

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting 18th January 2005

A Meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th January 2005 at 7.30p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr D Jordon.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 16th November 2004 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

Overgrowth – School Lane. It was noted that this work was still outstanding even after a number of reminders. The Clerk was requested to follow this up with Swale Borough Council.

Parking in Village. It was noted that the ownership of Bapchild Motoring World had changed hands and that the site had been re-named. It was generally perceived that matters had improved.

Footway Repairs – Wihtrud Road/St Lawrence Close. It was noted that a number of repairs had taken place but only the most dangerous areas. The remaining areas had been left as is and these remained in poor condition.

Footpath, Panteny Lane to Dully Road. It was noted that the appeal date had been advised being held on 25th January 2005, at Hemstead House. A number of Councillors were to planning to attend.

Common Land Registration: Nothing to report.

Caravan – Hempstead Lane: The clerk reported that no further progress had been made in this matter. It was noted that there was a change of ownership which may well have delayed matters. It was agreed to follow up with Swale Borough Council to resolve this matter.

Planning Matters:

Other:

Kent Science Park – Kent & Medway Structure Plan

The Chairman outlined the situation regarding the 5 Parish group to date. The Chairman also reported in detail on meetings with MP's, Bapchild Parish Council's meeting Swale Forward and the meeting of the KCC Swale Local Board. The publication of the results of the Structure Plan consultation was due shortly, the latest date of publication was estimated to be end of January beginning of February.

Appeal Decision: 8 Morris Court Close – Appeal refused.

Appeal Decision: 2 Wihtrud Road – Appeal refused.

Planning Decisions by Planning Authority: None to report

Applications:

Rodmersham Court Farm – Conversion of Redundant Barn to Business Use - object

192 Canterbury Road – Fell Oak Tree – no adverse observations

Pomphrey Garage – Internally Illuminated Sign – object

Pomphrey Garage – Aluminium Cladding – no adverse observations

Accounts:

Subsidiarity Projects. The Chairman asked that the Parish Council consider a grant application from the Bapchild Beaver and Cub group. There is a need for them to purchase six tents at £50 each with little funds available.

It was proposed by Mr Cooke and seconded by Mr Bush to agree in principle to support an application. This was agreed. It was further agreed to ask the group to assist in bulb planting around the village when bulbs could be purchased.

It was agreed that the following cheque should be drawn:

SNHWO – Neighbourhood watch signs	£105.00
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Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence –

Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -

Parish News No's 305

Swale Area Committee –minutes 6/12/04

NALC Annual Review and Accounts 03/04

Swale Borough Council –

Funding Advice

Kent County Council -

Kent & Medway Funding Fair – 3/2/05

Kent & Medway Rural Transport Partnership – Annual Report 03/04

Kent Rural Directory

Kent Design Guide

Kent County Council Swale Local Board – Public Meeting 12/01/05

Kent Police -

Policing Kent

Swale Matters

Local Council Review – Nov '04, Jan '05. Members noted with satisfaction that the Bapchild Parish Council website was published in the November magazine.

South East England Regional Assembly – South East Plan Public Consultation

The John Aspinall Foundation

Standards Board for England – Code of Conduct, Lobby Groups, Dual Hatted Members

Standards Board for England – Local Investigations, guidance to Monitoring Officers

DEFRA – Rural Services Review

Rainer Kent Mentoring

Citizens Advice Bureau

GOSE – Parish Councils in the South East Region

SERPA

Any Other Business:

Mrs Culver reported on the Freedom of Information Act. Mrs Culver stated that anyone could apply to any public body for information and that body would have 20 days to respond although the questions have to be reasonable and cost effective. This would

have implications for the Parish Council and might be useful in the Parish Councils requests for information.

The date of the next meeting was noted as 29th March 2005 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

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

