

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting 23rd January 2001

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd January 2001 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr R Bush (Chairman), Mr A Smith (Vice Chairman), Mrs C Culver, Mr B Rogers, Mrs G West, Mrs J Kingsley, Cllr D Jordan and Parishioners Mr & Mrs Davis.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mrs L Trott.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 21st November 2000 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record. Mrs West reported that she had received one statement from the three which had been issued so far regarding the footpath closure.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

The Chairman welcomed Mr & Mrs Davis to the meeting and their letter to the Parish Council concerning the traffic management system near Panteney Lane together with their comments during this discussion were noted. The Chairman outlined the Parish Council's past efforts to influence KCC and SBC when the reconstruction of the Panteney Lane junction was initially considered as well as the other traffic calming measures along The Street, Panteney Lane and School Lane. Discussion took place regarding a recent accident on the A2 close to the junction of Panteney Lane where a motorist was in collision with a cyclist and damaged a wall and gate. It is most peoples opinion that the carriageway is too narrow with the central reservation wrongly placed.

Parking - A letter had been received from Sittingbourne Police regarding their proposed action in this regard. Mrs Culver agreed to contact the police constable regarding the various parking "hotspots".

The Chairman referred to his various correspondence with Swale BC regarding the 30 m.p.h. progress, refuge lighting cleaning, additional traffic signage, copies of which had been circulated. The Chairman's actions were noted as was Mr Haratbar's response that the parking restrictions and traffic calming measures were progressing "with a view to implementation before the end of this financial year". It was agreed to write to Coolchain asking them to alert their drivers of the current difficulties. Further potholes were reported, a central reservation bollard had become displaced, increased road noise/resonance was reported by residents living close to the Panteney Lane junction and various street lighting malfunction all of which would be reported to the Highway Authority

Hawkeye Camera - Swale Police had requested the Parish Council to come up with possible sites where this camera could be usefully placed. It was agreed that this facility could help with the various parking "hotspots" in the village particularly in The Street and School Lane.

Gully draining/cleaning - The Chairman reported that the contractors had been on site. Mr Rogers stated that the gully close to the junction of School Lane and Panteney Lane had not been cleaned as was still full and also ponding occurred in The Street near Bapchild Motoring World. This would be reported.

Common Land Registration. Although the Clerk has recently spoken to Mr Milne, there was no further progress to report on this matter.

Village Hall Clock and Paving Scheme. Artlab had completed the clock installation. A notice had been received that a Building Control Inspection was required and it was noted that this had been addressed to Artlab who should arrange this. It was noted that the paving was programmed for commencement 19th February and that the two seats to be provided should be similar to those provided on the green.

Parish Web-site. A selection of downloaded information currently provided by a number of Parishes was distributed and discussion took place regarding the possibility of a web cafe. It was agreed to place an article in the Parish Newsletter asking for expressions of interest.

Planning Matters:

Planning Applications:

47 The Street, Bapchild - removal of condition for conversion of existing garage to entrance hall - recommend refusal on parking grounds.

23 The Street, Bapchild -two storey side and single storey rear extension - no adverse observations.

Planning Decisions:

45 School Lane - granted.

195 Canterbury Road - granted

re 47 Fox Hill - confirmation received from Swale planners that no planning permission required.

Accounts:

It was proposed by Mrs C Culver and seconded by Mrs G West that the following cheque be drawn:

Swale Borough Council - clean up expenses	£57.99
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Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence -

Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -

Parish News No. 270

Swale Area Committee

Minutes 4/12/2000

Kent Village of the Year Competition

Kent County Council -

Kent Trails

Swale Borough Council -

Leader+ Public Consultation Document

Funding Advice No.7

Clerk and Council Direct - January 2001

Letter from Mr Cook.

Letter from Mr & Mrs Davis (see Highways above).

Local Council Review January 2001.

DETR - Our Countryside, the future.

Serpa - funding/newsletter.

Kent Police Authority -

Rural Policing

Hawkeye Camera - deployment (see Highways above).

Any Other Business:

Mrs Culver reported that the tree overgrowth on the footpath between Doubleday Drive and Morris Court Close had not been attended to. She had confirmed with the footpath section that a works order was now in place and the works would commence shortly.

Mrs Culver reported that car crime was on the increase in Bapchild and nearby, particularly after midnight. It was agreed for an article to be published in the parish newsletter. It was considered that the Hawkeye camera could assist with the prevention of these crimes.

The Chairman and Mrs Culver put forward several ideas for next years grant application for community projects:

Village signs (three was envisaged, similar to Upchurch and Tunstal), one at each entrance to the parish.

Additional lighting outside the Village Hall.

Provision of planting scheme with dwarf trees and shrubs along the green strip, School Lane.

It was agreed to put these ideas forward in the village newsletter to gage opinion.

The date of the next meeting was noted as 20th March 2001 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05p.m.

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

The Annual Assembly of Parishioners of the Parish of Bapchild was held at the Village Hall, Bapchild on Tuesday 23rd May 2000 at 8.55p.m.

Present: Mr R Bush (Chairman), Mr A Smith (Vice Chairman) Mrs C Culver, Mr B Rogers. Mrs LTrott and Mrs G West. Parishioner Mrs Middleton and Cllr D Jordan were also in attendance.

Apologies: There were no apologies.

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

Mrs Middleton raised the matter of a street lamp o/s No. 1 School Lane being out.

Mrs Middleton asked with regard to the collection for the Millennium Clock when the work was to commence as it was understood to be in the Summer/Autumn. It was confirmed that work would commence at this time.

There being no other matters of parish interest the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57p.m.