

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Thursday 20th September 2018

Present:

Cllr J Bolas (Chairman); Cllr C Sims (Vice-Chair); Cllr M Downes; Cllr Evans; Cllr E Harrison; Cllr Hepburn; Cllr Luxton; Cllr Masters; A Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs: Baldock; Emery, Smith and Millican

2. PUBLIC TIME

- a) Mrs Field informed the meeting that the 'Tommy' has arrived and that everything is ready for the unveiling event on 20th October at 11.30 outside the Maypole Public House and the Forge. A vote of appreciation and thanks was given from the councillors to Mrs Field for all her efforts.

A resident introduced herself and wanted to inform the councillors that a planning application has been submitted for change of use of two acres of pasture to a dog exercise business.

b) County/Borough Councillors

KCC Cllr Whiting:

There have been some home transport issues, although there have been no changes to policy in the last seven years. Highways England have raised an objection for the A249 with concern with the junctions at Bobbing, Key Street and Stockbury. Cllr Whiting has always objected to traffic lights at the Long Hop because he thinks it will cause more congestion along the A2 and Key Street, although traffic lights have been recommended there by Swale Borough Council. The school buses will go into Sydney Road instead of stopping outside Marino's. There have been a number of flooding issues which resulted from the flooding that happened in May. Cllr Whiting has a meeting arranged with Police and Crime Commissioner Matt Scott to discuss speeding and enforcement. There will be a summit announced for 30th October when some pilots will be announced. There is a consultation out about household waste and recycling centres and a proposal to charge for non-domestic household waste. There was a long discussion about HGV width restrictions for Chestnut Street, Danaway and as far as Key Street, as KCC have deferred the decision. Borden Councillors offered support for some action on this subject. Cllr Bolas reported what appears to be a mini sink hole in the pavement between Chestnut Street and Danaway. Cllr Whiting will investigate

SBC Cllr Hampshire

In addition to the report which can be found at the end of the Minutes Cllr Hampshire stated the concern over fly tipping in respect to the proposed charge for non-domestic household waste. The defect in the pavement, as above has already been reported to KCC.

c) Police/PCSO

No reports.

3. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2018

Proposed by Cllr Sims and seconded by Cllr Downes, the Minutes of the meeting held on the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 12th July 2018 were agreed.

4. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 19TH JULY 2018

Proposed by Cllr Sims and seconded by Cllr Masters, the Minute of the meeting held on 19th July 2018 were agreed.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Bolas declared an interest in item 7a.

6. FINANCE

a) To approve the accounts

The approval of the accounts was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Luxton. Agreed with one abstention.

b) To approve the cheques raised at the meeting

Approval of the cheques was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Masters. All were in favour.

c) Provision of street light, corner by the Church.

Two quotes will be sought.

Action: Clerk

d) Purchase of 11th edition of Charles Arnold Baker

It was proposed by Cllr Downes to purchase the above publication and to share 50% of the cost with Lower Halstow Parish Council. Seconded by Cllr Masters. All were in favour.

Action: Clerk

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

a) Wises Lane Planning application:

The chair was handed over to Cllr Sims for this item

1) Landscape Consultant (MB)

The decision was made not to use a consultant for the three minute presentation at the planning committee. Cllr Sims will represent the Parish Council at the planning meeting of the 17th October 2018. A draft traffic report has been received from the consultant and circulated to the councillors. The councillors will send their comments to the Clerk to collate and reply to the traffic consultant.

Action: All Cllrs and Clerk

b) Wet Pour – deferred new quote and grant application

Three quotes have been received. However, they do not cover the whole area. It is required to remove and re-lay the whole area and disposal of all the old covering, so new quotes will be required.

Action Cllr Emery

c) Seats for Centenary Garden

It was proposed by Cllr Downes and seconded by Cllr Masters to approve the expenditure up to £2800 to purchase the three seats for the Centenary Garden. All were in favour.

Action: Cllr Emery

d) Cycle Riding (CM)

Cllr Masters commented that cyclists should have to wear high visibility clothing.

e) To agree change of date for December meeting from 20th December to 13th December

It was agreed to change the date of the meeting. The Clerk will arrange to change the booking for the hall.

Action: Clerk

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Report

It was proposed by Cllr Downes and seconded by Cllr Masters that a warning sign is placed on the Playstool noticeboard to say:

“It is recommended you do not wear rings or other jewellery while using any of the equipment on the Playstool.” It was agreed by 4 votes for and 2 against.

There is a bolt missing from the climbing frame and a large hole by the gate at the pavilion end which needs filling. Cllr Bolas will make the hole good and Cllr Masters will check to see if he has a bolt.

Action: Cllrs Bolas and Masters.

b) To discuss action following Tree Inspection

It was agreed to contact KCC to make them aware of the report and ask for their suggestions.

Borden Primary School have asked permission to plant trees in the nature reserve. The Clerk will ask KCC if new trees will be allowed.

Action: Clerk

c) Consultation: Swale Cycling and Walking Policy Framework 2018-2022

Councillors will respond as individuals.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – can be viewed on <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/> and <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>

a) Planning consultation 158/504222/FULL Cookham Shaw, Maidstone Road, Borden ME9 7QA. Variation of condition 3 of planning permission SW/11/1493 to allow the stationing of up to 5 static caravans and 1 touring caravan on this site.

No comment.

10. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Committees

Finance

Cllr Downes has enquired about internet banking with Barclays. It would require three signatories which is a change to the current agreed financial regulations. The RFO (Clerk) would be the originator and two councillors. More investigation is required and with a different provider - Unity Trust Bank. The clerk will explain the new spreadsheet that has been introduced for the accounts at the October meeting.

Finance Regulations 3.34; 5.5 and 5.6 were reviewed and agreed.

Representatives

KALC

Cllr Sims attended a 20's plenty update meeting. Terms of reference have been set up. Prosecutions through Speed watch will be promoted through the KALC process.

Borden Sport Association

The Sunday cricket side won their last match, which made them league champions.

Congratulations to them. They continue to field their non-league Saturday side. The football team is playing in the Kent County premier league where they are mid-table. A sin bin rule has been introduced similar to that used in rugby.

A complaint has been received about bad language at football games. This will be raised with the sports chairman.

Borden Parish Hall

A meeting will be arranged to discuss the quotes received for the paving around the hall as the surfaces around the front are very uneven.

Heritage

The next meeting is on 11th October where there will be a talk by Mary Smith about a school girls' war. The Heritage Group has been asked to provide some photographs for the Church display over the weekend of the 11th November – Life in Borden during the First World War.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Broadside is to be distributed.

There is a quiz night being held on 6th October.

There is an overgrown hedge between the Tudor houses and the bungalows.

The light at the bottom of Woodgate Light and Maidstone Road was removed by UK Power Network and it should be replaced by them.

Agenda item for the next meeting – Resilience.

The weeds and nettles need cutting back between Homestead View and the Woodland.

The Clerk's address needs to be added to the website.

The telephone kiosk at the bottom of Wisers Lane has now been removed, as requested.

12. NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 18th October 2018

The meeting closed at 10.10

Signed: J Bolas (Chairman)

Date:

Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque No.
KALC	KALC Annual Subscription Remainder to pay on invoice: 6603 (£403.30 already paid on wrong KALC invoice in error – 6616)	457.96	102751
John England	Expenses for Playstool Inspections Weeks commencing 12/8/18 – 9/9/18	50.00	102752
Unikent	S Peckham preparation and presentation 13/9/18 Invoice: 552882	180.00	102753
Four Jays Group	Service of Site Toilet for August Invoice:436375	64.80	102754
Fryer Cleaning and Maintenance Ltd	Monthly maintenance for August 2018 Invoice: 5758	445.20	102755
Mrs A I Smith	Salary and Expenses	437.22	102756

Other Payments:

E-On Energy Supply	-	£53.56	Paid by Direct Debit
EDF Energy	-	£14.00	Paid by Direct Debit

REPORTS FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Report from Swale Borough Councillor Nicholas Hampshire

Dear Members of Borden Parish Council,

Re: Councillor's Report to Borden Parish Council – 20 September 2018

1. Manor Farm, Key Street

Last month saw the deferred planning application for Manor Farm, Key Street coming back to Swale Borough Council's Planning Committee ("the Committee").

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to congratulate Borden Parish Council for the work they have carried out to-date on air quality monitoring and commend Cllr. Sims for his sterling performance before members of the Committee.

Members will be aware that last month I reported to you how air quality monitoring had been stepped-up in the Parish following my commitment of more funding from Swale Borough Council. With this in mind, it felt premature to me for the Committee to be asked to reach a decision on this planning application until such time that Swale Borough Council had collected its own robust data.

I am delighted that my appeal for the support of councillors to further defer the decision on this planning application for a period of 12 months to allow air quality monitoring in the area to be carried out and the data considered was heeded!

2. Wises Lane Update

Members of Borden Residents' Against Development presented their concerns about the proposals for Wises Lane to councillors and officers of Swale Borough Council recently.

Having been present for the briefing, may I take this opportunity to thank the presenters for the information they provided, their passionate delivery and demonstrating how a community action group can add positively to a debate. Despite this, however, I am deeply unsatisfied by the length of time this application is taking to determine. As a community, we can all appreciate how the uncertainty facing residents has been going on for far too long and must come to an end. Enough is enough.

You can only imagine my disappointment, therefore, to learn that the date set for determination of Thursday 27 September 2018 has now been cancelled. The new proposed date is Wednesday 17 October 2018.

3. Chestnut Street

Back in May 2018 I reported to you of the success I have had with the local Police in addressing the issue of speeding in this part of the Parish.

I can report that further speed checks were conducted by members of the Special Constabulary on 4 September 2018 between 6:30hrs and 9:25hrs resulting in the following:

- 24 verbal warnings (given to those travelling at 37mph or below);
- 10 Traffic Offence Reports ("TORs") for exceeding 30mph (given to those travelling 38mph or more);
- 1 TOR for no seatbelt;
- 1 TOR for no insurance;
- 1 TOR for driving without a license;
- 1 vehicle seizure; and
- 1 arrest for drug driving (Section 5a Road Traffic Act, 1988).

I have also liaised with Insp Craig West and PCSO John Cork to look at how these 'Days of Action' can be extended to other parts of the Parish.

4. Illegal Incursions discussion, Kent Police HQ

I attended a roundtable discussion with Kent Police, Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner and leaders of district authorities from across Kent and Medway this morning (20 September 2018) to see how the issue of illegal incursions may be dealt with effectively. From the meeting, it is clear to me that an open dialogue with interested parties needs to continue.

5. Kent Resource Partnership Conference, Canterbury

I attended the Annual Kent Resource Partnership Conference in Canterbury yesterday (19 September 2018) where the main focus was on how recycling levels may be improved, waste reduced and fly-tipping tackled across Kent and Medway. I was particularly interested in how Deposit Return Schemes could be introduced locally and this builds upon the Government's commitment to 'slash' plastic pollution.

6. Gravelpit Wood footpath

Following representations received from residents and reported by me to Kent County Council, Ian Hudson (Landscape Officer Mid Kent, Soft Landscape Team, Highways & Transportation, Kent County Council) has been in contact to advise that instructions have been sent to their contractor to cut-back and clear the vegetation overgrowing the footpath adjacent to Gravelpit Wood. A start date, however, is yet to be confirmed.

7. Borden Village Fête 2019

Following a meeting of the Borden Fête Committee this week, Borden Village Fête 2019 will be held on Borden Playstool on Saturday 20 July 2019.

In the meantime, planning is well under-way for the Borden Christmas Tree Lights Switch-on on Saturday 1 December 2018 and our social media pages will shortly be updated to reflect this.

8. Members Grant Scheme 2018-19

This is a reminder that the Members Grant Scheme for 2018-19 is now open and each Swale Borough Councillor has up to £2,400 to spend on community projects of their choice.

Should you wish to apply for funding, please e-mail the ECS Coordinator, Jennifer Stringer: JenniferStringer@swale.gov.uk.

Should you need to contact me on any of the above, or indeed raise any other issue(s) with me, please feel free to get in contact. I will try my best to help.