

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 14th March 2023

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at St Laurence Church Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm

1. Present: Cllr L Trott (Chairman) Cllr C Culver, Cllr M Juliens, Cllr C Clifton, Mrs E Cruise (Clerk)
SBC Cllr Monique Bonney

It was noted at the meeting that very sadly Cllr Michael Palmer, who had been a Member since August 2017 passed away on 9th March 2023. All members wished to express their appreciation of his years of service to the community as a member of the Parish Council.

2. Apologies: Cllr R Bush (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Larking, Kent County Cllr Rich Lehmann.

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

3. Acceptance of Minutes from last meeting: It was agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the last meeting held 24th January 2023 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by Cllr Trott.

4. Matters Arising from previous Minutes:

4.1 Stones Farm: Attenuation pond update. Cllr Bonney confirmed a meeting had taken place last Friday (10th March) with two Hydrology experts, Martyn Cassell, Graham Tuff and two representatives from Chartway and a report will be forthcoming.

4.2 Fox Hill landscaping/maintenance – tree planting update. Cllr Lehmann had emailed to confirm the Planting Plan had been submitted. Cllr Lehmann will continue to follow this up in the hope the tree planting can take place before the end of this season.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr Lehmann for further update

4.3 Amenity areas – update shrub bed/trees Doubleday/Morris Court/PROW rear of school. The Clerk had heard from the Chair of Governors, Susannah Butcher who had walked the PROW to check it for any further overgrowth and a report on the trees is imminent.

5. Highway Matters

5.1 Bapchild HIP – HGV weight restrictions Panteny Lane, Church Street, Rodmersham. Further to our email to Cllr Lehmann, we received a further update to inform us Bredgar Parish Council are very supportive of a wide reaching weight restriction. Cllr Lehmann is happy to revisit this with the Highways Officers, and we will include this in our HIP.

Action: Clerk to update HIP and email to KCC Officers, also cc Lena Jordan, Clerk Rodmersham PC

5.2. Speed limit reduction Teynham/Tonge/Bapchild - update from Cllr Lehmann who had emailed to say KCC's consultation had passed the consultation stage and can be moved forward. The signage is usually installed according to when the consultation takes place, and could therefore be later this year (August/September time).

5.3 Asstead Drive – drainage/flooding update – since the leak in Church Street has been repaired this seems to have resolved the issue.

6. Planning Matters

6.1.22/503724/REM Stones Farm Phase 2 – Permitted – Decision Issue Date 09/02/2023.

6.2 21/501334/OUT Provectus – Fox Hill/School Lane Planning application – Nothing new regarding this application.

6.3 22/502834/EIOUT Trenport Outline Application 380 houses – this has been deferred at SBC Extraordinary Planning Meeting 15th March 2023 and is awaiting further information.

6.4 21/503906/EIOUT and 21/EIOUT – Highsted Park revised plans – we confirmed by letter our previous comments hadn't changed. It was confirmed by Cllr Bonney CERDA are submitting a comment to the consultation to confirm their previous report and comments still stood.

7. **Horse Chestnut trees – update.** The Clerk received an update from SBC Paul Hegley the further works by the tree surgeon to the horse chestnut tree opposite 35 School Lane is scheduled for 15th March (weather permitting).

8. **Enforcement - Toll House new perimeter fence.** The Clerk was updated by Enforcement Team that the resident is in the process of submitting a planning application. Cllr Bonney confirmed this was the process in place. Also, the site houses a static caravan which members thought was a temporary arrangement but is still in place since it was installed in April 2019.

Action: Clerk to email Enforcement for further update.

9. **Local Plan Review update** – Cllr Bonney confirmed until new Government legislation gets passed, they are working to the existing Local Plan.

10. **Bank reconciliation:** monthly reports for February, March balance to date – the Clerk had emailed the monthly reports to Members prior to the meeting.

<u>10.1</u>	<u>Cheques/online payments already made:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10.1.1	15/02/2023	EDF 1 st – 31 st January 2023	83.74
10.1.2	28/02/2023	Clerk Salary February	417.88
10.1.3			
10.2	<u>Cheques/online payments due:</u>		
10.2.1	15/03/2023	EDF 1 st -28 th February 2023	82.35
10.3	28/03/2023	Clerk Salary March 2023	417.88

The Finance reports for February and March balance to date, including the Clerk salary due March 2023 were **approved unanimously** by Members.

11.0 **Parish Lighting Inspection Report** – The Clerk had emailed the Annual Service Inspection Report to members and had received a quotation for the upgrade of the mains fuse holder to the lighting column rear of school boundary (next to the PROW Morris Court Close and Doubleday Drive). It was **approved unanimously** to have this upgrade carried out.

Action – Clerk to confirm with Streetlights approval for works to go ahead.

12.0 Any Other Business

This is for information only – no decisions can be made on matters raised.

12.1 Next Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting date to be confirmed and the KALC SAC meeting will be 14th March to be held Council Chambers, Swale House.

12.2 Cllr Juliens raised an issue with various pavements along the A2, The Street a discussion was held over safety of pedestrians, especially children. A general discussion was held around pavement widths/safety standards. It was suggested we collate information on all the issues queried and obtain further advice via Cllr Lehmann, KCC.

Also, it was reported there is mud and detritus on the pavements North side of the A2.

Action: Clerk will report this issue.

12.3 Potholes were mentioned and the state of the road surface along St Laurence Close, School Lane too, near the junction with St Laurence Close (previously repaired twice following water leaks). Members queried whether St Laurence Close was due for resurfacing.

Action: Clerk to check the Forward Works Programme for KCC and check if the potholes have been reported via online system.

13. **Date of next meeting** – 10th May (Wednesday) – venue – The Antony Room (to be confirmed as it is currently being refurbished due to flooding).

There being no further business, Cllr Trott declared the meeting closed at 9.02 pm.

Date:

Signed: _____

Chairman