

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 15th December, 2015

Present:

Cllr. C. Masters – Chair	Cllr. P. Paige
Cllr. J. Bolas – Vice Chair	Cllr. J. Hepburn
Cllr. J. Emery	Cllr. C. Sims
Cllr. M. Baldock	Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Cllr. K. Lainton	Borough Cllr. N. Hampshire
Cllr. J. Evans	12 Members of the Public
Cllr. M. Millican	
Cllr. E. Harrison	

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone; apologies were received from Cllr. Downes and Cllr. Luxton.

2. Public Time

County Cllr. Baldock reported:

Quiet Lanes - Following agreement at the JTB he has spoken to KCC and the next step is to agree a date for a walkthrough of the lane with a KCC Engineer, himself and hopefully some Parish Council representatives – Cllr. Millican volunteered. This walk through will be to discuss what works may be needed/desirable so that a scheme can be drawn up and costed.

CCTV – Swale are considering removing 21 CCTV Cameras. He has called this in for discussion as he would prefer more consideration of the issues before going out to public consultation – e.g. should they also ask where new CCTV cameras might be effective?

Housing (Local Plan) – the prospect of 600 houses in Borden around Wises Lane / Cryalls Lane has arisen. This has not yet been agreed but a consultation on extra sites will be held next year. Currently Swale has rated the site 5th out of 80+ sites submitted.

Yellow Lines - should be going in in Danaway, Coppins Lane and around the junction by the church over the next few weeks.

Borough Cllr. Hampshire reported:

He pressed Swale Borough Council's Joint Transportation Board to recommend Munsgore Lane / Sunnyhill, Borden as Quiet Lane during their meeting of Monday, 7 December 2015.

He referred to Planning Application 15/508662/FULL: change of use of land along Cryalls Lane for the keeping of horses and erection of a stable block: He believes the site in question is the same site that was previously presented at a public exhibition on 4 October 2014 for a speculative plan for residential housing. He would encourage people from Borden and Grove Park Ward to look on-line at this at: http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activTab=summary&keyVal=NWKVR_OTYJ2000

Twelve members of the public attended, all to put forward their concerns with the planning application 15/508662/FULL; which included the impact it will have on the surrounding roads; a current Village green application; change of use and loss of open space. They also questioned the validity of comments regarding anti social behaviour and fly-tipping.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. Hepburn, 2 abstentions, the Minutes of the monthly meeting held on the 19th November, 2015 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Baldock declared an interest in Item 10.1.

5. Matters Arising

1. Emergency Plan – Cllr. Lainton circulated a draft plan prior to the meeting; still awaiting response from Swale Borough Council; Clerk to chase. **Action: Clerk**
2. Updates: Wooden Bollards, The Street – No update as yet from KCC. Police Speed Checks, Borden Lane – Police have agreed to check on the Borden Lane approach into the Village.

6. Correspondence

1. Consultation: Policing and Austerity 2016/17 Onwards – Cllr. Baldock to look at and if necessary will circulate a response to Members. **Action: Cllr. Baldock**
2. Feedback sought on draft Indoor Sports Facility Strategy 2015–2025 – Cllr. Paige has read through the document and recommended Members do individual responses. **Action: All Councillors**
3. Planting Commemorative Future Heritage Trees in Swale – Cllr. Baldock suggested looking at Maylam Gardens area; agreed to bring back when more information is to hand. **Action: Clerk**
4. KALC/Kent Fire & Rescue Service Information Update – Noted.
5. Planning Enforcement Strategy –Noted.
6. NALC - Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Local Council Tax Support Scheme – Clerk to respond regarding Local Council Tax Support Scheme. **Action: Clerk**

7. Finance

1. New Play Equipment for the Playstool – Still awaiting further information; agreed to bring back to the January meeting. **Action: Cllr. Masters/Clerk**
2. ROSPA Report on Playstool Inspection July 2015 – Tied in with the above (Item 7.1); bring back to January Meeting. **Action: Cllr Masters**
3. War Memorial – Grants for Works – Clerk has now heard from the Stone Mason who previously worked on the memorial. He advised the current work will require a full specification from the church Architect; Cllr. Lainton to pursue. **Action: Cllr Lainton**
4. Fryer Group increase in Fee – Proposed by Cllr. Bolas and seconded by Cllr. Millican; all agreed to accept the increase.
5. Budget 2015/16 – Bring back to the January meeting. **Action: Clerk**
6. To authorise cheques raised at the meeting and approve the Accounts – Proposed by Cllr. Paige and seconded by Cllr. Emery, 2 abstentions; Members agreed that the following cheques be signed and the accounts to the 30th November, 2015, be approved.

Date	Cheque	Details		Amount
15.12.15	102468	L. Fisher	Expenses – Telephone, Office Use, mileage,9 Ink Cartridges; 3 boxes A4 paper, pencils, erasers	£37.07p
15.12.15	102469	H.M.R.C.	Tax Due for January	£98.60p

15.12.15	102470	Four Jays Group	Site Toilet Maintenance November	£86.40p
15.12.15	102471	Fryer Group	Grounds maintenance for November	£396.20p
15.12.15	102472	J. England	Playstool Inspections for November	£40.00p
15.12.15	102473	Steve Wakeling	Grounds Maintenance (final payment), plus extra cuts	£551.25p
15.12.15	102474	B&K Masters & Son	Electrical equipment and labour to build electric supply and timer for Christmas Tree lights.	£180.00p
15.12.15	102475	J. Evans	Refreshments for December meeting	£43.20p
Eight cheques in total				

Other Payments:

Clerk – Wages December 2015 - £394.08p - paid by Standing Order
E-on - Feeder Pillar Supply - £9.00p - paid by Direct Debit

Credited to account:

Bobbing Parish Council - £30.00p - Payment for 3 Dog Fouling Signs

8. Reports and Minutes from Portfolio Holders and Representatives

1. Finance – Nothing to report.
2. KALC – Nothing to report.
3. Local Engagement Forum – Nothing to report.
4. Borden Sports Association – Meeting on the 12th January 2016.
5. Borden Parish Hall – Nothing to report.
6. Heritage – Borden Heritage - Nothing to report.
7. Swale Rural Forum – Nothing to report.
8. Borden Fete – Cllr. Harrison asked if the Parish Council will support the Balloon Race; this will help to raise money for the Red Devils; she also asked if Councillors can assist with the sale of tickets.

9. To receive and consider resolutions or recommendations in the order in which they have been notified

1. Christmas Lights – Cllr. Baldock suggested donating to Sittingbourne Christmas Lights. Proposed by Cllr. Baldock and seconded by Cllr. Harrison, agreed a donation of £50 on the provision that Sittingbourne Christmas Lights writes requesting this. **Action: Cllr. Baldock**

10. Planning Applications

1. **15/508662/FULL:** Change of use of land for the keeping of horses and erection of a stable block: Land Cryalls Lane Sittingbourne Kent – At this point in the proceedings Cllr. Baldock withdrew from the room. Members agreed to object on the following grounds:

There is currently an application for a Village Green on this land (lodged with KCC) and the Parish Council believes that this planning application should not be determined until the outcome of this is known.

There are no Byways or open land suitable for riding horses nearby so equestrian use could create further hazards on adjacent country roads or will require the use of horse boxes for which the surrounding lanes are unsuitable.

The PC have concerns regarding the safety of access and egress, because of the volume and nature of traffic going to and from Westlands School, the junctions of Cryalls lane with other roads and the periodic heavy traffic flows along Cryalls lane.

The land has not had any vehicle access over the last 30 years; construction of tracks suitable for horse boxes would adversely affect the drainage capacity of the land and its biodiversity.

Initial research and comments by parishioners regarding the area suggests that, contrary to the applicants' statement, there has never been any significant antisocial use, vandalism or fly-tipping. The Parish Council will confirm this with Kent Police and Cleansing at Swale and forward their comments on to Planning.

Unrestricted public access has been allowed to the land for many years. As a consequence it has become a valuable local amenity, providing the opportunity for exercise and quiet enjoyment of the natural environment which would be denied by development.

There are Badger sets on the land (Badgers often frequent nearby gardens), Owls, Foxes, Grass Snakes and newts, some of these are protected species; it has formed its own diverse eco-system over the years and provides a valuable habitat in an increasingly urban area. This would be adversely affected by equestrian use.

There are Health and Safety concerns over insufficient mains drainage for adequate cleansing of stables and paddocks. Run off of contaminated effluents and storage of manures could affect the nearby School and residential areas.

11. Any Other Matters Arising

None

12. Next Meeting

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Thursday 21st January 2016, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Barrow Room at Borden Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.