

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd November 2022

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at Bapchild Village Hall Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7.30pm

1. Present: Cllr L Trott (Chairman) Cllr R Bush (Vice-Chairman), Cllr C Culver, Cllr M Juliens, Cllr C Clifton, Mrs E Cruise (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Cllr M Palmer, Cllr M Larking, KCllr Rich Lehmann, Cllr Monique Bonney

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 27th September 2022 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising from previous Minutes:

4.1 Stones Farm, Attenuation pond report update – Martyn Cassell has seen the information provided by the Developer and Cllr Bonney has requested a meeting between the Hydrologist, the Developer, Swale Borough Council and Bapchild Parish Council. A question was raised about what Climate Data the design of the pond has been based on.

It was noted a number of new trees have been planted and the pathways to the Countryside Park are down and lots of work is being undertaken to that area of the site.

It was reported a prolific weed is growing around the pond area which could need to be monitored. If possible this will be photographed to help identify it.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr Monique Bonney concerning this.

4.2 Fox Hill Landscaping – We received an update from Cllr Lehmann to confirm further to a recent site meeting, Chartway would be submitting a revised planting plan to SBC for approval this week. Cllr Lehmann will be following this up regularly.

4.3 Amenity areas bottom of Morris Court Close and Doubleday Drive – PROW rear of Bapchild School – the Swale PROW Officer visited the PROW to check the vegetation and confirmed the overgrowth blocking the lighting column lantern was from the trees within the school grounds and he would write to the school asking them to undertake maintenance. This is a safety issue with the dark evenings as it is a busy footpath and the light is obscured.

Action: Clerk follow up email Chair of School Governors Susannah Butcher.

5. Highway Matters

5.1 Bapchild HIP – the SLOW road markings have been installed either end of The Street in the four locations suggested by KCC. That completes everything currently on our HIP.

KCllr Lehmann has been lobbying KCC for a speed reduction on the A2 between Teynham and Bapchild and has confirmed he has got Highways Team to agree to reduce that section from National Speed Limit to 40mph. The next step involves KCC creating A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and this process which also involves a consultation can take between three to nine months to deliver.

Cllr Bonney had suggested at our September meeting we put forward to the Swale JTB meeting the issues with HGVs using Panteny Lane and Church Lane particularly when the A2 is busy. The Clerk emailed the item through and enquired what about weight restrictions on rural lanes and if KCC had a Policy. We were advised by KCC to add this to our HIP. We understand Rodmersham has a weight restriction, but not clear on the location.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr Bonney about weight restrictions and if Rodmersham PC monitor lorry movements and if there are restriction signs anywhere. Clerk to email KCllr Lehmann to ask if he can provide further information on where the weight restrictions are and to confirm we still consider heavy lorry movements to be an issue.

6. Planning Matters

6.1 22/503724/REM Stones Farm Phase 2 – No further updates

6.2 21/501334/Provectus 95 houses Fox Hill/School Lane – No further updates

6.3 22/502834/EIOUT – Trenport Outline Application 380 houses – Application has been amended and a further letter has been sent to reiterate the points we made previously.

7. **Horse Chestnut Trees School Lane update** – Cllr Bonney recently met with Tree Officer Paul Hegley on site to review the trees. Mr Hegley noted the fungi, and suggested further work is required now the ivy has died off.

8. **Toll House fence** – Enforcement confirmed if they do not receive an application, or the fence isn't removed, notices will be drawn up but there isn't a timescale for this currently.

Action: Clerk to follow this up again.

9. **Local Plan Review** – Further to SBC meetings held by the PTP Working Group (6th October) and the Policy and Resources committee on 19th October, the Local Plan Review consultation has been postponed, SBC are awaiting the Government Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill guidance being published.

10. **Bank Reconciliation** – monthly reports for October, November balance to date. The Clerk emailed out the reports in advance of the meeting. Members approved both reports unanimously and Cllr Trott signed them.

<u>10.1</u>	<u>Cheques/online payments already made:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10.1.1	05/10/2022	KCC Storm damaged light.col. replaced	1330.96
10.1.2	17/10/2022	EDF 1-30 th September 2022	153.33
10.1.3	25/10/2022	Clerk Salary October	417.88
10.1.4	25/10/2022	Streetlights Maintenance 3 (of 4)	352.91
10.2	<u>Cheques/online payments due:</u>		
10.2.1	28/11/2022	Clerk Salary November	417.88
10.3	<u>Income/Received Due:-</u>		
10.3.1	30/09/2022	SBC Part 2 Precept and Lighting Grant	7774.50
10.3.2	26/10/2022	Zurich Claim for damaged light col.	859.13
10.3.3	02/11/2022	VAT Annual Claim	2203.00

11. **Adopting the Budget/Precept 2023/2024** – Prior to the meeting the Clerk emailed out to all members the Budget and Precept Report for 2023/2024 for their consideration. Members discussed the position if the SBC lighting grant (£2170 annually) is discontinued, the shortfall will come from existing contingency funds for next year; in future this will need to be covered via an increase in the Precept unless other grants become available.

Motion 1: To approve the budget for 2023/2024 as laid out in the “Budget for 2023/2024” spreadsheet.

Resolved: The Parish Council **Resolved** to approve the budget for 2023/2024 as laid out in the “Budget for 2023/2024” spreadsheet.

Motion 2: To approve the Precept for 2023/2024 of £13,780.37

Resolved: The Parish Council **Resolved** to approve the Precept for 2023/2024 of £13,780.37. as laid out in the Budget Precept spreadsheet.

12.0 Any Other Business

12.1 Next Swale Joint Transportation Board Meeting to be held Monday 5/12/2022 (remotely). The next KALC SAC meeting to be held at the Alexander Centre, Faversham 13/12/2022.

12.2 Cllr Bush noted a suspected water leak in Church Street behind Thornhill Gardens (this was repaired earlier in the year). Cllr Bush will report it again.

12.3 Cllr Clifton had observed a recent flooding issue again at the bottom of Ashtead Drive after a heavy bout of rain. It was decided to monitor this area and photograph any issues as we need to establish if it was a "one-off" occurrence or if it is an ongoing issue which could need reporting to Alex Brauningner at KCC.

12.4 Cllr Culver had been out walking recently when she met some Members of Tonge Parish carrying out a survey of the area near to Tonge Mill and the pond. They discussed the footpath next to Tonge Pond, which crosses private land but has always been regularly enjoyed by residents of Tonge and Bapchild and other visitors to the area.

12.5 There being no further business to discuss, Cllr Trott declared the meeting closed at 8.47 pm

13.0 Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 24th January 2023.**

Signed:

Date:

Chairman: