

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 15th November 2018

Present:

Cllr J Bolas (Chairman); Cllr M Baldock; Cllr M Downes; Cllr J Emery; Cllr J Evans; Cllr J Hepburn; Cllr K Lainton; Cllr M Luxton; Cllr Sims (Vice-Chair) Cllr S Smith; A Smith (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs: Harrison; Masters and the PCSO.

2. PUBLIC TIME

a) Parishioners

A resident reported that Highways England had lifted their objection, with phased conditions regarding the Wises Lane Development. He also suggested that the speakers at the Planning Committee meeting should liaise so there is no duplication.

b) A report from Cllr Whiting and the PCSO can be found at the end of this document.

Cllr Whiting reported that as far as he was aware Highways England had not lifted their objection. However, he would seek clarification on this and Highways England's overall position on Junction 5 of the M2 and let the Clerk know his findings. He will also get the KCC's definitive view regarding the Stockbury roundabout, Chestnut Street and a diversion at Danaway. It appears that no-one has ownership of the street light at Heart's Delight. The Chair replied that there is no pavement at this location and therefore legally it cannot be Borden Parish Council's responsibility.

Cllr Baldock raised the subject of providing a bus shelter at Key Street through the member grant scheme. Cllr Whiting is willing to contribute and Cllr Baldock will pursue this.

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

It was proposed by Cllr Hepburn, seconded by Cllr Emery that the minutes of the 18th October meeting be accepted as a true and correct record. Carried with 1 abstention. The minutes were duly signed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Bolas declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 6a and 7d.

Cllr Downes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7d.

Cllr Hepburn declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 7d.

Cllr Baldock declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8a.

5. FINANCE

a) To approve the accounts:

Deferred to the next meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Baldock, seconded by Cllr Downes. Carried with 3 abstentions.

b) To approve the cheques raised at the meeting:

Approval of the cheques was proposed by Cllr Baldock and seconded by Cllr Luxton. Carried with one abstention.

c) Internet Banking:

Cllr Downes reported that he could see no benefit to internet banking as the process does not allow it to work for Borden Parish with Barclays Bank. To comply the finance procedures would need to be changed. It was agreed not to pursue internet banking.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Cllr Sims chaired the meeting for this item.

a) Wises Lane Planning application

- i) Revised Details
It was agreed that Cllr Baldock would take ownership of traffic management issues to liaise with the Clerk and the traffic management consultant and to keep the Chair and Vice-chair informed. The Clerk will contact the traffic consultant to request a revised report and to include the heritage assets. Cllr Baldock will investigate if Highways England have lifted their objection. Cllr Sims will continue ownership of air pollution.

Action: Clerk and Cllr Baldock.

- ii) Quotes for Planning Consultant
Two quotes had been sought, but only one had been received. Cllr Baldock proposed to accept the quote for £1200.00 seconded by Cllr Luxton. All were in favour. It was agreed that Cllr Downes would take ownership of the planning consultant, to liaise with them and the Clerk and report back to the Council. There will be 7 days' notice of the planning officer's report. Potentially, the planning consultant will supply their report by 11th December, which will be circulated by the Clerk. Councillors will need to read it and respond to Cllr Downes by the evening of Tuesday 11th December as it will potentially be submitted to the Planning Officer and members of the planning committee and the planning portal by Wednesday 12th December. The emails will be flagged as high priority.

Action: All Cllrs and Clerk

It was agreed that Cllr Sims will liaise with a representative from BRAD and speak for Borden Parish Council at the planning meeting.

Action: Cllr Sims

The reply from Professor Peckham received in response to the Entrans criticism of his air quality report, will be submitted to the portal, at an appropriate time.

Action: Clerk

b) Wet Pour – Update

The quotes received were over double the original quotes and there was a large discrepancy between them. The difficulty is removal of the old material. Cllr Emery will request another quote, explore other materials for replacement from RoSPA and do a site visit. Defer to next meeting.

Action: Cllr Emery

c) Review Emergency Planning resilience

Cllr Evans has signed up to some free courses on Emergency Planning. The previous Emergency Plan was only a draft.

d) Lighting

i) Woodgate Lane:

Cllr Bolas reported that the power company took this light down as they no longer allow lights on their poles. If Borden Parish Council want one at this location, they will need to replace it. A quote will be sought by the Clerk, but the exact location is needed before that can be done.

Action: Cllr Bolas and Clerk

ii) School Lane:

There is no footpath at this location, so cannot be provided by Borden Parish Council. The Clerk will write to Father Robert to let him know that only KCC can light the highway.

Action: Clerk

iii) Heart's Delight:

This light does not belong to Borden Parish Council. Parish council's only have authority to provide pavement lighting. Unfortunately, there was no forthcoming resolution from Cllr Whiting.

iv) Christmas Tree Lights:

Only a quarter of the Christmas tree lights are working. Cllr Sims has had 5 separate sets of 20 lights, on an outdoor substantial cable at a cost of £174.00, including VAT, put by and cable ties for £5.50. The total is £180.00. This will require five trailing leads and a junction box half way up the tree.
Scaffolding: The local company that put the scaffolding up last year cannot do it this year. The same company as last year has quoted £400 as a maximum cost, others were in excess of £1000. The electrician has quoted approximately £250.00 to supply and fit the junction boxes. It was agreed for two additional sets to be installed thus totalling 7 sets. It was proposed by Cllr Baldock to agree to the costs of lighting the Christmas Tree, seconded by Cllr Downes. All were in favour.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Borden Nature Reserve

The land is leased from KCC and Borden Parish Council has no authority over it. The Clerk will write back to the Senior Planning Officer at Swale Borough Council.

Action: Clerk

b) Footpaths (PROW)

The Clerk will write to A Hinge and Sons Ltd following concerns raised by residents to re-instate the footpaths across their land when they have been disturbed by works.

Action: Clerk

a) KCC Budget Consultation 2019-20

Although councillors could respond to this as individuals it was decided to write as a Parish Council to say that it would be appreciated if KCC could communicate and consult with Borden Parish Council in a timely fashion to help determine priorities for their area and allow them to set aside time to discuss the issues.

Action: Clerk

b) Grant application for Parish Hall

The grant request for £1600 is in respect of the paving around the Parish Hall. It was proposed that Borden Parish Council would approve the grant by Cllr Baldock, seconded by Cllr Sims. Carried with 3 abstentions.

A vote was taken to carry on for a maximum of half an hour as the time was 10.00 o'clock. Agreed.

An email regarding the width restrictions and speeding received in October had not been included on the agenda in error. The Clerk will acknowledge the email and reply to the resident.

Action: Clerk

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

a) Planning Application ref: Notification of Appeal: Proposal: Change of use of conversion of existing swimming pool building to detached bungalow with widened access onto Hearts Delight Road, Tunstall.

Noted.

9. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES

Committees

Finance

A meeting will be arranged shortly.

Representatives

KALC

An agenda for the Swale Area committee meeting being held on Monday 26th November had been circulated to councillors.

Borden Sport Association

No report.

Borden Parish Hall

A grant application has been submitted to Borden Parish Council for help with costs for refurbishing the paving round the Hall.

An advert has been placed in "The Net" to attract bookings for the Hall.

Borden Parish Hall A.G.M. is to be held on 19th November 2018 at 8.00pm in the Barrow Room

A new LED security light has been fitted and where lighting fails it is being replaced with LED.

Heritage

Following our AGM Steve Sherlock is our new Chairman. We loaned photographs and information to The Remembrance display at Ss Peter and Paul Church and Steve presented his beautiful stained-glass poppy to the church.

At our last meeting David Harrison told us of the 'Tale of the Borden Bat' and how it travelled from London to New York in approximately eight hours and returned 7 Hours!

'The Monsters' with Imogen Corrigan is our subject December 13th 11am in The Forge

Entrance fee for Thursday morning meetings £2.00 or £3.00 non-members

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cllr Baldock will take the next edition of Broadside to Swale Borough Council for printing.

Cllr Smith informed the meeting that an intruder had been reported to the Police.

Cllr Luxton reported that one of the overgrown hedges discussed at the last meeting had been cut back, but the one opposite the field is still obstructing the footpath.

Cllr Baldock reported that the hedges on both sides of the road between the Tudor Rose and Key St are overgrown.

11. NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD 13th December 2018

The meeting closed at:10.25 pm

Other Payments:

E-On Energy Supply - £51.84 Paid by Direct Debit
 EDF Energy - £14.00 Paid by Direct Debit

| Payee | Description | Amount £ | Cheque No. |
|-----------------------------------|---|----------------|------------|
| David Ogilvie Engineering Ltd | Supply of Centenary Garden benches Invoice: 182515 | 2655.00 | 102768 |
| Mrs A I Smith | Salary & Expenses: November 2018 | 430.26 | 102769 |
| John England | Expenses and Playstool Inspections 14 Oct to 4 Nov 2018 | 40.00 | 102770 |
| Railton TPC Ltd (Bruce Bamber) | Transport Objection Report Invoice: 1833 | 2250.00 | 102771 |
| Four Jays Group | Service of Site Toilet weekly 4 th , 11 th , 19 th and 25 th Oct 2018 Invoice: 439667 | 86.40 | 102772 |
| Fryer Cleaning & Maintenance | Monthly maintenance October 2018 Invoice: 6017 | 445.20 | 102773 |
| Society of Local Council Clerks | Full Membership (£128) split 50/50 with Lower Halstow PC Invoice dated 5 th November 2018 | 64.00 | 102774 |

Signed: J Bolas (Chairman)

Date:

Report from Cllr Mike Whiting

KCC report, Borden Parish Council meeting, 15 November 2018 Please find below a summary of my work on behalf of the residents since my last report.

Highways England (HE) is being very clear that it will put a holding objection to any housing development application that adds to traffic along the A249 corridor. Current holding objections are against a number of developments including at Chestnut Street. At my request, KCC is in discussion with HE to get a dispensation for the Aspire Special School, planned for The Meads, which is also currently being blocked by HE and building works delayed.

Separately, a developer has come forward with a proposal to expand Bobbing village by some 2,500 houses as part of the new Swale Local Plan. Your ward members and me attended a presentation for councillors by the developer and, as I understand it, this is a conceptual proposal on land that is not designated for housing in the current local plan. No planning application has been submitted. Swale's local plan is up for review and needs to be republished in April 2022.

I and your ward members have been trying to ascertain who is responsible for the street lamps in Hearts Delight and Hearts Delight Road. KCC has no record of owning them or even of their existence, neither, I understand, does Swale. It is difficult to know where to go from here and any ideas you may have would be welcome.

The question of removing the traffic calming in Oad Street has been raised with me again. The issue is one of noise caused by people driving over the cobbled surface. KCC has said it will not consider raising or altering the build outs as this would require lighting and the expense cannot be justified unless it was for safety ground, which in this case it is not. They would be willing to take the builds outs away and restore the road, but given the local people wanted some form of traffic calming, officers do not feel removal would have local support. This may be something the Parish Council might like to consider as part of its Parish Highways Improvement Plan, discussed at a previous Parish Council meeting.

We had another issue with traffic using Munsgore Lane as a diversion. I raised this with Highways officers who requested better signage from the utility company. These issues are difficult as it is only the police who have powers to direct traffic not to use the lane should drivers chose to ignore the sings. I raised this case recently with the Police and Crime Commissioner who said he hopes some of the additional 200 officers he is recruiting will be used for more enforcement on our roads and in rural area. 100 of those officers completed their training last month.

Apart from the above, there have been more cases involving schools and home to school transport, and some other issues which need to remain confidential.

I hope this is helpful, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance in these or any other matters.

Yours sincerely

Mike

COUNCILLOR MIKE WHITING

Member serving Swale West

Report from PCSO John Cork

I cannot attend the meeting due to myself being on a secondment at Coldharbour Police Complex.

The area is still being covered by my PCSO colleagues.

Report From 01-10-2018 to 14-11-2018.

No reports of any anti-social behaviour.

Theft from Motor Vehicle in Brier Road.

Signed.....

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