

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 1 July 2002 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans,
M Stone, M Taylor.
Apologies: Cllr B Hughes. C.Cllr Mrs V Dagger

There was one member of the public in attendance

There were no declarations of interest.

30. **Minutes** of the meeting 10 June 2002 were signed as a true record.

31. **Matters Arising**

17a.5.162 Chairman and Cllr Taylor met with Mr Stephens who is now proceeding with the design of the websites. Representatives of local organisations are supportive and the community website should be operative by 1 August 2002. Cllr Taylor will advertise it in 'The Voice'.

18. 24/26 Western Road. Chairman read the PC's comments made to T&MBC subsequent to the last meeting. A letter received from Cliveden Estates was read. Councillors agreed to stand by their previous comments as they have deep concerns about the height of the proposed building and its general façade. Await full application.

32. **Planning Matters**

TM/02/0454 11no houses & 1no flat, amended scheme & parking beat survey - Red Lion PH, Sevenoaks Rd. Objections: 1. Over-intensification of site, overbearing and out-of-keeping with surrounding properties. 2. Extreme concern about sight lines. 3. All areas of parking beat survey are disputed.

TM/02/0547 9no dwellings & footpath link, revised plans - 21/25 Sevenoaks Road. Concern about proposed line of the footpath: in the interest of public safety, it is recommended that the 'dog-leg' is removed. Concern about shared vehicular and pedestrian use of a section of the path.

TM/02/1495 Extension and conservatory – 144 Maidstone Road. As plans had been lost in the post, agreed to request an extension of time. Further agreed to delegate consideration of this application to Chairman and one other Councillor if it is non-controversial.

Decisions

TM/02/0742 Extension - 67 Sevenoaks Road. Permission granted.

TM/02/0886 Extension - 34 McDermott Road. Permission granted.

33. **Correspondence**

Noted:

CPRE - Planning Update. Meeting & Newsletter

T&MBC - Response re DTLR consultation paper: Local Investigation & Determination of Misconduct Allegations

SE Rural Towns Partnership - Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund minutes

Kent Rural Towns Group - Newsletter

Orbit Transport Solutions Around London - newsletter. Chairman outlined some of the proposals which were noted.

T&MBC - Joint Transportation Board minutes

Victim Support West Kent - AGM

KCC - Annual Plan 2002/03

KRCC - Rural News

T&MBC - 'Spotlight' Performance Plan 2002/03

Mercury FM - advertising facility.

Countryside Agency - Publications: Vital Villages Update & Crime and Disorder Act Guidebook. Chairman has contacted the Agency's 'Vital Villages' representative who will now supply further information.

BG Chamber of Commerce - Having expressed disappointment with the quality of the fireworks, the Jubilee Cttee. received a £25 refund which was passed on to the PC.

Action

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There then followed the period for public consultation.

Concern was expressed about lack of speed restriction repeater signs along the A25. Chairman advised that Borough Green and Platt Parish Councils are investigating the possibility of purchasing additional signs. Cllr D Evans gave further information.

T&MBC will be advised of extremely untidy area around waste recycling bins, Borough Green Station car park.

34. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**

A KCC bypass meeting is scheduled for 19 July. County Cllr. Mrs Dagger will update the Parish Council as soon as possible. A letter and plans from Babbie re. the proposed goods vehicle management scheme were received. Agreed that Cllr Taylor will draft the Parish Council's reply for approval by Chairman.

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35. **Vacancy BGPC**

Agreed for consideration at the next meeting.

36. **Recreation Ground**

Woodland walk: Copies of a breakdown of part (£2750) of the estimate already received from Medway River Project were given to all Cllrs. Noted that MRP is now unable to undertake the actual construction of the paths: a revised specification for this element and a budget price of £3413 for the lower path only were received. Chairman proposed that the breakdown/estimate from MRP in the sum of £2750 be accepted and that 3 competitive prices for the path construction be obtained. Agreed

Rating liability: Following extensive investigations into various options to deal with this liability, Chairman proposed that the charge be paid each year, rather than setting up a Sports Association. Agreed, in order that the PC retains complete control over the land.

Entrance Gates: F P Caine Ltd has been requested to carry out urgent repair works to coping stones of pillars. Agreed.

37. **Potters Mede**

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Strimmer: A new strimmer has been purchased from Kidmans as the existing had become unserviceable. Agreed.

Field: Noted that the grass is extremely long and looking very unkempt. Clerk will contact Landscape Services as a matter of urgency.

Car Park barrier: This has been demolished. Chairman proposed that Chirnside Engineering be instructed to carry out repair/replacement.

38. **Committee Reports**

Highways, Footpaths & Street Lighting: Cllr Taylor had sent all Cllrs a copy of a proposal for a new footpath link Fairfield Rd/Station Approach. Agreed to refer the proposal to T&MBC as it would be of great benefit to many people.

Chairman has spoken to T&MBC about blocked gullies and channels across the footways of the High Street. Await response.

Repairs are required to the footpath, Staleys Road.

BGVHMC: Chairman and Cllr Taylor met with BGVH representatives to discuss the 'Drop-In Centre': an Architect has been engaged and meetings held with T&MBC and the Fire Safety Officer.

Men of Trees: No report.

Quarries Liaison: No report.

BMPOS: No report.

Village Twinning: No report.

39. **Cheques for signature**

Auto-Pay

£663.01 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/6– 30/6/02

£787.36 H Damiral – Clerk June 2002

£528.20 W Austin – Caretaker/Groundsman 1/6– 30/6/02

£164.87 Seeboard – Street Lighting Supply, June 2002

£212.81 Seeboard – Street Lighting Maintenance – July 2002

£462.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede July 2002

£50.00 T&MBC - Rates, Rec.Ground Pavilion July 2002

£51.06 Kent Aluminium - Equipment/materials P.Mede, Rec.Gd & Western Rd Planter

£293.75 Castle Marquees - Hire of Potaloos, Jubilee Picnic

£66.94 Neat Ideas - Office Supplies

£1057.50 How Green Nursery - Supply & Installation of Hanging Baskets

£3046.28 Zurich Municipal - Annual Insurance

Substantial increase in insurance premium noted. Clerk advised of explanation from Zurich: all Councils are having to bear the cost of increased claims.

Cllr Taylor proposed that the above cheques be paid. Seconded by Cllr Dolton. Agreed.

40. **Resolved to enter into committee**

A request from the Assistant Groundsman to work an additional 6hrs/wk on a Thursday, as he no longer attends Compaid, was received. Request agreed on a temporary, extra time basis only. Current rate of pay to be applied.