standard, Swale Borough Council would add the area to its regular maintenance schedules. This was accepted as the best way forward and it was agreed to delegate the Chairman to accept expenditure up to £500 without need to call a meeting. Mrs Culver mentioned that there was a Swale Borough Council budget for Safe Community and it was agreed to raise this with Mr Morolio with the hope that some expenditure might be funded by this.

Repairs to footpath, Wiltred Road: The Clerk reported that there was a meeting in December, arranged by Kent County Council regarding the Linesman Scheme imposed by them earlier this year. The Clerk stated that he would raise as an issue the reporting methods as these were not working. He would raise highway issues as well at this meeting.

Footpath Doubleday Drive/Morris Court. Mrs Culver re-raised the issue of the railings which should protect children and others from exiting from the footpath with speed on to Doubleday Drive. Mrs Culver reported on several near misses where children have gone into the road and that she had reported this to Swale Borough Council. Mrs Culver requested that the Parish Council send an official letter to Swale Borough Council in support of additional railings at this site. This was agreed.

*Common Land Registration:* The Clerk reported that Mrs Murphy had telephoned him in response to the articles in the Parish Council report in the Parish Magazine and that she had given him a number of people who were prepared to sign statements necessary for the application to be prepared. This was noted with satisfaction.

### Planning Matters:

Other:

Swale Borough Council, Local Plan -  
The Chairman gave a resume of the current position. The Local Plan Pre Enquiry meeting has been set for 14/12/2005.

Tonge Parish – re planning application Hempstead Farm, Tonge, use of concrete hardstand to park four lorries and trailers.  
The Clerk, Chairman and Mr Cooke gave an outline to this application which planning permission has just been granted by Swale Borough Council. It was evident that many of the occupiers of Hempstead Lane had objected to Swale Borough Council and the objections could be

summarised into two main issues, the increased traffic and noise nuisance caused by the lorries and the need for a footway to protect pedestrians. Members noted the planning decision and that it was time constrained to 2008. Mr Cooke had mentioned to a number of residents that they should object to the planning department if there is any activity going on not permitted within the planning approval.

Discussion took place regarding the provision of a footway and it was considered that the footway would have to be on the east side of the road, thus necessitating pedestrians to cross the road and the provision would require release of land by G H Dean.

It was agreed not to progress this issue at the present time.

Kent and Medway Structure Plan – Proposed Modifications, Noted

Draft Tourism Development Strategy 2005/08, Noted

Kent and Medway South East Plan – Consultation Document, Noted

Adoption of Swale Landscape Character Assessment and Guidelines, Noted

**Applications:**

22 Doubleday Drive – Conservatory - No adverse observations

Caravan, Hempstead Lane – Lawfull Development Certificate Application – Noted.

**Planning Decisions by Planning Authority:**

28 Randle Way – Conversion of double garage to workshop/store/office – Granted

Sittingbourne Community College – Synthetic sports pitches with fencing and lighting, new single storey facility, access paths and new planting – granted

63 The Street – Side and rear extensions. Loft conversion, etc. - refused

**Accounts:**

Parish Council Grants Scheme. Advice had been received from Swale Borough Council engineers that the estimate for the footpath, junction of Panteny Lane/A2 was £6200. This was thought to be a considerable sum and Members wished to think again on this matter. Mr Cooke said he would assess the extent of damage caused by pedestrians walking over the grass. Other measures to stop access to the grassed area were discussed. In the mean time it was agreed to hold this matter in abeyance.

Members agreed to consider the funding of the Village Hall, subject to finding out the current situation with regard to cost estimates and grant applications already made. Members also considered making grants to other clubs, societies and organisations within the parish as the grant paid to the Cubs was considered a great success.

2006/2007 Budget. The Clerks budget statement was discussed. It was agreed to precept on the Swale Borough Council the sum of £5260 for parish expenses and £1300 for parish lighting.

It was agreed that the following cheque should be drawn:

Audit Commission – External Audit fee	£141.00
Swale Borough Council – freighter fee	£64.00

**Correspondence:** It was agreed to note the following correspondence –

- 1.1. Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
  - 1.1.1. Parish News No's 311, 312
  - 1.1.2. Swale Area Committee –Minutes 06/09/05
  - 1.1.3. Notice of AGM and Annual Report
- 1.2. Swale Borough Council –
  - 1.2.1. Funding Advice
- 1.3. Kent County Council -
  - 1.3.1. Early Years and Child Care
  - 1.3.2. Around Kent
  - 1.3.3. Community Paths Project – Grants for Rights of Way Improvements
- 1.4. Kent Police -
  - 1.4.1. Restructuring Police Forces
  - 1.4.2. Swale Matters
- 1.5. Local Council Review – Sept '05 and Nov '05
- 1.6. Clerks & Councils Direct - Sept '05 and Nov '05
- 1.7. Groundwork Update
- 1.8. Kent parish Councils News
- 1.9. Victim Support
- 1.10. The Playing Field
- 1.11. Kent BTCV – Tree Warden Scheme

Any Other Business:

Mr Cooke raised the issue of flooding at the junction of Panteny Lane and School Lane. It appeared that the drain was blocked. It was agreed to ask the highway authority to rectify this.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

