

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 21 December 2017

Present: Cllr C Masters – Chair
Cllr. M. Downes
Cllr. E Harrison
Cllr. J. Hepburn
Cllr. M. Luxton
Cllr. M. Baldock
Cllr. J. Emery
11 Members of the Public

Cllr J Bolas – Vice-Chair
Cllr. C. Sims
Cllr. S. Smith
Lynda Fisher, Clerk
Ann Smith – new Clerk
Borough Cllr N Hampshire
KCC Cllr. M Whiting

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting: apologies received from Parish Cllrs: Evans, Lainton and Millican.

2. Public Time

1. Parishioners –

A resident requested speed stickers for the bins, which had been provided by the Parish Council for Wises Lane. Cllr Sims will deliver these.

A resident requested that the holly is cut back around the dog bins and complained about parking on the pavement. The holly has been dealt with.

Another resident was concerned about the volume and speed of traffic at Heart Delight's Lane. The resident will liaise with Cllr Whiting.

A resident wanted to know if there are restrictions or statutory times that farmers' can use beepers on vehicles in the fields. It was suggested that the resident contact Swale Borough Council and the Environment Agency.

2. County/Borough Councillors –

Cllr Whiting reported that Highways England have a holding objection over the Manor Farm, Key Street, planning application which will prevent the Wises Lane development going ahead along with other applications in Sittingbourne. KCC have not been able to come up with a scheme to rectify that. Discussions are on-going.

Borough Cllr. Hampshire thanked the people who assisted with the Christmas tree lights; the event was a great community event. He also echoed the concerns of the inspector in her report on the local plan.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Cllr. Downes and seconded by Cllr. Emery, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true transcript.

4. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Cllr. Baldock declared an interest in Item and 10, 10a, 10b, 10d and 10e and he will withdraw from the meeting at this point. Cllrs. Hepburn, Downes and Bolas declared an interest in Item 7.6 and will abstain from any discussion in this respect.

5. Matters Arising

1. **War Memorial** – The war memorial is listing and needs repairing. However, it is in the church grounds and the Parish Council need permission to repair it, which is not forthcoming from the diocese.

2. **Sheds Kent & Medway/Loneliness** – Cllr. Baldock still waiting to arrange a meeting to discuss this; bring back to next meeting. ;
3. **School Representative** – There has been little progress, the school will contact the Parish Council at a later date to discuss.
4. **Refresh White Lines at junction of Wises Lane and Brier Road** – The white lines need to be repainted showing that the road is narrowing. Request a meeting with Highways Officer to ask what road safety measures can be taken in that area.

Action: Clerk

6. **Correspondence**

1. **Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute 11th November 2018** – It was agreed to find out the if the Church, School and Heritage group had any plans. To report back at the next meeting.
Action: All Cllrs
2. **Kent Police and Crime Commissioner's Annual Policing Survey** – The Parish Council will put forward their view for increased priority on traffic issues.
Action: Cllr Baldock/Clerk
3. **KCC Consultation – Gypsy Traveller Site Allocation Policy** – Noted.
4. **HGV Width Restrictions.** – Deferred.

7. **Finance**

1. **Costs of Air Quality Monitoring** – 12 volunteers would be required to gather evidence and a councillor with IT experience to collate the information. Cllr Downes proposed and seconded by Cllr Hepburn that £3000 be set aside for air monitoring. Carried unanimously.
2. **To formally agree cost for Planning Consultant for Public Meeting 9 December 2017** – It was agreed to spend £1500 for a planning consultant to attend the public meeting proposed by Cllr Downes and seconded by Cllr Bolas. Agreed by majority, with three abstentions.
3. **Centenary Garden New Benches** – Costs and styles were circulated. The Women's Institute (WI) was concerned that the bench they had provided would be taken away. It is not considered to be cost effective for it to be repaired any further. There will be further consultation with the WI. The Council will not proceed on the benches for Maylum Gardens.
Action: Cllr Harrison/Clerk
4. **Possibility of seeking legal advice on Wises Lane Application** - Cllr Baldock proposed £5000 and seconded by Cllr Downes, which was agreed by majority, with two abstentions.
5. **To authorise cheques raised at the meeting and approve the Accounts** – the cheques were approved and duly signed. It was noted on the advice of the clerk that there are sufficient funds. A bank statement was available for inspection.

Payee	Description	Amount	Cheque
L Fisher	Expenses November/December 2017	52.54	102671
Teynham Construction Ltd	New paving to rear side playground at Borden Pre-School Invoice 2035	11040.00	102672
John England	Playstool Weekly Inspections – November 2017	40.00	102673
Steve Wakeling	Work carried out on bus shelter at Mountview – Invoice 35A - £645.00 Maintenance of Playstool final payment	1182.38	102674

	– Invoice 41A - £382.38 5 Outfield/Cricket cuts – Invoice 41A - £537.38		
Four Jays Group	Toilet Maintenance - Nvoember	86.40	102675
Sittingbourne Christmas Lights Association	Donation	100.00	102676
Mrs A I Smith	Salary and Expenses – December	325.84	102677
HMRC	PAYE Tax	165.20	102678

Other Payments:

Clerk (L Fisher) – Wages December	-	£398.00	Paid by Standing Order
E-On Energy Supply November		£47.13	Paid by Direct Debit
EDF Energy	-	£9.00	Paid by Direct Debit

6. **Broadband for the Parish Hall** – It was decided not to go ahead at this time.
7. **Defibrillator** – It was proposed by Cllr Baldock and seconded by Cllr Bolas to spend up to £500.00 to get the defibrillator situated on the post. Agreed unanimously. The Clerk will contact the electrician, Jon Shannon to make arrangements. South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmb) will be contacted once the defibrillator is installed. Richard Parker has already been contacted in respect of training.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Sims
8. **Picnic Tables for Playstool** – To replace the existing timbers for one table is approximately £500.00. It was agreed to defer for 12 months.

8 **Reports and Minutes from Portfolio Holders and Representatives**

1. Finance – to arrange a meeting in place of the meeting cancelled from December.

Action: Clerk/Cllr Downes
2. KALC – Cllr Sims attended the meeting, which was in relation to planning. He reported that Swale does not have a green belt area. There is a heavy demand on Kent for more housing. Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells have a green belt area and will not be able to fulfil their quota, which will then impact on other towns. 85% of Kent is rural of which 75% is farmland. Although traffic signs have to be authorised by Highways it is possible to get them put in by someone else. The British Legion offers this service. A workshop is being held on 11th January on GDPR. It was suggested that the Clerk and one other person should attend. The Clerk is already booked on it and it was agreed that two other people should attend. Cllrs Sims and Smith volunteered.
3. Borden Sports Association – When there is a busy game cars are allowed to park on the grass area, near the bungalows. However, as soon as the weather turns wet that is stopped which has a knock on effect on Wises Lane. There was a theft of a lawnmower, it was not insured. Any replacement will be kept in alarmed premises.
4. Borden Parish Hall – The floor-cleaning machine has been repaired as the mains cable had a break in it. A good job is being done of maintaining the floor. Two sink taps in the gents, one of which was dripping, have been replaced with lever taps and all of the taps have now been changed to lever operation. The faulty car park light bulb has been replaced. The boiler in the kitchen has been re-pressurised. The trophy cabinet has been put up. Thanks go to the Borden Short Mat Bowls members who made the cabinet and for obtaining funding, which was provided by Mike Baldock and Nicholas Hampshire. The quote for the downward facing projector is £1190.00 fitted.
5. Heritage – Our 2018 programme will start on Thursday 11th January at 11.00am in the Forge (opposite the Maypole Inn) and our President Mrs Helen Allinson will talk to us about the History of Bredgar. Our new initiative of visits to look at a sample of Barrow Trust archives will start in January these visits will be for members only. Visits will be arranged for groups of 8 maximum and will be arranged according to demand. We will start by offering designated

Monday mornings and a member of the trustees will be our guide. If you would like to book your place for your free visit please contact Cllr Harrison. The interpretive board to be displayed in the Street is due to be delivered next month.

9. **To receive and consider resolutions or recommendations in the order of notification** – None.

10. **Planning Applications**

a) 17/505711/HYBRID: Land at Wises Lane, Borden Kent. ME10 1GD

Cllr Sims had chaired the public meeting where 100 to 120 members of the public attended and he gave thanks to all who attended. Comments made were that some of the application goes beyond the local plan and stretches it to the extreme. All previous arguments made in the past are valid. Three key points were the sale of the land, the traffic and pollution that will be generated. The School has no plans to close, but if the development goes ahead a bigger school would be required, although any decision on that would be made by KCC. Cllr Sims proposed that the council object to the application it was seconded by Cllr Harrison and carried unanimously. Cllr Sims will attend the Planning Committee Meeting in this respect.

b) 17/505760/FULL: Redwood House, Wrens Road, Borden, Sittingbourne, Kent. – No comments.

c) 17/505834/PNQCLA: Black Barn, Wrens Road, Borden, Kent ME9 8AL. – It was agreed to object on the grounds that there was insufficient detail in respect of associated operational development and that the land shown on the application is disproportionate for a single dwelling. Proposed by Cllr Sims and seconded by Cllr Hepburn.

d) 17/505970/FULL: 15 Coppins Lane, Borden, Sittingbourne. ME9 8JG – No comments.

e) 17/505970/FULL: Birch Tree Cottage, Maidstone Road, Borden, Sittingbourne. -

11. **Items for Information Only**

1. The Chair thanked Cllr Sims for chairing the public meeting and for organising the Christmas tree lights and all the volunteers that assisted.
2. Cllr Bolas has elevated the issue with litter along Chestnut Street and Danaway to an official complaint to Swale Borough Council.
3. Cllr Bolas has written to Swale Borough Council in respect of pollution, but they have no funding. The monitoring at Ospringe and Newington regularly fails.
4. Cllr Smith commented that gritting seems to be haphazard.
5. Cllr Sims commented that the Parish Council should have a representative on the fete committee.
6. The new noticeboards are being rolled out.
7. Cllr Luxton commented that there was no follow up from the PCSO in respect of his report.

12. **Next Meeting**

Thursday 18 January 2018, commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Barrow Room at Borden Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.