**BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 21 June 2018**

**Present**:

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| 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.

1. **Public Time**

**Parishioner**s

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.

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.

1. A report was received from Cllr Mike Whiting and had been circulated.

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1. **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, Minute of Annual Council Meeting and Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting held on 17th May 2018**

Proposed by Cllr Masters and seconded by Cllr Harrison, the Minutes of the meetings held on the Thursday 17th 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.

1. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

Cllrs Bolas declared an interest in item 6a.

1. **Finance**
2. It was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Masters that the accounts were approved. All were in favour.
3. It was proposed by Cllr Harrison and seconded by Cllr Lainton that the cheques raised at the meeting were approved. All were in favour.
4. 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.
5. Quote regarding the Celtic Cross on the War Memorial – deferred.
6. 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.
7. To employ a landscape consultant to consider the landscape evidence for the Wises Lane Development – deferred.
8. 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***

1. 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***

1. **Matters Arising from the Last Meeting**
2. 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 inconsistences 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***

1. Wet Pour – deferred to the next meeting.
2. **Correspondence**
3. M2 Junction improvements –

It was proposed by Cllr Bolas and seconded by Cllr Harrison to raise with Cllr Whiting expressing concerns hat 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.

1. Invitation to Swale Borough Local Plan Review. Noted.
2. Big Conversation Rural Transport - Noted
3. Highways England – Operation Stack Listening Exercise. Noted.
4. 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***

1. **Planning Applications**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS - can be viewed on** [**http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/**](http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/) **and** [**https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do**](https://cloud2.atriumsoft.com/KCCePlanningOPS/searchPageLoad.do)

18/502774/FULL Timberley. Wrens Road, Borden ME9 8JD

No comment.

1. **Reports and Minutes from Committees and Representatives**
2. **Finance**

The Finance Committee has not met.

1. **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.

1. **Borden Sports Association**

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

1. **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.

1. **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 12th****11am in the Forge** - ‘Queen Victoria’s Dreadful Uncles’Sheila Boyd

**August 9th11am 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 14th** **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)

1. **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

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

Thursday 19th 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:

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

**Other Payments**

E-On Energy Supply - £53,56 Paid by Direct Debit

EDF Energy - £9.00 Paid by Direct Debit

Signed

J Bolas

Chairman