

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting 27th March 2007

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 27th March 2007 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Mr A Hudson (Chairman), Mrs L Trott (Vice Chair), Mr A Smith and Mrs Kingsley.

Apologies were received from Mr R Bush, Mrs Culver and Mr Cooke.

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2007 previously distributed with the agenda were signed as a true record.

Parish Council Elections. The Clerk produced the papers for completion by Members.

Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:

Common Land Registration: The Clerk reported no further progress had been made.

Unsocial Behaviour: The Chairman stated that he had met with Mr Joyd, 31 Randle Way, with regard to his concerns. It appeared that there were some need of general tidying-up which was agreed should be the responsibility of Swale Borough Council. It was agreed that the clerk speak with Mr Tuff, Swale Borough Council, to see if any works can be brought forward. It may be that the Parish Council could agree to share some costs if a scheme could be brought forward.

Regarding the use of off-road motorcycles behind The Street, this had apparently stopped. However, motorcycles were still being used at various locations off road and this was causing a nuisance.

The Clerk supplied a copy of a leaflet from the Anti-Social Behaviour section of Swale Borough Council and the Chairman suggested that this be published on the net

Use of motorcycles on farmland. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter dated 11th January 2007 from Mr Heathfield regarding this use on his land. Mr Heathfield stated that he had given permission for only his son the ride on specific parts of his land away from houses and that he had stopped all motorcycling since last November. He further stated that his son would be allowed to motorcycle on occasions on his land.

Damaged Street Nameplates: The clerk reported that Swale Borough Council had ordered two nameplates; "Doubleday Drive" and "Wihtrud Road".

"Bapchild" sign missing: The clerk had reported this matter.

Planning Matters:

Other:

Transport Strategy 2006/11. Members noted receipt of the publication.

Stables behind Fox & Goose. The Chairman reported on his correspondence with Swale Borough Council planning department. The Clerk also reported on his discussions with planners which remained unresolved. It appeared that they were content to let this matter be in abeyance. The Chairman stated that it would be better to raise this matter at a time he considered to be more appropriate.

Swale Borough Council, Local Plan -

The Chairman reported that the Local Plan meetings had now been completed and that it would be September or October 2007 before the Planning Inspector would report.

Applications:

No adverse observations were recorded on the following applications:

13 School Lane – Porch Canopy & single storey extension

200 Canterbury Road – Two storey rear & side extension

Planning Decisions by Planning Authority:

None to report.

Accounts:

Parish Council Grants Scheme. The Chairman reported that he had received information from Mrs Smith regarding the Village Hall improvements. Lowest estimates received included £2,990 for hall lighting, £1,490 disabled ramp access and between £2,600 and £6,300 for acoustic measures.

Members considered what had been previously agreed and reviewed these decisions.

It was agreed to grant from the Parish Council Grant Scheme the following sums:

£2,000 towards the costs of hall lighting

£1,000 towards the costs of disabled ramp access.

Members further considered a request from The Sittingbourne Community College regarding financial assistance re cricket facilities. It was agreed not to support this application at this time.

Street Lamps. The Clerk reported on the estimate received from Ringway, the KCC main lighting contractors. The estimate was cheaper than EDF by £240 per column. The clerk confirmed that Ringway had stated that the repairs were necessary. Members agreed to go ahead with the repairs in accordance with the Ringway estimate, but asked the clerk to ensure that clear-up costs were included.

Receipt of Anonymous donation to fight the Stones Farm planning proposal.

Members noted that the final accounts had now been paid and that after allowing that the Parish Council claiming back the VAT paid, there was an unspent value of £479.24.

It was agreed to draw the following cheques:

D Akhurst – clerks salary and expenses	£3107.00
KAPC – Annual Membership	£343.68

Correspondence – It was agreed to note the following correspondence:

Kent Assn. Of Parish Councils -

Parish News No's 322

Swale Area Committee – Agenda 05/03/07

NALC – Review of Quality Town & Parish Council Scheme

Swale Borough Council –

New Refuse & Recycling Scheme

Funding Advice

Kent County Council -

Explore Kent

Kids Trails

Swale Housing – forthcoming meetings

Local Council Review – March '07

Clerks & Councils Direct - Jan '07, March '07

Communities & Local Government – Consultation on Amendments to the Model Code of
Conduct for Local Authority Members
Southern Water – Winter 2007, Hosepipe Ban lifted
ERHA – The Bulletin
CAB Sittingbourne – donation request
Enjoy England – ST Georges Day
The Playing Field
Fire Service - update

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday 15th May 2007 at 19.30hrs.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45hrs.

Chairman
Date