

**BRABOURNE PARISH COUNCIL
SMEETH PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Councils
Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 5th February 2019
At Brabourne Baptist Church**

1. Present

Cllr Herrick (Chairman, Smeeth Parish Council), Cllr Hickmott (Chairman, Brabourne Parish Council), Cllr Mrs Alford, Cllr Mrs Morey, Cllr Mrs Nyssens, Cllrs Thorpe, MacPhee and Mayland, and Mrs Wood (Clerk).

Cllr Herrick took the Chair.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Tanner, Cllr Mrs Pereboom and Cllr Spokes (prior commitments).

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4. Village confines

The village confines map proposed by ABC was tabled with 2 amendments:

- The confines should include land to the rear of properties in Lees Road near the Plough
- Properties on Plain Road beyond Pound Lane should be included.

Cllr Mrs Nyssens asked why Pemsey Farm had not been included; Cllr Herrick replied that the confines arise from Policy HOU5 in the Local Plan and delineate areas within which ABC would likely approve planning applications – applications in areas outside the confines are less likely to be approved.

Cllr Mrs Alford queried the inclusion of properties in Plain Road [second bullet point above] when they had been omitted by ABC. Cllr Herrick stated that this was because they are continuous with others along Plain Road, with no gap between the properties. This is unlike homes in The Ridgeway, omitted because there is a natural break at the playing field and the farmland opposite. Consideration had also been given to extending the confines along Canterbury Road on the eastern side, but ruled out.

Cllr Hickmott noted that planning officers want to keep the confines tight, hence the line was drawn tightly to existing properties.

Cllr Mrs Morey asked if the confines are restricted to the 30mph speed restricted area, and how do they tally with the existing village envelope. Cllr Herrick advised that the village envelope was a written definition, it is thought that the confines map will assist a written definition.

Cllr Herrick asked councillors if they agreed with the red line drawn by ABC and the amendments (drawn in blue). When agreed the map will be submitted to ABC, by the deadline of 11th February 2019. The Clerk noted that the draft map had been publicised on the websites and social media, and comments invited.

Cllr Mrs Morey stated that the confines exercise had been discussed at the Ashford Area Committee meeting of KALC, but without going into detail.

Cllr Mrs Morey and Cllr MacPhee also queried the omission of the Church Road site from the confines given that it is in the Local Plan [S38]; Cllr Mrs Morey recommended that the site be included. Cllr Herrick agreed that the omission was an anomaly of the planning system. Cllr Hickmott noted that the Local Plan had not yet been adopted and no decision made on the planning application, but it was unknown why the site had been omitted.

Cllr MacPhee agreed with the draft confines map as amended.

It was proposed that the draft confines map as amended be submitted to ABC.

Resolved:

That the draft confines map as amended be submitted to ABC.

The map will be uploaded to the website, social media and placed on the noticeboard.

It is unknown if ABC will agree the amendments or add the Church Road site.

Cllr Herrick noted that the map will be used as a tool to help make planning decisions. The Clerk advised that the confines would be reviewed and subject to change over time.

Cllr Herrick noted that the Abbottsfield site was excluded [18/00985/AS].

Cllr Mayland asked why East Brabourne was not included in the exercise; the Clerk advised that it was not recognised as a 'settlement', the village confines exercise being only for settlements listed in HOU5.

Cllr Thorpe noted the omission of the new properties in Calland.

Cllr Herrick reiterated that the confines would evolve over the coming years.

5. Any Other Business

There was no Other Business.

6. Dates of future meetings

Smeeth Parish Council: Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.00pm in Brabourne Baptist Church

Brabourne Parish Council: Monday 18th March at 7.00pm in Brabourne Village Hall

Joint Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 20th March at 7.00pm in Brabourne Baptist Church.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.