

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 22 February 2018

Present: Cllr. C Masters – Chair
Cllr. M. Downes
Cllr. C. Sims
Cllr. E. Harrison
Cllr. J. Hepburn
Cllr. K. Lainton
Ann Smith - Clerk

Cllr J Bolas – Vice-Chair
Cllr J. Evans
Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr Millican
Cllr. M. Luxton
Cllr. J. Emery
Borough Cllr N Hampshire

19 Members of the Public

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting: apologies received from Parish Cllr Smith and KCC Councillor Whiting.

1. 2. Public Time

Parishioners –

It was established that all the members of the public were in attendance for the same reason and one spokes person was agreed upon. It was in response to the planning application for 4 large detached properties at 14 Barn Close. The concerns raised were that the plot is so narrow that the proposed houses will not have a garden; that access is too small for fire engines; the roots for the Poplar trees will be damaged; that the roots for a large Silver Birch in a neighbouring garden will be damaged; there will be a privacy issue as the proposed houses are elevated; noise pollution and setting a precedent for future applications. The residents have all objected individually.

2. County/Borough Councillors –

Report from Cllr Hampshire

Dear Members of Borden Parish Council,

Re: Councillor's Report to Borden Parish Council – 22 February 2018

1. Speeding along Hearts Delight, Borden

At your December 2017 meeting, the issue of speeding along Hearts Delight Road was raised by local resident, Clive Jenkins. I am pleased to report that a meeting and walk-about has since been held between Clive, the area's County Councillor, Cllr. Mike Whiting, and myself.

A number of suggestions were made during the meeting to Cllr. Mike Whiting and I believe he will be taking these up direct with Kent County Council's Highways Officers. I look forward to hearing more about what can be done to help address this long- standing issue.

2. Litter along Chestnut Street and Danaway

At your January 2018 meeting, a brief discussion was held about the growing issue of litter through Chestnut Street and Danaway. I am grateful to the Parish Council's work involving the installation of additional bins in the vicinity of the Tudor Rose, although I note that an unintended consequence of this, has been that the bins can become full in advance of their due collection date. I will continue to have discussions at Swale Borough Council to see if the typical level of bin collections is optimum for the demand on them.

Additionally, I note that the grassed area on the approach to Stockbury roundabout was looking in a better condition than it has previously following additional litter-picks undertaken. Nevertheless, I accept that there is always room for improvement along this entire route.

As well as continuing to raise your comments with Swale Brough Council as and when received and being successful in arranging for additional cleansing, I would like to remind the Council that I

have made its members aware of the possibility of requesting litter-picks through the Community Payback scheme. Clearly there are safety issues to parts of this road due to the lack of pavements. This undoubtedly makes this option unsuitable for its entire stretch, but I am confident some areas may benefit and I note such services have delivered welcomed results when last used some years ago.

Please ask for: Nicholas Hampshire Tel No: 07739 108 756 / 01795 477 560 E-mail: nicholashampshire@hotmail.com

2. Litter along Chestnut Street and Danaway (continued) Please be assured that from newspaper comment pages, to social media, a lot of attention is given to the thoughtless minority of people who drop litter in our communities. Last year alone, we issued 2,023 fixed penalty notices for littering and spent £890,000 on street cleaning. We will be embarking on a series of campaigns to help keep Swale looking its best; reminding people that littering can be dangerous, anti-social and costly.

3. Air Quality Monitoring Last month I reported that my motion to secure additional funding for air quality monitoring to ensure no adverse impact on local communities from key potential development sites from Swale Borough Council received cross-party support and passed. It was disappointing, however, that the Leader of the Labour Group, Cllr. Roger Truelove, was unable to support the spirit of this motion despite other Labour colleagues able to do so. Yesterday evening, we learnt that my motion has led to Swale Borough Council setting aside £50,000 for this initiative. There is no doubt in my mind that when the Air Quality Group, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Affairs, Cllr. David Simmons, reports back, there will be a need for additional resources to ensure we meet our obligations to tackle the issue of Air Quality in the shortest possible time.

4. Borden Village Fete – Summer Fete, 14 July 2018 The Borden Village Fete will take place on Saturday 14 July 2018. As Chairman to the voluntary community group, grant requests have been sent to both Borough Councillors and the area's Kent County Councillor and it is expected that a further grant request will be sent to Borden Parish Council during March 2018 for consideration. I do hope members will feel able to continue to provide some financial support to the group that has arranged this annual event for the past five years. For information, a number of stall bookings have already been received and our Early Bird Offer continues to run until 31 March 2018. Taking up the offer saves 20% on pitch fees; securing a pitch for £10 (charity, community or good cause) or £15 (commercial). Separate fees apply if operating a food stand on the day. For more information on the Borden Village Fete please visit Facebook (facebook.com/bordenvillagefete), Twitter (@BordenFete) or e-mail us at bordenvillagefete@gmail.com.

5. Borden Village Fete 2018 – Christmas Tree Light Switch-on Members of the Borden Village Fete Committee would like to seek your agreement to holding the Christmas Tree Light Switch-On on Saturday 1 December 2018 so that preparations for this community event can be progressed.

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Nicholas Hampshire (Conservative – Borden & Grove Park) Deputy Cabinet Member for Safer Families and Communities

It was proposed by Cllr Sims, seconded by Cllr Emery and agreed that the Christmas Tree Light switch on takes place on 1st December 2018.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr. Bolas and seconded by Cllr. Emery, the Minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 18 January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript. There were two abstentions.

4. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllr. Baldock declared an interest in Item 9, and he will withdraw from the meeting at this point.

5. **Matters Arising**

1. **Wises Lane Planning application – update**

Cllr Sims has circulated Professor Peckham's report. Air quality monitoring is now taking place in 10 places around Borden village, which will be changed in 2 weeks time. The information is downloaded and sent to the university. A report will be compiled from this information. Members of BRAD have been assisting with the monitoring.

Dr Le-Las has offered to speak on behalf of Borden Parish Council at the planning meeting. Active badger sites have been found on and near the proposed development.

The PCSO will be informed of the dates and times when the monitoring is taking place.

Action: Clerk

2. **Loneliness – Update**

There are several action points that came out of the last meeting and other groups will be looked at e.g. Samaritans and GPs. The next meeting is in March.

3. **War Memorial**

On the restoration or replacement of the existing war memorial, a meeting was held with Father Robert and a reply is awaited from the diocese. Cllr Harrison will enquire about a structural report from the Church Wardens. Cllr Downes will replace Cllr Sims on the sub-committee.

Action: Cllr Harrison

4. **Defibrillator – Update**

The Landlord of The Maypole has agreed to put the defibrillator on the outside wall of the public house. Ownership of the public house will need to be established.

Action: Cllr Sims

6. **Correspondence**

1. **Dft Consultation – Proposals for Creation of a Major Road Network – deadline 19/3/18**

There were no comments. Cllr Baldock will look into this consultation and report back at the next meeting.

2. **Kent Waste Minerals Consultation – email 5/1/18 – deadline 29/3/18**

Cllr Baldock commented that there is not enough importance put on the brick earth areas in Swale and the minerals should be safeguarded. When areas for development are parcelled down to developers it is claimed not to be viable to take out the minerals, as they are too small.

3. **Local Government ethical standards – Stakeholder Consultation – deadline 5pm on 18 May**

There were no comments. Cllr Baldock will look into this consultation and report back at a later date.

4. **Request to use a metal detector on Parish Council land – email 22/01/18**

Cllr Downes and Cllr Luxton have given permission for the use of the metal detector on their own land. It was not agreed for metal detectors to be used on Parish Council land.

5. **KCC and Swale BC bid for Forward Funding to help with necessary infrastructure – email 16/02/18.**

The Parish Council has not been consulted and cannot comment.

7. **Finance**

1. **Request for a dog waste bin for Mountview.**

More information is required as to where the bin is required.

Action: Clerk

2. **Centenary Garden New Benches**

It was agreed that the original benches have come to the end of their life, but the plaques will be kept.

3. **To authorise cheques raised at the meeting and approve the accounts**

The cheques were approved and duly signed. Proposed by Cllr Downes and seconded by Cllr Bolas. All were in favour.

8. **Reports and minutes from committees and representatives**

1. **Finance**

It was agreed to hold a Finance meeting on Tuesday 27th February. A statement needs to be prepared in respect of the rise in the precept for this year.

Action: Clerk

2. **KALC**

The next meeting is on 12th March.

3. **Borden Sports Association –**

It was proposed by Cllr Baldock and seconded by Cllr Downes that the Parish Council arranges to provide an alarm for the integral garage to the pavilion. Carried unanimously.

4. **Borden Parish Hall**

The door locks on both Barrow Room doors have been replaced. Keys have been distributed to known regular users. A full set of keys are now in the emergency key safe located at the side entrance door. A reminder to users to turn off lights and the hot water urn before leaving the building please.

5. **Heritage**

Our Borden Interpretive Information board has been installed in The Street opposite St Martins Cottage. Huge thanks are given to volunteer designer Beverley Richards and funding from Borden Parish Council in supporting this project.

Our new initiative of free visits to see Barrow Trust records has been over subscribed!

Visits for March are now being arranged.

Our programme for 2018 is now available and our meeting in March will be a visit to The Old War House in in East Street.

9. **Planning Applications**

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

- a) 18/500707/FULL 144 Borden Lane, Borden, Sittingbourne. ME9 8HR Demolition of existing garage and erection of a part two storey, part single storey side extension (Revision to roof following planning permission 17/503052/FULL. Comments by 13 March 2018.

No comments.

- b) 18/500631/FULL 8 Duwards Place, Pond Farm Road, Borden. ME9 8LJ. Erection of single storey rear extension, together with associated works and alterations to fenestration. Comments by 13 March 2018.

No comments.

- c) 18/500466/FULL Yantlet 14 Barn Close, Borden. 4 x New detached houses and garages. Comments due by 20 February 2018 – an extension had been requested.

It was agreed to object on the grounds of privacy, damage to trees and habitats, access problems and the reversing area for maintenance vehicles.

10. **Items for Information Only**

Cllr Baldock informed the meeting that the newsletter would be sent to Swale Borough Council to print the following day.

Cllr Bolas commented that as evidenced by traffic lights at road works traffic calming is effective.

Cllr Sims asked that a letter be sent to the fete committee requesting if a member of the Parish Council can join that committee.

Cllr Sims requested that a letter is sent to BT asking for removal of the telephone box in Wises Lane.

11 **Next Meeting**

Thursday 15 March 2018, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Barrow Room at Borden Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 09.40 p.m.

Signed:

Cllr C Masters
Chair