

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held 22nd November 2018

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

Present: Mrs L Trott (Chairman), Mr R Bush, (Vice-Chairman) Mrs C Culver, Mr M Juliens, Mrs M Pape, Mr D Akhurst

Mrs E Cruise (Clerk)

Apologies: Mr M Palmer, Cllr A Bowles,

In attendance: Cllr M Bonney

Public Participation: There was no public participation.

3.1 Signing of Minutes: The Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th September 2018 were agreed by all members as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising from previous Minutes:

4.1.1 Morris Court Farm 8 Houses: It had been noticed that works had commenced on site. Cllr Bush met with Andrew Spiers, Swale Planning Officer, who confirmed there were some REM conditions which needed to be submitted prior to work commencement namely (1) A traffic plan (for site traffic) and (2) some information concerning Archaeology. Until all outstanding reserved matters have been discharged, some on site fencing was permitted together with limited site clearance only.

4.2.1 Stones Farm 18/505151: – Approval of Reserved Matters the REM documentation arrived 9/11/2018 and due to the vast amount of documentation to view and discuss, the Clerk applied for an extension to the original comments due date (from 28/11/2018 until 21/12/2018) and this extension has been approved by Paul Gregory, Senior Planning Officer. Guidance will also be sought from Swale Planning and Cllr Bonney. The two public footpaths remain temporarily closed whilst some preliminary works is being carried out. If there is a delay in construction work, then members will work to have these re-opened as soon as possible.

4.3.1 – SBC Enforcement Officer had been emailed again prior to the meeting reference an update to the advertising hoarding on Perry's Forecourt and the caravan at the rear of 39 The Street. Response still awaited, Clerk to chase up again.

Action: Clerk to chase up.

4.4.1 – The overgrown shrub beds to the rear of Doubleday Drive and Morris Court Close: These have been pruned back by Blenwood Contractors.

5.1.1 – The Amenity Areas: are due to be re-levelled as they have sunk in part again, the removal and/or grinding down of the tree stumps remains outstanding and the dead tree on the amenity area needs replacing – Cllr Bonney kindly offered to enquire further via SBC regarding the replacement tree.

5.2.1 – Lighting Matters: – The Clerk produced an up-to-date report/inventory concerning the lighting columns and lanterns highlighting in order of priority the next ones in need of replacement (as funds will allow). The priority will be the replacement Mercury bulbs (now obsolete) followed by the SOX ones. We await a date from KCC contractors for the replacement concrete column (no 7) in School Lane outside Rossetti House.

Action: Clerk to chase up installation date

5.2.1.2 The Clerk had also forward to UKPN an updated inventory (with the 4 LED lanterns added) to apply for an annual updated UMSO Cert to be dated from 1/10/2018.

Action: Clerk awaiting certificate from UKPN

6.1.1 – The Horse Chestnut Trees in School Lane: the date on the 21-day Notice has now passed and this matter has been forwarded to a KCC Asset Enforcement Officer for further attention.

7.1.1 – KCC/SW/0063/2018 Bapchild School: The new double classroom has been installed and the children occupied the new mobile on Monday of this week.

7.2.1 – 18/504421/FULL 1 Wihtrud Road Bapchild – the planning application was approved at SBC Planning Meeting with no conditions.

8.1.1 Five Parishes update: Cllr Culver had attended the 5Parishes meeting held on Monday evening. Proposals discussed included housing and a new road between the A2 and the M2. The name of the proposal is “Highsted Park” and this is a Quinn Estates proposal for a ‘garden community’.

9.1.1 Accounts: The Clerk circulated the prepared bank reconciliations to together with monthly reports from September, October and November balance to date. These were approved by all members and signed by the Chairman. The Clerk also reported that a VAT refund has been applied for (amount due £1624.60)

9.2.1: Payments due/already drawn:

9.2 Cheques/online payments already drawn:

9.2.1 1/10/2018 GA & J Stone (old computer destroyed) £15.00

9.2.2 16/10/2018 EDF (1-30 Sept) £175.65

9.2.3 17/10/2018 CPRE Subscription £36.00

9.2.4 17/10/2018 Streetlights Inv. 9842 repair £117.30

9.2.5 25/10/2018 Clerk Salary October £308.17

9.2.6 14/11/2018 Streetlights Inv 9887/9925 Maintenance and Repair invoices £344.86

9.3 Cheques/online payments due:

9.3.1 15/11/2018 EDF (1-31 Oct) 176.42

9.3.2 25/11/2018 Clerk Salary November £308.17

10.1 Adopting the Budget/Precept 2019/2020: - In accordance with Section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Clerk tabled a comprehensive Budget Precept Report for 2019-2020 for members consideration and approval. An increase of 5% was proposed and agreed by members and the Clerk was authorised to complete the Precept Form (once received) and return it to SBC Finance Department – this will be due in advance of the next meeting.

11.1 Any Other Business: - The Village Hall Committee had reported back there was currently no funding available for the purchase of a defibrillator. It was proposed to ask Cllr Bowles and Cllr Bonner whether any community funding or a grant was available.

12.1 Date of next meeting: - The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting was drawn to a close at 9.44 p.m.