

# BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting held Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022

A Meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held in the main hall, Bapchild & Tonge Village Hall, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30 p.m.

**1.0 Present:** Cllr Liz Trott (Chairman), Cllr Richard Bush (Vice Chairman), Cllr Carol Culver, Cllr Mik Larking, Cllr Chris Clifton, Mrs Liz Cruise (Clerk)

**Also Present :** Cllr Rich Lehmann, Ward Cllr Monique Bonney

**2.0 Apologies:** Cllr Michael Palmer, Cllr Matthew Julians.

3.0 **Minutes from Annual meeting held Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 22** – were approved by all unanimously.

### 4.0 Matters arising from previous Minutes:

4.1 **Stones Farm, Attenuation Pond report update:** Martyn Cassell SBC – the independent report has thrown up further questions which require further work to be undertaken. It had been noted by members that the area around the attenuation pond has had the foliage cut, and the ground has been levelled, to create proper paths from the development to where the countryside park will be. It was also observed (when viewed from the PROW) that a persistent weed is present around the attenuation pond area. It was suggested to prepare a further report on this area once it has been completed.

4.2 **Fox Hill Landscaping/maintenance to cul-de-sac area** – SBC Planning requested additional planting as well as the trees. The developer has agreed to fund the trees. Cllr Lehmann said a possible site meeting between KCC, the developer and SBC on 5<sup>th</sup> October (to be confirmed) but he will update us further and confirm the date when known.

4.3 **Amenity Areas – update tree planting School Lane/shrub bed/trees Doubleday Drive, Morris Court Close.** Blenwood have cut back the shrub beds. We await a response from Graeme Tuff and following that will decide what action is to be taken concerning the overgrowth of the trees rear of the school boundary which blocks the light from the lighting column.

### 5.0 Highway Matters

5.1 **Bapchild HIP – update SLOW road markings** – The Clerk had received confirmation from KCC the SLOW road markings are scheduled to be installed on the evening of Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

5.2 Resident report of an HGV parking overnight in the Fox Hill cul-de-sac. This was reported to Mike Knowles at SBC who explained Parking Enforcement Officers would only be able to issue tickets to vehicles in contravention of the Traffic Order (the permit scheme operates 8am Monday to 6pm Friday but has a two-hour waiting time for non-permit holders). Hopefully this was a one-off situation.

At our Annual Parishioner Meeting a resident from Fox Hill had experienced poor visibility issues when turning right out of the cul-de-sac area and enquired about the possibility of extra signage being added to warn vehicles on the A2. It was suggested we consider adding this to our HIP for consideration next year.

A resident had also reported a motorcycle which mounted the pavement and rode along the footpath to avoid the queues at the temporary traffic lights. This incident was reported to the PCSO. There have been previous reports of speeding motorcycles along the A2, The Street. A discussion was held

as Cllr Bonney said similar incidents had been reported in other villages involving anti-social, nuisance motorcycles.

It was also reported several incidents of HGVs still regularly using Panteny Lane as a short cut. Cllr Bonney suggested putting forward as an Agenda item for the next JTB meeting a request for placing weight restrictions on Panteny Lane and School Lane and in the future a further request for a reduction in the speed limit. Cllr Lehmann also confirmed KCC are looking at these issues.

5.3 Ashtead Drive – re-seeding of grassed area top corner. A further request will be made to KCC on when this area will be re-seeded.

## 6.0 Planning Matters

6.1 22/503724/REM Stones Farm Phase 2 response. We submitted our response to Andrew Lainton, Planning Officer who confirmed two of the points fell outside of the remit for Reserved Matters, but the other two points raised were relevant.

6.2 21/501334/OUT Provectus – No further updates on this application.

6.3 22/502834/EIOUT – Trenport – Response previously submitted.

6.4 22/503494/FULL – Section 73- MMA – No comments.

6.5 22/504024/FULL - 21 Ashtead Drive – No comments.

6.6 22/503672/FULL – Erection of single storey rear extension retrospective 23 The Street – No comments.

6.7 22/502748/FULL – Erection of 3 properties, Land North of 217 and 219 Canterbury Rd – Response has been submitted. No further comments.

6.8 22/504356/FULL - Erection of part two storey part single storey rear, a two storey side extension and erection of a front porch 29 Wihtrud Road - No comments.

7.0 Horse Chestnut Trees – update. It was confirmed by Paul Hegley, Tree Officer the work commissioned in the report had been carried out satisfactorily. A further discussion was held with Cllr Lehmann and Cllr Bonney which included ongoing concerns raised by residents. A request was made to Cllr Bonney to ask for safety confirmation and a site meeting with Paul Hegley to review the situation.

8.0 Toll House Perimeter fence – Enforcement confirmed an application needs to be submitted for a new perimeter fence, or removal of the fence.

9.0 Local Plan Review update. Cllr Bonney said SBC were waiting for the levelling up legislation and whilst there is uncertainty around the Government's direction of travel for the planning system, any work undertaken could be repeated due to possible revisions, and therefore the consultation could be put on hold.

10.0 Bank reconciliation – Prior to the meeting the Clerk emailed out the monthly reports for June, July, August and the balance to date. All the reports and online payments due were **approved unanimously** by members.

11.0 Refurbishment of Bus Shelter – This has been successfully completed with positive feedback received from residents.

## 12.0 Any Other Business

12.1 Autumn Litter Pick – to be held **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – meet at 10.00 am** Bapchild & Tonge Village Hall.

13.0 **Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

With business concluded, Cllr Trott declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: