

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting 23rd September 2003

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd September 2003 at 7.30p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Jordan.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2003 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record with the addition that Mrs Kingsley be added to attendees.

Election of Chairman: In view of Mr Bush's wish to relinquish Chairmanship because of his increased workload at work, members were asked to consider Chairmanship. It was proposed by all members that the work of the Parish Council be shared between members where possible thus lessening the current burden of Chairmanship. Mr Bush thanked members for their consideration and expressed his wish to continue as Chairman in these circumstances.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

Footpath Closure, Panteny Lane. No progress had been reported. The Clerk was to follow up the current status of this matter.

Panteny Lane – Car parking junction with A2. Members considered the whole of the Panteny Lane area is now a priority for improvement. The Chairman would contact Cllr. Jordan to ask for a progress report.

Common Land Registration: No progress to report. The Clerk suggested that at a forthcoming open evening, parishioners could be asked to provide statements. This was agreed.

Morris Court Close, open space - landscaping: The Clerk reported that the grant request made by the Parish Council had been agreed by Swale Borough Council. It was agreed to order the works.

Unsocial Behaviour in the Village: Members noted that during the summer school break an improvement had been evident. The Chairman and Clerk reported on various incidents that had occurred in the spring and early summer.

Mr Cooke suggested that the Parish Council consider providing an illuminated three-sided shelter so that youths could congregate, similar to that provided by another Parish Council and promised details that would be provided shortly. It was requested that this matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Members considered that the police's original suggestion of holding an evening should now take place. Topics to include such as: special constables, website official launch, Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, village green registration, Swale Housing Association, Village Hall Committee, waste recycling.

It was agreed to hold this event on Thursday 6th November 2003 say between 19.30 and 21.30, and to provide refreshments. A notice was to be produced by Mrs Trott and distributed with the Parish Newsletter promoting the event. The Clerk was requested to formally invite attendees.

Parish Website: Mr A Hudson reported that the Web-site was now live and could be viewed at the address "Bapchild.info". He requested knowledge of any old photographs so that he could collect, scan, and then return them.

Planning Matters:

Applications:

- o 30 The Street – Rear extension and convert bathroom
- o 30 The Street – Vehicle crossing
- o 35 The Street – Minidish
- o 5 Morris Court Close – Porch extension
- o 9 Hemstead Lane – Roof space conversion

Decisions:

- o Bapchild Court, School Lane – Garage, garden stores and games room – granted.
- o 30 The Street – Rear extension and convert bathroom – granted.
- o 30 The Street – Vehicle crossing – granted.
- o 2 Wihred Road – Rear kitchen extension – granted.
- o 9 Morris Court Close - Front, side and rear extension – granted
- o 1 Randle Way – Two storey side extension – granted.
- o 35 The Street – Mini-dish - granted

Other

- o Local Transport Plan for Kent 01/06 – Annual progress report 2003.
- o East Hall Farm – planning application and route of the NDR – progress.
- o Proposed Alterations to Regional Planning Guidance South East – Tourism and Related Sport and Recreation
- o Proposed Alterations to Regional Planning Guidance South East – Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.
- o KCC response – Airports Consultation
- o Swale Borough Council Local Plan Review – Newsletter
- o Swale Borough Council – re Caravan at Hemstead Lane, Bapchild. It was agreed to write to Mrs Willis with a copy of the letter from Swale Borough Council to ask for assistance with this matter.

Accounts:

Internal Audit of 2002-2003 Accounts. Members noted the auditors report.

It was proposed by Mr Cooke and seconded by Mrs Culver and agreed that the following cheques should be drawn:

K Funnell – Internal Audit Fee	£30.00
Swale Borough Council – 50% contribution re trellis fencing	£255.56

Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence -

- 1.1. Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
 - 1.1.1. Parish News No's 292, 293, 293A, 294
 - 1.1.2. Swale Area Committee minutes 2/6/03, agenda 1/9/03
 - 1.1.3. Invitation to join Kent Rural Community Council 03/04
- 1.2. Swale Borough Council –
 - 1.2.1. Funding Advice No's 19, 20, 21
 - 1.2.2. Bored in Swale.
 - 1.2.3. Council Telephone Service
 - 1.2.4. Mid Kent Leader+ - grant funding for rural areas
 - 1.2.5. Funding Opportunities
 - 1.2.6. New Byelaw – Road Margins/Verges. It was agreed to publish this information in the Parish Newsletter
 - 1.2.7. Housing Insite – Private Sector Housing Conditions Survey 2002
 - 1.2.8. Subsidiarity – Members expressed caution in the way this proposal was progressing in Swale and other government agencies. It was agreed to write to Swale Borough Council and invite Mr Laurence

Young, Subsidiary Officer, Swale Borough Council, to the next meeting

- 1.3. Kent County Council -
 - 1.3.1. A2 Sittingbourne - resurfacing
 - 1.3.2. Kent Trails
 - 1.3.3. Around Kent
 - 1.3.4. Performance 02/03 and Priorities and Targets ³/₄
 - 1.3.5. Reconstitution of School Governing Bodies
 - 1.3.6. Framework for Community Safety 03/06
- 1.4. Local Council Review – July and September '03
- 1.5. Clerks and Councils Direct – May and July '03
- 1.6. ODPM –
 - 1.6.1. New Ethical Framework Regulations
 - 1.6.2. The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme
 - 1.6.3. Providing Indemnities to Relevant Authority Officers and Members
- 1.7. IDEA – The Standards Board for England
 - 1.7.1. The IDEA Guide for New Members
 - 1.7.2. Guidance for Monitoring Officers and Standards Committee
- 1.8. Kent County Constabulary –
 - 1.8.1. re Unsocial Behavior
 - 1.8.2. Joint Parish Council Meeting 24/6/03
- 1.9. Mid Kent Water – re Water Supply
- 1.10. CPRE –
 - 1.10.1. Rural Matters
 - 1.10.2. Planning Update
- 1.11. Home Office – A Code of Practice for Custodians
- 1.12. Boundary Committee – Periodic Electoral Review of KCC
- 1.13. DEFRA – Rural Services Standards 2003
- 1.14. KPA News – July '03
- 1.15. The Princes Trust – In the South East
- 1.16. Letter from Mrs Mary Pape re A2, Fox Hill
- 1.17. The Local Channel – Website
- 1.18. Staywarm – Energy for the over 60's
- 1.19. The Good Councillors Guide
- 1.20. Derek Wyatt MP
 - 1.20.1. Rural Broadband
 - 1.20.2. Rural Communities

Any Other Business:

Mr Cooke reported on a letter received from abroad from someone researching the journeys of Mozart who, apparently, journeyed through the parish. Mr Cooke would continue his investigations.

The Chairman reported that there were no bus timetables at the bus stops. It was agreed to ask for this.

The date of the next meeting was noted as 18th November 2003 at 7.30p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 09.00 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.....