

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 24th May 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 24th May 2005 at 7.30p.m.

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

Apologies were received from Mr G Cooke

Minutes of the last meeting held on 29th March 2005 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Election of Chairman: It was proposed by Mrs Trott and seconded by Mr Smith that Mr Hudson be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year. This was agreed.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was proposed by Mr Smith and seconded by Mr Hudson that Mrs Trott be re-elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. This was agreed.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Footway and Highway Matters:

Footpath, Panteny Lane to Dully Road. It was noted that the appeal held on 25th January 2005, at Hemstead House had taken place and the result was awaited.

Vehicle Parking, junction of School Lane. It was noted that the dilapidated vehicle had now been removed.

County Lengthsman. The Clerk stated that a letter had been received from Kent County Council outlining a proposal that each Parish Council should appoint a County Lengthsman. The appointee would be the liaison between the Parish and KCC in all matters to do with roads and pavements. It was agreed to follow previous practice that seemed to work well and appoint the clerk to this position. All matters regarding roads and footways should therefore be reported to the clerk.

Members questioned whether there would be an initial survey of roads and footways. It was agreed to enquire regarding this and to raise the following issues:

School Lane, near Bapchild Court – loose road material on the road.

The Street – central bollard loose.

Road markings missing at junction of Wihfred Road with Ashtead Drive

Common Land Registration: Nothing to report.

Caravan – Hempstead Lane: The clerk reported that a planning appeal had been lodged. It was agreed to report that there had been some welding activity on this site.

Planning Matters:

Other:

Kent Science Park -

The Chairman verbally outlined a full report the situation to date. The 5 Parish group were shortly to meet with Rosemary Lansdown who was to professionally represent the group. A newsletter was about to be published. The next thing was the publication by Swale Borough Council of the Local Plan where it is expected that the Borough Council would advocate the provision of a Southern Relief Road because of traffic congestion.

Local Development Scheme. Members noted this scheme as outlined in the letter received from Swale Borough Council.

Planning Decisions by Planning Authority:

Pomphrey – Non Illuminated Signs – Granted
46 The Street – Rear Two Storey Extension – Granted
14 Wihtrred Road – Shower Room Extension - Granted

Applications:

14 Wihtrred Road – Shower Room Extension – No adverse observations
Bapchild Village Hall – Single Storet Extension – No adverse observations
Land at East Hall Farm – Road Layout - noted

Accounts:

Receive Annual Accounts 2004/2005. The Clerk produced the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2005 and gave explanations as necessary. It was agreed that the accounts be signed by the Chairman and Clerk

It was agreed that the following cheque should be drawn:

Allianze Cornhill – Annual Insurance Premium	£398.90
D Akhurst – Parish Colean-up Expenses	£75.00
KAPC – Annual Membership	£298.00
Ist Murston & Bapchild Scout Group - Grant	£300.00

The Clerk reported that he had requested of the Allianze Cornhill of a quotation for Lible & Slander cover.

Correspondence: It was agreed to note the following correspondence –

- 1.1. Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -
 - 1.1.1. Parish News No's 307
 - 1.1.2. Swale Area Committee –Minutes 7/03/05, Agenda 6/6/05
- 1.2. Swale Borough Council –
 - 1.2.1. Funding Advice
- 1.3. Kent County Council -
 - 1.3.1. Reshaping Kent Highways Services
 - 1.3.2. Strategic Rail Authority
 - 1.3.3. New and Views
 - 1.3.4. Gypsy & Traveller Sites
 - 1.3.5. Minerals & Waste Discussion
- 1.4. Kent Police -
 - 1.4.1. Swale Matters
- 1.5. Local Council Review –May '05
- 1.6. Clerks & Councils Direct Jan, March '05
- 1.7. Groundwork update
- 1.8. The Bumble Bee Alliance
- 1.9. CAB re membership
- 1.10. Trafalgar Weekend
- 1.11. Swale Local Strategic Partnership

Any Other Business:

Mrs Culver stated that she had received the invitation for the Parish Council liaison meeting on 13th June 2005 and asked that members advise her of any issues they wished her to raise. One matter raised was motor cycle riding in fields.

Mrs Culver raised the issue of the boundary area between the School and the footpath in Morris court Close. The area was becoming overgrown again and the light was obscured so that the footpath was not used after dark. She had spoken the Mr Alan Morolio, Swale

Borough Council and there was a possibility that if the Parish Council match funded work Swale Borough Council might have money to contribute. It was agreed to find out more about this proposal.

Mrs Kingsley reported that road signs are obscured by over growth on Fox Hill

The date of the next meeting was noted as 13th September 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....

