

BAPCHILD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting 16th March 2017

A meeting of the Bapchild Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 16th March at 7.30pm.

Present: Mrs L Trott (Chairman), Mr R Bush (Vice Chairman), Mrs A Greenaway, Mr M Juliens, Mrs E Cruise (Clerk)

In attendance: Cllr Monique Bonney and Mr Paul Sharpe of Paul Sharpe Associates

Apologies: Mrs C Culver, Mr G Stone, Mr S Taylor

Stones Farm

The meeting commenced with the introduction to members of Mr Paul Sharpe (Town Planning Consultant, Acting for Stones Farm Landowners) to discuss the Stones Farm Draft S106 Agreement and the Draft Transfer of Land to Swale BC. Mr Sharpe confirmed that Stones Farm would consist of 550 – 600 houses. He brought with him a copy of the S106 Agreement and numerous drawings together with a copy of the Draft Transfer of Land Document. He asked if we could put our comments to Graham Thomas at SBC by the end of the month (i.e. 30th March 2017.) Due to a number of queries which were raised, Mr Bush requested a joint meeting be arranged to be held with SBC and Cllr Monique Bonney after Easter (due to holiday commitments.) Mr Sharpe would also be in attendance.

Once the meeting with Mr Sharpe concluded, the Clerk was asked to write thanking Mr Sharpe for attending and informing him of our intention to arrange a further meeting with SBC and himself after Easter.

Mr Bush suggested a pre-meeting should be arranged as soon as possible with Cllr Bonney, to discuss certain points raised with Mr Sharpe this evening.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th January 2017 were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes: In relation to grass cutting, certain areas of the village will be cut by KHS and other areas will be cut by Swale, but the service will be inconsistent, as KHS propose to undertake 8 cuts per year (i.e. less than Swale) and it will be difficult to explain to residents as to why isolated pieces of grass are maintained and others are being left uncut. There is also a concern regarding Panteny Lane, whereby a sum of money was given by the developer 'in perpetuity' for the maintenance of the playground area and Swale have said the funds have "run out". Mr Bush will email the details to Cllr Bonney and copy to Graham Thomas for comment.

Morris Court Farm – the access to the site for the proposed new development of 8 dwellings on land next to Morris Court Farm crosses a verge 1.5 – 4 metres which is owned by KHS. Mr Bush suggested arranging a site meeting with Cllr Mike Baldock and KHS concerning the access over KCC land from the road.

Street Lights Update: The Clerk reported that an email had been received from a resident pertaining to the lamp post outside no 51 School Lane and enquiring whether this was the lamp post which was

being replaced (as mentioned in the village newsletter.) This is the lamp post which is being replaced, (between 49/51 School Lane) and the Clerk will email Ken Bonner of Streetlights Ltd to enquire costing, particularly the UKPN cost of connection/reconnection.

School Parking Issues: As the school are interviewing for a new Head Teacher this week, it was decided to postpone the follow-up meeting concerning parking issues in and around School Lane due to take place earlier this evening. Once a new management team are in place, a further meeting will be arranged to try to establish a proper travel plan and ease congestion.

Highway Matters: Swale will continue to mow the unregistered grass areas, but that leaves the on-going situation with the trees in front of the bungalows (Wihfred Road) unresolved in respect of lopping/pruning. There are telephone lines passing through the over-grown branches and this could present a safety issue for the elderly residents of the three bungalows.

Mrs Greenaway confirmed that it appears unlikely that the three trees proposed for the land at the entrance area of Doubleday Drive will be forthcoming, despite several emails and telephone calls between herself and Shaun Morris and his team at Amicus Horizon.

Planning Matters: There were no comments concerning the revised plans to the proposed new dwelling to be built at the site of 17 The Street Bapchild (formerly the old Post Office.)

Accounts: Bank Reconciliation end of year/to date: the Clerk tabled an up-to-date bank reconciliation which was circulated to all present.

Cheques already drawn: – none

Cheques Drawn: – Liz Cruise (Clerk's Salary February 2017) £308.17 (No 100500)

Streetlights (Invoice No 8655 Repairs) £106.50 (No 100501)

Any Other Business:

There has been no notification to date of an application for the extension of the planning permission for the temporary mobiles housing the Owl and Pussycat Pre-school, which expires at the end of March 2017.

Dog Fouling continues to be a problem and it was suggested that it might be possible for the next village newsletter to incorporate a poster from the Dog Warden giving details of how to report this matter in confidence and to include contact details for the Dog Warden.

Members were advised of the Annual Assembly of Parishioners, which will take place after our next meeting on 18th May 2017.

Date of Next Meeting:- the date of the next meeting was set for **18th May 2017 at 7.30 pm.**

The meeting was drawn to a close at 10.15 p.m.