

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL AT 21.00 HOURS ON MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2008

PRESENT: Cllrs: Bearman, Crawford (Chairman), Crowley, Gardner, Gress, Ireland, Mrs. Macdonald, Poole, Mrs. Relf, Shead & Street

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. K Bell (Clerk), Borough Councillor Mrs Holland & approximately 35 residents

APOLOGIES: County Councillor Long and Borough Councillor Rogers

Cllr. Crawford opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

Aware that residents present wished to discuss the License Application which had been submitted by the Hop Farm to TMBC, the PCs Chairman, Peter Crawford, suspended Standing Orders and made an address to those present. Cllr. Crawford stated that the PC was not a Statutory Consultee with regard to licensing applications and that as all members were affected by the licence application, members had declared an interest in the matter. Cllr. Crawford explained that the PC consulted TMBC and KALC for advice on its position and had followed the advice, which had been given. Residents were advised that the Government itself chose not to make PCs Statutory Consultees and furthermore, TMBC was unable to discuss the Licence application with the PC because that would be viewed as soliciting comments, which would be contrary to the applicant's human rights. Whilst that might seem slightly ridiculous, TMBC obtained very clear legal advice on this issue. Residents were also informed that the PC had been asked to hold a Special Meeting but the advice received was that as the PC was not a Statutory Consultee by holding a Special Meeting it could be considered that the PC actions would be Ultra Vires and that the PCs actions could be regarded as soliciting comments contrary to the applicant's human rights. The residents were advised that the PC was deeply concerned about the impact any activity held at The Hop Farm had on the village. The residents appreciated and understood the PCs position on this matter and an exchange of views took place. Following which it was agreed that clarification would be sought on the following points:

- TMBC would be asked to provide further clarification on the Parish Councils position.
- TMBC would be asked to clarify the Appeal Procedures should The Hop Farm lodge an appeal against their refusal to grant a Licence in respect of a festival to be held in July 2009.
- TMBC would be asked to clarify the rights of residents and the PC at any appeal hearing.

It was noted that the PC would not be attending any liaison meeting at The Hop Farm until after the conclusion of the Licensing matter.

1. **Declarations of Interests** - The following interests were declared:
Item 5f, Cllrs. Crowley, Gress and Ireland, item 5h Cllrs. Crowley and Gress and item 8c, Cllr. Street

2. **Borough Councillors Report**

Mrs Holland was invited to speak; she drew attention to the following:

- She questioned why the PC was reviewing its Streetlight maintenance contractor and was informed that the current contractor, EDF Energy had carried out a strategic review of its business operations and had decided that with effect from 31 March 2009 it would no longer provide maintenance to footway lighting.
- Mrs Holland expressed her disappointment and dissatisfaction with the PCs response to the Licence application, which had been submitted by the Hop Farm.
- TMBC had £1million tied up in Icelandic banks and it was possible that some cut backs to TMBC services would be made. There was the possibility that capital grants would be awarded every two years rather than annually.

3. **Parish Council**

a. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2008**

Following a discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting, which had been copied to members be approved and signed by the Chairman.

b. **Matters Arising**

Minute 3b, Community Payback Scheme

It was reported that Cllr Crawford and the Clerk together with representatives from the Scout Group and Playing Field Company would be meeting with a representative from Kent Probation Service on 21 November to discuss the village projects, which had been referred to the Community Payback Scheme.

Minute 3b, Nat West Bank

In the absence of no new information a further complaint had been sent to Nat West who had issued an assurance that the matter was being dealt with by the Interests Recalculations Department.

Minute 3b, Charlton Athletic: Community Event to attend a Football Match

It was reported that the event had been cancelled due to a lack of interest. It might be possible to reschedule the event in the New Year.

Minute 3f, East Peckham War Memorial Renovation

It was reported that the Diocese had responded but were unhappy with the proposals to fix bronze plaques to the War Memorial. The Clerk had written to the Diocese and enclosed full details and photographs of the planned works in the hope that the Diocese might reconsider. It was also noted that the Clerk had asked Burlite War Memorial Restoration Ltd to suggest alternative renovation works

Minute 5d (ii), COMMA Grant

It was reported that a funding application for £7,500 had been submitted. It was noted that the application had been submitted to ACRK for short listing prior to the application being forwarded to ACRE

Minute 8g, Renewal of Data Protection Registration

It was reported that the ICO had confirmed the Data Protection renewal.

Minute 11b (i), Footpath 625 & 629

It was reported that the landowner had not yet responded

Minute 11b (iii), Maintenance of the Coult Stream

It was reported that the EA had inspected the entire length of the Coult Stream and had made the following observations:

- In some places weed was still growing but it was not enough to cause a problem.
- The stream was not blocked or choked.
- One bank had been left untouched in many places and the EA would try to leave 20% aquatic weed untouched for conservation and wildlife habitat.
- The Smithers Lane area is to be cut back.
- There were a few minor obstructions between Hale Street and the village, which would be cleared.
- Weed and debris cleared from the channel upstream of Cotman Way had been left on the slope of the channel and this would be removed shortly.

c. Village CCTV: To receive an update

Cllr. Poole reported that the faults to the CCTV system at the Sports Hall had been rectified under guarantee.

d. Installation of Village Bus Shelters

An application had been submitted to KCC for a S50 Licence and subject to the licence being obtained, the bus shelters would be installed during late November.

e. 2008 Remembrance Service

Attention was drawn to the following:

- In July the Clerk wrote to all village uniformed youth organisations asking if they would like to nominate older members of their groups to read the names at the Remembrance Service and that whilst two names were put forward by the Scout Group no response was received from anyone else.
- The Primary School was asked if any of the older pupils would like to read the names and four delightful girls volunteered.
- About 3 – 4 weeks prior to the Remembrance Service the Clerk approached the village ministers to see if they would like to nominate people to read the names so that the task would not be too onerous for the primary school pupils.
- At that stage the Girls Brigade became unhappy and it was claimed that they did not receive the letter, which was sent in July.
- Ten days before Remembrance Sunday the Clerk took a telephone call from the Methodist Minister who having consulted the village ministers found that it was too late for them to nominate anyone from their congregations and the opinion was expressed that they were unsure if the year 6 pupils would have strong enough voices. The view was also expressed that some members of the community would prefer the Chairman of the Council to read the names.
- At this stage Cllr. Crawford agreed to read the names.
- The four year six girls read the names at the School Assembly.
- Cllrs. Crawford, Mrs Relf and the Clerk were thanked for their efforts and Cllr. Shead agreed that he would try and coordinate next years reading of the names.

f. Christmas Festivities

Following a discussion, the following were confirmed:

01.12.08		The Christmas lights and Christmas tree would be switched on. The Christmas tree would be erected in The Pound (subject to KCC approval)
08.12.08	6.30 p.m.	Christmas songs with music for the children around the Christmas tree. The children would receive a bag of gold coins or something similar.
	8.00 p.m.	Christmas songs and carols around the village Christmas tree accompanied by the East Peckham Silver Band and the Street Singers
	7.30 p.m.	Refreshments available for invited guests in the Merry Boys Public House until 9.30 p.m.

Following a discussion, the following were **RESOLVED**:

- (ii) Refreshments would consist of a bar tab at the Merry Boys and mince pies.
- (iii) The 2007 guest list would form the basis of the 2008 guest list and members would advise the Clerk if they wished other persons to be invited.
- (iv) An application would be made to TMBC for a Street Collection License in aid of the Hospice in the Weald.

4. **Planning Committee:** Minutes of the meetings held on 20 October 08 and 03 November 08
RESOLVED: That the minutes which had been copied to members be **RECEIVED, NOTED & APPROVED**

5. **Groups & Organisations**

Reports were received as follows

a. **Community & Police Working Group**

Attention was drawn to the following:

- The next meeting would be held on 11 December 2008.
- The former Community Warden, Chloe Brooks had expressed her gratitude to the PC for the kind words expressed following her resignation.
- KCC had issued an assurance that the village would be adequately covered until a permanent Community Warden had been appointed and trained.

b. **Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership (Formerly Tonbridge & Malling Crime Reduction Partnership)**

Cllr Street reported and drew attention to the following:

- The next meeting would be held on 24 November 08.
- The T & M area had one of the lowest crime rates countrywide and East Peckham specifically was one of the safest places in the UK in which to reside.

c. **Parish Plan**

Cllr Street reported and drew attention to the following:

- Good progress was being made.
- He would be emailing members and the clerk with the requirements needed for their individual reports, which would then be included in the Parish Plan.

d. **Youth Panel**

Cllrs. Mrs Relf and Mrs Macdonald reported and drew attention to the following:

- They were collecting brochures of equipment, which was available for all ages. .
- More equipment was required for the older children
- They were looking at the possibilities of a fitness trail for the village.

e. **East Peckham Primary School**

Cllr Mrs Macdonald reported that the new head teacher Lorraine Wickens would be taking up her post in January 09 and that the school community looked forward to her joining the school.

f. **East Peckham Playing Fields Company**

(i) **2008/09 PC Grant: Information as at 31.10.08**

The information, which had been prepared by the Clerk and copied to members, was **APPROVED**. It was noted that the position was:

2008/09 Grant	£11,330
Less Expenditure	£6,262
Less adjustment in lieu of rent	£1
Balance of 08/09 grant	£5,067

(ii) **Report from representative from the EPPFC**

A statement of the accounts for 08/09 was provided, summarised as:

Balance at 31.03.08	Credit Account	£9,850
	Deposit Account	£20,066
2008/09 Income at 31.10.08		£8,862
2008/09 Expenditure at 31.10.08		£7,285
Deposit Account Interest		£236
Balance at 31.10.08	Credit Account	£11,427
	Deposit Account	£20,302

g. KALC: Report of AGM held on 08 November 08

Cllrs. Crowley and Gress reported that they had attended the meeting and drew attention to the following:

- There were two interesting guest speakers who discussed the Roles of the EA and that of a PCSO.
- The following motions were approved and KALC would lobby the appropriate agencies/authorities:
 - For effective controls to reduce the pollution and noise levels throughout the county caused by an increase in freight traffic and developments
 - For Section 106 Agreements for Local Town and Parish Councils to be more meaningful.
 - For Kent Police to be urged to reduce the speed at which warning letters were sent to motorists observed by Speedwatch teams (currently 38 mph).
 - For the Audit Commission to be consulted regarding the bringing forward of the signing off date for accounts. It was felt that a signing off date of no earlier than 31 July was appropriate for Parish Councils.
 - For the relaxation of the rules which prohibited local councils utilising unapplied capital reserves for revenue purposes

h. Allotments

Cllr. Gardner reported and drew attention to the following:

- There were no vacant plots.
- All allotment rents had been paid for 2008/09.
- The allotment holders had gratefully received the new fencing.
- Requests had been for a third water point and a shed/container store.

Following a discussion it was:

- RESOLVED:** That the following issues would be discussed at the next meeting
- Shed or container store
 - As there were no vacant allotment plots an 'Adopt a Garden Scheme' would be discussed whereby those wanting an allotment could be matched up with an elderly or disabled resident who was unable to do their own gardening.

6. TMBC

a. 2009 Summer Playscheme

It was reported that a letter had been received from TMBC asking for the PC to confirm its financial support of the fourth week of the playscheme. It had been estimated that the cost of doing so would be £973.83. Following a discussion it was, proposed by Cllr. Crawford, seconded by Cllr. Crowley and:

RESOLVED: That the PC would fund the fourth week of the 2009 play scheme
Members made the observation that the PCs contribution was in respect of the play scheme as a whole.

b. Christmas Tree Recycling arrangements for 2008

It was reported that following the expansion of the green waste service to over 44,000 properties most households could have their real Christmas trees composted through their green-lidded bin services, and, therefore TMBC would no longer operate a separate service for collecting Christmas Trees. Households would be advised that they could use the green-lidded bin for Christmas trees in the next edition of TMBCs magazine 'Here and Now' and stickers would also be placed on the green-lidded bins. It was noted that for the small minority of households who did not have a green-lidded bin they could compost their tree by taking it to the nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre or if contained within the black bin the tree may be disposed of through the regular collection service. It was further noted that should trees be fly tipped at the previously used collection points TMBC would arrange for them to be collected and where possible composted.

c. Draft Housing Allocations Scheme (Consultation)

It was reported that from April 2009, TMBC would be changing the way in which it offered available homes provided by their housing association partners through a Kent wide Choice Based Letting Scheme (Kent Homechoice). The new scheme would mean that people on Tonbridge & Malling's Housing register would be given more choice in where they wanted to live. Under the choice based lettings scheme properties would be advertised fortnightly and people on the housing register would be invited to put their names forward for any suitable homes for which they wished to be considered. At the end of the bidding period, properties would be allocated to the bidder who had the highest priority. It was noted that the PC had been invited to comment upon the proposed changes. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the PC welcomed the proposed changes.

7. Communities & Local Government

a. The making and enforcement of byelaws consultation

The document was circulated to members and perused with much interest. Having considered the contents of the document in great detail, it was:

RESOLVED: That although the document was noted with interest no comments would be submitted.

The document was passed to Cllr. Poole

b. Communities in Control: Real people, real power: Codes of conduct of local authority members and employees

The consultation documentation was received with interest. It was:

RESOLVED: That the document would be circulated to members and discussed at the next meeting.

8. Finance

a. Bank Reconciliation as at 31.10.08

The information, which had been prepared by the Clerk & copied to members, was **APPROVED**. It was noted that as at 31.10.08 the balances held were; Current Account £250, Reserve Account £77,596 and Capital Account £13,787.

b. 2009/10: Consideration of budgetary requirements

(i) Village Sign: Renovation works as possible project

Following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED: That a quotation would be obtained in respect the cleaning, gilding and painting of the Village Sign. Subject to member's approval, provisions would then be made within the 2009/10 budget.

(ii) **Village & Churchyard Grounds Maintenance**

It was reported that 4 quotations had been received with details as follows:

Kent County Council, Landscape Services

Village	£463	
Churchyard	£1,936	TOTAL £2,399

Peek Landscaping (Known contractor, installed allotment fencing)

Village	£810	
Churchyard	£2,340	TOTAL £3,150

Headland Garden Services (Current Contractor, also carried out maintenance at St Michaels)

Village	£890	
Churchyard	£2,520	TOTAL £3,410

KK Garden Construction Ltd (Former Contractor)

Village	£990	
Churchyard	£3,160	TOTAL £4,150

Notes:

1. 2008/09 TMBC grant was £2,669 in respect of Holy Trinity
2. 2008/09 accepted quotation was £2,400 in respect of Holy Trinity
3. 2008/098 accepted quotation was £850 in respect of the village crosscutting.
3. Total contract price for 2008/09 was £3,250

The quotations were considered carefully, following which, it was proposed by Cllr. Crawford, seconded by Cllr. Crowley and:

RESOLVED: That the 2009/10 Village and Churchyard Grounds Maintenance Contract would be offered to Headland Garden Services.

(iii) **2009/10 Footway Lighting Maintenance**

It was reported that only two quotations had been received but that more were expected. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the matter would be considered at the next meeting.

c. **To consider financial donations in respect of the following:**

(i) **T & M Crime Prevention Panel (For further consideration)**

It was reported that further information had been received regarding the funding of the T & M Crime Prevention Panel and attention was drawn to the following:

- The panel was funded through a number of different sources the main ones being TMBC, KCC Community Wardens and the Kent Police Property Fund.
- Additional funding would allow the panel to purchase further crime prevention items such as purse chains.
- It was hoped that any fund raised would allow the Panel to distribute crime prevention items in East Peckham through running a crime prevention roadshow in the village

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Crawford, seconded by Cllr. Crowley and:

RESOLVED: That the PC would make available a donation of £50.

(ii) **2008 Poppy Appeal**

Members were advised that recent donations to the Annual Appeal were as follows:

2007/08 £80 2006/07 £75 2005/06 75 2004/05 £75

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Crawford, seconded by Cllr. Ireland and:

RESOLVED: That the 2008/09 PC contribution towards the Annual Appeal would be £90.

d. **2008 Christmas Lights**

It was reported that donations from the village business community as at 14 November 2008 were as follows:

The Hop Farm	£250.00
J Clubb Ltd	£100.00
Woodlands Health Centre	£50.00
Suite Creative Ltd	£25.00
Gallery 136	£20.00
Mr D Ridley (Village Stores)	£50.00
Brookside Garden Centre	£50.00
Total as at 14.11.08	£545.00

It was further noted that the budget available for the 2008 Christmas Lights and festivities was therefore as follows:

Donations from businesses	£545.00
Plus TMBC Grant	£560.00
Plus PC Grant	£2,000.00
Total	£3,105.00

Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the available budget would be used to fund the following:

- Festive events being held on 08 December 08
- Village Christmas Tree
- Lights for Village Christmas Tree
- Electrical work, electric supply, dismantling and removal to store of the Christmas motifs and Christmas lights

e. **Village of the Year: Prize fund expenditure**

It was reported that the prize fund expenditure totalled £500 and consisted of the prizes won in the 2007 & 2008 Village of the Year Competitions. In the absence of any further response from the Gardeners Association, the Clerk had obtained a quotation of £340 from Peek Landscaping in respect of the replanting of the PC owned grassed area at The Pound. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Poole, seconded by Cllr. Gardner and:

RESOLVED: That the quotation would be accepted. It was further agreed that plants totalling £250 could be purchased for the project with the additional costs of £90 being met from the Contingency Fund.

f. **Financial Transactions:** The following transactions were **APPROVED**

Receipts

Oct 08	(S26) Allotment receipts	£40.50
Oct/Nov 08	(S111/144/142) Christmas festivities donations From village businesses	£545.00
TOTAL		£585.50

Automated payments

06.1008	(S19) *EDF Energy Sports Hall Electric Supply 08/09	£11.00
22.10.08	(S19) *British Gas Sports Hall Gas Supply 2008/09	£102.00
Total		£113.00

Cheque Payments (includes VAT where applicable)

Mrs. K Bell	(S112) Clerks Salary – Nov 08	£1,170.18 Chq 2860/ Plus backdated pay & expenses less Deductions	2862
KALC	(S111/112) AGM Members expenses	£17.00 Chq 2861	
EDF Energy	(S10) Streetlight Maintce. 08/09	£350.76 Chq 2863	
Headland Garden Services	(S124/111/101) 2008/09 Village & Holy Trinity Churchyard Maintenance	£406.25 Chq 2864	
Sweepclean (Kent) Ltd	(S137) Litter Clear – October 08	£88.13 Chq 2865	
Kent Grassland Svcs	(S19) * 08/09 Playing Field Maintce.	£646.25 Chq 2866	
KCC	(S111) Parish Office supplies	£81.23	
	(S19) * Sports Hall supplies	£60.16	£141.39 Chq 2867
Total Building Care	(S19) Sports Hall repairs (final invoice)		£1,418.44 Chq 2868
Audit Commission	(S111) 07/08 Audit Fee		£646.25 Chq 2869
TOTAL			£4,884.65

*Denotes charged to the Sports Hall PC Grant for 2008/09

9. **Correspondence**

It was reported that the following items **HAD BEEN RECEIVED:**

- a. DisExtra: Issues 694 (13.10.08) and 695 (27.10.08)
- b. Local Gov.co.uk: e bulletins dated 13.10.08, 15.10.08, 17.10.08, 23.10.08, 30.10.08 and 06.11.08
- c. Kent Association of Local Councils
 - (I) Consultation alerts regarding Codes of Conduct of local authority members and employees and The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws
 - (II) Notice of 61st AGM held on 08 November 08
 - (III) Minutes of Area Committee held on 18 September 08 (Passed to Cllrs. Crawford & Crowley)
 - (IV) Invitation to Clive Powell's Farewell on 17 December 08
- d. Product & Service Information:
 - (i) Cards for Good Causes
 - (ii) Green-tech: Environmental Products
 - (iii) Proludic: Play equipment (Passed to Cllrs. Crowley & Gress)
- e. KCC: TS Alerts (Forwarded to members via email)

- f. TMBC
 - (i) Summary of Accounts and Review of 2007/08 (2 copies)
 - (ii) Agenda in respect of the meeting of the PPP held on 13 November 08
- g. Government Computing Magazine (November 08): Passed to Cllr Poole
- h. SLCC
 - (i) Membership Survey
 - (ii) The Clerk (November 08)
- h. Local Councils Update
- i. Kent TV Launch: What's on TV Service for Kent
- j. The Office of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent: Advance notice of Annual Civic Service
- k. The Dogs Trust: Promotional material (Passed to Cllr. Poole (website), Mr de Coverly (Parish Magazine), library and placed on notice boards
- l. NALC
 - (i) 2008 conference Information
 - (ii) Local Council Review (November 08)
- m. Clerks & Councils Direct (November 08)
- n. Local Councils Update (November 08)
- o. CPRE
 - (i) Countryside Voice (Autumn 2008)
 - (ii) Stop the Drop: The Big Tidy Up (Promotional Material)

10. Matters for future Discussion: To receive information

Attention was drawn to the following:

- **Brookside Roundabout**
In order to improve the sightlines, KHS would be informed that the trees needed culling once again.
- **Hatches Lane**
Problems with the footpaths. KCC PROW would be asked to investigate.
- Members expressed their disappointment and took exception to the comments expressed earlier in the meeting by Borough Councillor Mrs Holland. As one of the Borough Councillors for the village, it was felt that Mrs Holland rather than criticising the PC should have been offering support and advice to both the PC and the village residents.
- **Draft Minutes**
Councillor Poole suggested that the PC might have made a knee jerk reaction in agreeing at an earlier meeting not to publish draft minutes on the website and asked for the matter to be revisited at a future meeting.

- **2009 Annual Meeting – Guest Speaker**
Cllr. Crawford suggested that representatives from TMBC Environmental Health department be invited to be the guest speakers and address the assembly on issues such as waste collection, composting, bash the trash and the street monitor scheme.
- **Water Fountain**
Cllr. Mrs Macdonald asked if the PC could consider at some time in the future the possibility of installing a water fountain on the Sports Hall. Cllr. Mrs Macdonald was advised that this matter had been discussed in the past and that there were several logistical problems, however it was an issue that could be revisited at some future point.
- **Streetlight**
A faulty streetlight was reported in Henham Gardens. The matter would be referred to EDF Energy.
- **Hale Street – Tarmac Works**
It was reported that the works were due to be completed by 21 November 08.
- **Overflowing Bins**
Attention was drawn to overflowing bins at St Michaels and off Pound Road (Co-op). TMBC would be informed.
- **Broadband Facility**
Councillor Poole suggested that the PCs office be updated with the installation of a Broadband with a wireless hotspot which could not only be used in the PCs office but the facility would be available in the meeting rooms and would be accessible by the community.

11. **Parishioners Question Time**

- a. **The following items of correspondence from residents were considered:**
- (i) **Litter bins situated at the corner of Westwood Road/Addlestead Road and near Golding Gardens**
It was reported that requests had been received from residents requesting the removal of litterbins situated near Golding Gardens and at the corner of Westwood Road with Addlestead Road. The Golding Gardens litterbin had been used recently as a 'stepping stone' in order for someone to gain access to and burgle a garden shed. The litterbin at the corner of Westwood Road with Addlestead Road was being used but a resident was dissatisfied with its location. The Clerk had asked TMBC to comment and had been advised that the litterbins were all being used to varying degrees. TMBC had further advised that TMBC were of the opinion that there were no other locations for the bins and unless the PC could find alternative safe locations without causing obstruction the only option would be to remove the bins. TMBC had also stressed that any new sites would need to be evaluated to ensure the safety of the public when using the bins prior to installation. TMBC also advised that the PCSO had requested the replacement of the litterbin in Golding Gardens with a dog bin. Following a discussion, it was **AGREED** that
 - With regard to the litterbin near Golding Gardens, TMBC would be asked to remove it. It was noted that the PC was not agreeable to it being replaced with a dog bin, as the criminal element would use that as much as a litter bin.

- With regard to the litterbin at the corner of Westwood Road with Addlestead Road it was agreed that as the litterbin was being used it would remain in place with the bins usage being monitored together with the area for flytipping.

(ii) **Crossing at Whitebine Gardens with Footpath**

It was reported that a resident had contacted the PC to express his concern that vehicles consistently obstructed the crossing of Whitebine Gardens with Footpath 539. The Clerk informed members the matter had been referred to TMBC who had speedily arranged for white bar markings to be painted on the road, which would, hopefully, deter motorists from parking across the footpath crossing.

(iii) **PROW Smithers Lane to Stoneham Lock**

It was reported that a resident had contacted the PC seeking clarification on the preferred legitimate and safest route between the PROW between Smithers Lane to Stoneham Lock. The Clerk informed members that the matter had been referred to KCC PROW who had responded by inspecting the footpath, which identified that the following works were required:

- A new waymarker post would be installed
- Removal of the remains of the old stile which would be replaced with a kissing gate
- Vegetation would be cut back
- Holes would be infilled

b. **Parishioners Questions**

Hale Street

Residents expressed their concerns regarding Hale Street, which included the use of the road by HGVs, speed, redundant signs etc. The residents were asked to compile a dossier of their concerns, which the Clerk would forward to KHS for their comment and action.

By Pass

Residents asked if sound barriers could be installed along the entire length of the By Pass. The matter would be referred to KHS. A resident also asked if clarification could be obtained from KHS regarding the surface drainage policy for the bypass.

The Hop Farm

Attention was drawn to 'Whites Restaurant' where it was believed that some internal alterations had been carried out to the listed building. The matter would be referred to TMBC's planners.

12. **Date of Next Meeting:** 15 December 2008

In Committee

13. **Clerks Salary: Consideration of NALC approved Salary Scales for 2008/09**

Due to the lateness of the meeting, it was **RESOLVED** that the item would be considered at the next meeting.

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 22.30 hours.