

**BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 21 June 2018**

**Present:**

Cllr J Bolas (Chair)	
Cllr C Sims (Vice-Chair)	Cllr E Harrison
Cllr K Lainton	Cllr S Smith
Cllr J Evans	Cllr C Masters
Ann Smith, Clerk	Cllr M Millican
Two members of the public	

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllrs Baldock, Downes, Emery, Hepburn, Hampshire and the PCSO.

2. **Public Time**  
**Parishioners**

1. A resident asked if it would be possible for the Parish Council to support the siting of a six-foot-high Tommy silhouette on the triangle underneath the Borden Village Sign. £350 has already been raised.
2. A resident, a member of BRAD requested assistance in engaging the services of a traffic consultant in relation to the Wises Lane Development planning application.

**Report from KCC Councillor Mike Whiting:**

Please find below a summary of my work on behalf of the residents of Borden since my last report. The aftermath of the flooding continues with a number of rural lanes closed across the county, including most locally, Pett Road and Old Forge Lane, both in Stockbury, continues. Many roads, including Sutton Baron Road, have debris which is taking a while to clear up, and Swanton Street in Bredgar is also closed, due to subsidence. I am assured that Highways are working to get these roads open and cleared as a matter of priority and am getting regular updates. I am still waiting on a response and quote for the Parish Council's request for grit boxes for Wises Lane and Grove Park Avenue. I have chased highways in respect of street lamp 827008, which the Parish Council reported as not working on 15 May. In respect of three of your agenda items, I would comment as follows: Item 7a: Junction 5, I am delighted Highways England has changed its mind and agreed to a scheme with a four-lane flyover for A249 though traffic. It does, however, still divert Chestnut Street traffic via Oad Street, which I know was a concern of many of the Old Street residents because it will likely increase traffic through the hamlet. For residents in Chestnut Street, the effect is likely to be the reverse, which less through traffic. How this affects the current arrangement to use Chestnut Street as a diversion should the A249 be blocked, is unclear at this stage. My understanding is the project will be progressed by Highways England under the Highways Act which means further consultation is unlikely. The planned start date is before the end of March 2020.

**Report from Swale Borough Councillor Nicholas Hampshire**

**Update – Manor Farm, Key Street 17/500727/OUT**

The deferred planning application at Manor Farm, Key Street was due for discussion and determination at this evening's Planning Committee at Swale Borough Council. This item has now been withdrawn from tonight's agenda due to a recent judgement from the European Court of Justice regarding the Habitats Regulation legislation and need for further assessment before the application can be resubmitted to the Planning Committee for decision.

Please note, I believe representations can continue to be submitted to the Planning Officer for consideration in their report up to the date of decision (TBC). I would encourage anyone who has concerns about the application to submit their comments. Previous comments already submitted have been and will continue to be considered but this delay also provide an opportunity for you to make any amendments to comments already submitted if you wish to.

**Update – M2 J5/A249 Stockbury inter-change**

I am delighted that following pressure from the local community and its elected representatives, Highways England have been persuaded to include a fly-over at this critical junction. Work on these improvements are expected to start before the end of March 2020. However, plans to continue to link Chestnut Street/Danaway with Oad Street remain and I continue to be deeply concerned about the impact this will have on the area.

#### **Other Highway matters**

I have received comments from residents about debris left on our roads following the recent torrential downpours and flooding in the Oad Street, Vigo Lane and Sutton Baron Road area. This has been passed to our Kent County Councillor, Cllr Mike Whiting, and I understand from him that Kent Highways are working hard to get these routes cleared. I continue to receive reports about the need for pot-holes to be repaired on our roads and I continue to report these to Kent County Council Highways. Many have now been repaired but I appreciate that there are still a number outstanding, in particular along the A2. The 'fallen' manhole cover on Key Street roundabout which was becoming increasingly dangerous, however, has now been repaired with work commencing within 24 hours of being reported by me.

#### **Borden Tommy**

Local residents have got together to raise funds for the installation of a silhouette Tommy, with a view to have it placed on the triangle by the Borden village sign. Many villages across the country have already installed these to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1 and I believe this would be a lovely addition to the remembrance activities Borden is already undertaking as we approach this historic landmark event. I hope Members of Borden Parish Council will look upon their request for funding favourably.

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.

#### **3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Minute of Annual Council Meeting and Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Harrison, the Minutes of the meetings held on the Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript. All were in favour. Declarations of office were also signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

#### **4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllrs Bolas declared an interest in item 6a.

#### **5. Finance**

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Masters that the accounts were approved. All were in favour.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Lainton that the cheques raised at the meeting were approved. All were in favour.
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Harrison that the annual Governance and Accountability Return 217/18 part 3, section 2 be approved. All were in favour and it was duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- d) Quote regarding the Celtic Cross on the War Memorial – deferred.
- e) The annual review of Financial Regulations 3.34; 5.5 and 5.6 will be looked at during the next meeting of the Finance Committee.
- f) To employ a landscape consultant to consider the landscape evidence for the Wises Lane Development – deferred.
- g) It was proposed by Cllr Sims, seconded by Cllr Masters that 18 copies of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be bound as per the quote from Swale Borough Council as separate documents.

**Action: Clerk**
- h) It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Harrison to apply for internet banking with Unity Bank, as recommended by the internal auditor. Agreed with two votes against and no abstentions.

**Action: Clerk**

#### **6. Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**

- a) Wises Lane Planning application update – The final draft of the air quality report has now been received. The main changes are as follows: -
  - The original 595 houses refer to the local plan spec whereas the actual application is for 675 houses so this has been amended in the document. The document does not include the 50 houses applied for at Manor Farm.

- *P4 of the document states: -*

*Version Title Date prepared*

*V1.2 Quinn Estates Ltd Land at Southwest Sittingbourne, Kent Environmental Statement:  
Volume 1, Main Text, Revision 1.2 20/09/17*

*V1.3 Quinn Estates Ltd Land at Southwest Sittingbourne, Kent Environmental Statement:  
Updated Air Quality Chapter, May 2018, Revision 1.3 10/05/18*

*Originally this document was prepared with regard to V1.2 but has been updated to reflect V1.3. The two versions paint a confusing picture of air quality in Borden Village, and it isn't clear which should be considered authoritative since the former was delivered as authoritative when it was submitted, and now the new version is claimed as authoritative.*

*Both versions show discrepancies when compared against actual measured values and comparing the two versions serves further to highlight the inadequacies inherent to modelling rather than actual measurement.*

Thus, where the report updates integrating the revised Air Quality Assessment that was uploaded to the planning server last month on behalf of the developer an additional argument has been added pointing out inconsistencies between Quinns old and updated Air Quality Assessments which quite frankly do not make sense.

NB: It is worthy of note that none of the conclusions have changed in fact the air quality assessment is slightly stronger in favour of objecting to the development.

It was discussed to send the final report together with a statement to:

Swale Borough Council's planning portal, the Planning Officer, Dr Le-Las, Greenpeace, Client Earth and the media to include: Telegraph; Times. Guardian, Independent newspapers.

An extraordinary meeting will be arranged for the Wises Lane Development in respect of the amendments that have been received and to ask for an extension to the deadline. Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Lainton. All were in favour.

**Action: Clerk**

It was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Harrison to commission a traffic management consultant for a cost of up to a maximum of £1500. Agreed with 1 abstention. A quote will be sought from Bruce Bamber.

**Action: Clerk**

b) Wet Pour – deferred to the next meeting.

## 7. **Correspondence**

a) M2 Junction improvements –

It was proposed by Cllr Bolas and seconded by Cllr Harrison to raise with Cllr Whiting expressing concerns that traffic from the other side of Sittingbourne may come through Tunstall and Oad Street and that traffic management needs to be considered by KCC. It was seconded by Cllr Harrison. Agreed with one abstention.

b) Invitation to Swale Borough Local Plan Review. Noted.

c) Big Conversation Rural Transport - Noted

d) Highways England – Operation Stack Listening Exercise. Noted.

e) Tommy silhouettes which are six-foot-tall, are available from a charity called "There But Not There" for a cost of £750. It was proposed by Cllr Sims, to apply for a grant and to ask for permission from KCC Highways to site a Tommy Silhouette on the triangle, which already has the Borden village sign on it. Seconded by Cllr Harrison. All were in favour.

**Action: Clerk**

## 8. **Planning Applications**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS - can be viewed on <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/> and <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do> 18/502774/FULL Timberley. Wrens Road, Borden ME9 8JD**  
No comment.

## 9. **Reports and Minutes from Committees and Representatives**

1) **Finance**

The Finance Committee has not met.

2) **KALC**

The 20 plenty scheme which is a nationwide campaign to try and reduce all residential areas to 20 mph. It would be self-funded by Parish Councils. Cllr Sims will bring this back to the council after further research.

3) **Borden Sports Association**

Congratulations to the cricket team who have won their first four matches.

4) **Borden Parish Hall**

Hall meeting held on 12-6-18. Finance is good and a maintenance list was set out.

Urgent maintenance item is relaying some of the paving slabs surrounding the Hall as they have become a trip hazard.

Broken soap dispenser replaced in the kitchen.

A car and van parked close to the rear of the Hall overnight could be a potential fire risk.

PCSO to be informed.

5) **Heritage**

**Next Meeting Our first fundraiser with Friends of Borden Church** was held in June.

Our President Helen Allinson gave a very informative and enjoyable talk in the Church 'Memories of Monuments.

The next two meetings are as follows:

**July 12<sup>th</sup> 11am in the Forge** - 'Queen Victoria's Dreadful Uncles' Sheila Boyd

**August 9<sup>th</sup> 11am in the Forge** - Childhood memories of an Evacuee in Germany and Austria' Mrs. U. Atkins

Entrance is £2.00 or £3.00 for non-members including refreshments.

On **July 14<sup>th</sup> 11.30 on the Playstool we have booked a pitch at Borden fete** - Display and game at Borden Fete (Volunteers are required to help in 2hr slots phone 01795 479727 if you can help)

**10. Items for Information Only**

The overgrown bush in The Street has been pruned but the iron railings are destabilised.

The hedge between the Tudor House and the first bungalows going towards Maidstone is growing across the road.

A sweeper is required for the junction of Woodgate Lane and Maidstone Road.

Agenda item: 6' 6" limit access both ends Chestnut Street/Danaway

**11. Next Meeting will be on:**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Barrow Room at Borden Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 09.08 p.m.

Cheque List:

Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque No.
Steve Wakeling	Clearing Footpath Homestead View Invoice: 83A	<b>21.50</b>	102729
Streetlights	Replaced 3 x faulty faulty SS6 photocells and tested Invoice: 9653	<b>252.90</b>	102730
HMRC	To repay HMRC VAT wrongly credited to Borden Parish Council (should have been Bobbing)	<b>549.30</b>	102731
John England	Expenses Playstool Inspections	<b>30.00</b>	102732
Mrs A I Smith	Salary and Expenses	<b>1150.68</b>	102733
Fryer Cleaning & Maintenance	Grass cutting/gardening/litter pick for May Invoice: 5427	<b>445.20</b>	102734
CitiHawk	Falconry Demonstrations and Static Display Borden Village Fete Invoice: 201992	<b>480.00</b>	102735

Signed

J Bolas  
Chairman