

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

**Held on Thursday 17 May 2018**

**Present:**

Cllr J Bolas (Chair)	Cllr M Luxton
Cllr C Sims (Vice-Chair)	Cllr E Harrison
Cllr M Downes	Cllr M Baldock
Cllr J Hepburn	Cllr S Smith
Cllr K Lainton	Cllr C Masters
Cllr J Emery	Cllr M Millican
County Cllr M Whiting	SBC Cllr N Hampshire
Ann Smith, Clerk	

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr J Evans.

2. **Public Time**

1. There were no members of the public present.

Cllr Whiting congratulated the new chairman and vice-chairman on their election and thanked the outgoing chairman for his fairness in allowing me to speak and answer questions over the past year and gave the following report:

Please find below a summary of my work on behalf of the residents of Borden since my last report.

I have been advising residents on specific issues including schools, where i was pleased to help a family get the school place they wanted. Details must, of course, remain confidential.

Elsewhere, I have followed up a request by your Clerk for salt bins in Wises Lane and Grove Park Avenue, and I will update the Clerk when I get a response from Highways. I am also chasing a request to get the street lights in Hearts Delight working, again, at the Clerk's request.

I continue to work with KCC Highways to get improvements to Key Street roundabout, and am waiting their latest designs. I have said that putting traffic lights at every arm of the roundabout is a waste of money, unnecessary and would, indeed, cause more delays in the morning and evening peaks. I have also asked them to look at the school bus stops in the morning along the A2 into Sittingbourne, which are a major contributor to the jams at Key Street.

I am waiting on a response from officers to my request on behalf of the Parish Council and residents, for a scheme to prevent lorries parking in Chestnut Street. I feel a way forward has been identified, and await officers' conclusions.

Swale Council and Spirit of Sittingbourne have published their plans for the road closures in the town centre at the end of this month. I have asked KCC to ensure that all the alternative routes have been inspected and potholes and other repairs done in advance of the Spirit work to help minimise the chances of issues arising elsewhere on the road network during the 20 weeks of work by Spirit. I have also asked that all other road works, with the exception of emergency works, be suspended for the duration of the planned roadworks.

Finally, I have agreed to contribute funds from my Member Grant to the Sittingbourne Foodbank Project and to Swale Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

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.

KCC has set up a cross-party members' group to discuss pollinators such as bees and hoverflies, which are at serious risk. Clearly, KCC Highways which owns hundreds of miles of verges and half a million trees, is well placed to help ensure pollinators have food to graze on.

The Big Conversation to discuss the future of subsidised rural transport gets underway on 18 June. Dates and venue to be confirmed, but there will be a regional North Kent Meeting organised with KALC and a District meeting here in Swale organised through

the JTB Chairman. KCC Spends £8 million a year subsidising a number of bus routes, and the Big Conversation is about understanding what good transport looks like locally and how we can best spend that money.

Report from Cllr Hampshire:

UPDATE: HGVs – Chestnut Street

Further to my report last month, Inspector Craig West has been in contact to inform me that the Special Constabulary agreed to conduct some traffic patrolling.

During their overt operation one weekend, they had engaged with several residents and discussed their concerns over HGVs.

I believe four HGV drivers were parked on the stretch of road leading from the Tudor Rose Public House to Key Street roundabout and these were politely asked to find alternative parking arrangements at that time.

It is difficult, however, for the Police to take enforcement action on this stretch of road regarding such matters when no restrictions are currently in place. They have asked that those responsible for implementing traffic/parking restrictions take the matter up as this will help to provide a longer-term solution to the problem(s). As members will be aware, I did raise this point with the area's County Councillor, Cllr. Mike Whiting, and I do know that he has been looking in to this issue. I look forward to hearing of the outcomes of his enquiries in due course.

As an aside, whilst conducting their patrol, 15 motorists were stopped for speeding and four issued with speeding tickets (officially known as Traffic Offence Reports). I will update members of the outcome from any future activities.

2. Defibrillator training at The Maypole Inn, 15 May 2018

I was pleased to attend the defibrillator training at The Maypole Inn on Tuesday evening alongside Cllr's Mike Baldock and Clive Simms. My thanks to the hospitality provided by The Maypole Inn's proprietors, Kevin and Lesley, and to Richard Palmer for his well delivered and easily digestible training course.

Having a defibrillator in such a prime location in the village is a real asset for our community and is testament to the hard-work we all undertake to make our communities safer and more pleasant places to live.

Please ask for: Nicholas Hampshire<sup>(11)</sup> Tel No: 07739 108 756 / 01795 477 560 E-mail: nicholashampshire@hotmail.com

Borden Village Fete

The Committee would like to thank Borden Parish Council for their generous funding to help support the delivery of the Borden Village Fete on Saturday 14 July 2018. Thank you.

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

Cllr Hampshire added that three blue flags have been awarded to the beaches on the Isle of Sheppey. The councillors will have grant funding available from June.

Cllr Baldock reported that parking at the school is causing a concern. The speed of traffic discourages parents and children to walk to and from school.

3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Downes, the Minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 were agreed and signed as a true transcript. All were in favour.

4. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllrs Sims, Baldock and Bolas declared an interest in the planning application.

5. **Matters Arising**

1. **To Adopt Standing Orders as circulated**

It was proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Lainton that Borden Parish Council adopts the Standing Orders. All were in favour.

It was agreed to research a quote to have them bound.

**Action: Clerk**

A formal thank you was given to Cllr Sims for all the work he has done on this.

2. **Wises Lane – update**

An update for the air pollution monitoring has been received, however the full report has not yet been finished. It will be ready for the next Parish Council meeting.

3. **Bus shelter for Key Street**

The site discussed is near the Long Hop public house. Kent County Council removed the previous shelter. Cllr Baldock proposed that the Parish Council should provide a new one, seconded by Cllr Harrison. Carried. Cllr Whiting offered £1000 towards the cost. The Clerk will research what is required.

**Action: Clerk**

4. **Wet Pour**

A safety inspection of the play area is due shortly. Cllr Baldock proposed that Cllr Whiting is asked for £6000 grant towards the cost and a new quote will be requested, seconded by Cllr Masters. All were in favour.

**Action: Chair**

5. **30 mph stickers**

Cllr Downes has now received the extra stickers ordered.

6. **War Memorial – update**

Quotes are being sought for a new Celtic cross to be placed on the top of the war memorial, which will be available for the next meeting. Cllr Emery will summarise the previous correspondence for circulation. The clerk will check the public liability insurance cover.

**Action: Cllr Emery and Clerk**

7. **Newsletter – update**

Cllr Baldock has received some comments on items to be included.

6. **Correspondence**

1. Request for Borden Pre-School to use Playstool for fund raiser- email 4/5/18  
Cllr Sims has contacted the pre-school and it was the use of the Pavilion that they required. It was agreed that the Clerk would write in support of their event.

**Action: Clerk**

2. Next Local Plan comments to be in by 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – email 27/4/18  
Cllr Baldock agreed to be the lead. The draft response will be circulated before submission.

**Action: Cllr Baldock**

7. **Finance**

1. To agree Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

The Clerk read out the assertions and the statement was duly signed.

2. To authorise cheques raised at the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Masters, seconded by Cllr Emery. All were in favour to approve the cheques. (See cheque List below)

3. To approve the accounts.

Proposed by Cllr Emery, seconded by Cllr Hepburn. All were in favour to approve the accounts.

8. **Planning Applications**

1. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS - can be viewed on <http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/> and <https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do>**  
18/502157/FULL: 14 Coppins Lane, Borden, ME9 8JG. Proposed side and rear extension with rooflight.  
No comment.

9. **Items for Information Only**

The defibrillator is up, running and is alarmed. Training has taken place.

A stolen car was set alight in the nature reserve.

The hall heaters have been serviced.

10.

11. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 21 June 2018, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Barrow Room at Borden Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 09.40 p.m.

Cheque List:

Payee	Description	Amount £	Cheque No.
Fryer Cleaning & Maintenance Ltd	Monthly Maintenance April 2018 Invoice 5305	<b>445.20</b>	102721
Denmaur Independent Papers Ltd	400 x 30 mph bin stickers Pro forma Invoice	<b>300.00</b>	102722
KALC	Subscription Invoice 6616	<b>403.30</b>	102723
Mr J Shannon	Defibrillator Installation	<b>421.20</b>	102724
Four Jays Group	Service of Site Toilet 19 April Invoice	<b>21.60</b>	102725
Mr Clive Sims	Postage of Air Pollution Monitoring tubes 3 x £3.95	<b>11.85</b>	102726
Mrs A I Smith	Salary and expenses for May 2018	<b>127.98</b>	102727
John England	Expenses Playstool Inspections 15 April – 13 May 2018	<b>30.00</b>	102728

Signed:

Cllr J Bolas  
Chair