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Minutes of the Meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held in Borough Green Village Hall on Monday 11th October 2021 starting at 1935. The meeting was recorded to ensure the accuracy of the minutes

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Cllrs Shaw, Wray, Perry, Redrup, Ramsden, Millener, Simpson, Crawley, & the Clerk. Cllr Rayner (KCC) was present, and no Members of the Public .

112 **Apologies for Absence** Cllr Reading, Cllr Palmer
Notice of Vacancy awaited from Monitoring Officer

113 **Declarations of Interest** None

114 **Minutes of the meeting 6th September 2021 Agreed**

115 **Matters Arising** from those minutes

Cllr Redrup asked:

Was there any feedback from the Tree Officer re 4 Monckton Rd - No contact

Progress on Hazelbourne Gate - Chairman seeking response from Crest

Clerk clarified that the new Electric van lease cost would be £454 per month

Whilst the Council had requested a Local Plan visit by TMBC Officers, it was decided there was little value, particularly in the light of Cllr Rayner's report

116 **Submissions by County Member**

Cllr Rayner delivered a detailed account of a meeting between Wrotham PC and Cllr Lettington TMBC Cabinet Member for Planning (see Appendix 1)

Cllr Rayner is still trying to establish why the KCC promise to resurface the A25 "in the Spring" had not been delivered. He will also attend when members of the PC meet Richard Emmett and Claire Venner from Highways to discuss all the outstanding issues. There was some discussion about Highway Safety at Wrotham Sec School, and the Council agreed to support Wrotham PC.

117 **Planning Matters** to hand

(i) To note Planning Notices as circulated

(ii) Current applications and responses circulated

TM/21/02230/LDP Rhoslan 103 Maidstone Road LDC dormer extension , additional bedroom

TM/21/02285/LDP 37 Annetts Hall LDC demolition of outbuilding and a new single storey rear extension

TM/21/02479/PDVOR Unit 3 The Chaplin 1 bedroom apartment, Change of Use? awaiting Officer response.

TM/21/01984/FL 30 Lingfield Rd Replacement of roof, windows and doors to rear extension

TM/21/02088/FL 40 Normanhurst Road Convert garage to room, single storey rear ext and porch

TM/21/02132/FL Falhalla 165 Maidstone demolition of garage and store with rear extension

TM/21/02187/FL 14 Wye Road Single storey rear extension and convert garage to a

TM/21/02076/FL 115 Fairfield Road Single storey rear extension

NO OBSERVATIONS on any application

(iii) To note Arcus Solar Farm, Stangate project. Cllr Perry noted this was a continuation of Stangate being used as an offset to the second Allington Incinerator. BGPC would monitor progress

118 **Potters Mede**

(i) To consider quote for wild flower seeding ongoing

(ii) Mower - upgrade prices and model details being researched

119 Recreation Ground

(i) Play Area Revamp - Clerk reported that we were very close to the target value. If other pledges and grants took that over that value, we would look at CCTV and Security lighting. Prop Cllr Simpson, Sec Cllr Redrup - AGREED

Eibe's contractor is scheduled to start 1st November for 3-4 weeks and residents need to be notified in advance. There was some discussion about timing of the old fence removal, and Heras installation. There was some discussion about an Opening Ceremony. The table top sale 25 Sept grossed £1207 plus two donations of £100 from Kings and Hillier Reynolds **£1407**

(ii) To note damaged swing seat removed

120 Village Enhancements

(i) IQE Mrs Win Miles Bulb Planting, several visits, most recent being by Borough Green Cubs this evening. Thanks to the Cubs, Cllr Millener, the Chair, Joe Haime and Barry Glew

(ii) Platt Gateway replacement AONB Sign - in hand

(iii) Remembrance Sunday - wreath laying 14 November 10am - noted

(vi) 3x timber Planters @ £70 each, Agreed KCC/TMBC/Utilities Permit - Chair to progress

(v) Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations Cllr Reading has volunteered to lead. Agreed to earmark up to £1000 in the next budget.

(vi) Christmas Lights 27th November - full program - noted

121 Financial Matters

(i) Clerk's RFO report

(ii) Bank Reconciliations 30 Sept Total funds held £256,426, with £97,564 allocated to the Rec Revamp Apx £120k to year end, comfortable margin, but grants and VAT refund still due. There will be a Finance Committee meeting during November to draft a budget for 2022/3
Chairman again thanked the Clerk for his prudent management.

(iii) Electric Van - deposit £5000, monthly £454.

Charge installation £1000, grants to be sought - AGREED

(iv) To approve Payment List as circulated (**App 2**). Prop Chair, Sec Cllr Crawley - AGREED
Invoices checked by Cllrs Redrup and Millener

122 Website & Social Media

(i) Cllrs Crawley did a brief presentation of a website revamp, and it was decided to meet with the Chair & Clerk and discuss how to make the site appealing to modern taste without losing any important content

Chairman called a short comfort break 2100-2110

123 TMBC Local Plan

(i) To note TMBC "Active Travel Strategy" - Chair gave a brief report on TMBC's strategy which seemed to concentrate on BGGC, completely ignoring current needs in the villages, and is probably a "tick box" exercise for the emerging Local Plan.

(ii) TMBC's Financial situation is pretty dire, although with zero debt it is not yet in the Northants situation, but swinging cuts are coming on all but Statutory Services, and even those will be expected to pay there way.

(iii) Boundary Review submission - Chairman to circulate his personal submission for adaptation to a Parish submission

124 Highways & Streetlighting


(i) Update on Waste Services, apart from Brown Bins, very small incremental improvements noted

(ii) Parking Plan - TMBC Leader intervened, and Wye Rd double yellows and Tolsey etc Residents scheme will be bought forward, Harrison Rd residents scheme is on track, Fairfield Rd and Station Rd requests abandoned

(iii) Rec Puffin Crossing - Traffic Scheme/ HIP progress see Cllr Rayner above

(iv) Red Lion Noise survey. Cllr Millener to engage consultant as a matter of urgency, and an independent survey should also pick up any excess noise from the AQ Monitor. Cllr Shaw in touch with EH to find out progress on AQ survey.

(v) Station Rd alley lights, no progress, Cllr Wray report Landway light - Developer to be contacted



125 Quarries & Landfills

(i) no report

126 Councillors Reports from outside Bodies (max 3 min)

(i) Facilities & Green Spaces Review Group - Cllr Simpson presented his draft Terms of Reference for the group, and Cllrs Redrup and Crawley volunteered, along with Mr Glew. Volunteers from the public will be sought to make a group of 10.

(ii) V Hall AGM - Cllr Redrup reported that the VHMC would continue with their current parking arrangements which were working well. Mr Rawlins has been voted on as a Trustee Arnold Tarmac Quote of £1875+VAT for car park relining accepted (Enhancement Grant TMBC).

Chair to obtain quote for Notice board outside Village Hall to match Car Park entrance

(iii) KALC AGM 13th November via Zoom - representatives requested - noted

(iv) PPP new format - representative requested - noted

(v) KALC Wellbeing survey - Chair and Clerk to draft and circulate response.

(vi) Cllr Millener asked for an update on the Winter Plan. Noted KCC responsible for gritting A25, A227, Quarry Hill and Darkhill Rds and all yellow grit bins. Chairman to circulate PC salt bin map. New van will have a clip-on gritter, and a supply of bagged salt will be obtained and stored securely. Residents are reminded that salt bins are for pavements and roads, not private drives.

127 Future Dates

(i) Date of next meeting **Monday 1st November 2021**

At all other times contact the Clerk using the details above

128 **Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any item.

A25 Legal Matters Lendon Rd Standards Matters various

There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 2222 hrs



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APPENDIX 1

Cllr Rayner reported on a meeting at Wrotham Parish Council with TMBC Cllr David Lettington Cabinet Member for Planning & Dep Leader 4th October 2021, there were no TMBC Officers present (*These are not verbatim, they are my notes from Cllr Rayner reading his notes*)

Questions asked:

1. Is there any formal agreement between Barton Willmore, TMBC and the Landowners? - **NO**
(This is now 5 years since the proposal was floated)
2. What are the Exceptional Circumstance required to develop this Relief Road in Greenbelt? - **Unknown**
What is the cost of the Relief Rd? - **Unknown**
What is the proposed line of the Relief Road? - **Unknown**
3. When can the Relief Rd be delivered? - **Unknown**
Do you have any evidence from the Landowners that this Relief Rd can be delivered? **NO**
4. Which landowner will be providing the land for the Schools and Medical Centre? - **Unknown**
5. Can the Landowners deliver the full Relief Rd during construction of the first 450 houses? **NO**
6. Is the Consortium still proposing 3000 houses? - **YES**
- 7 What are the costs of the Local Plan? - **we have set aside £700,000 for the new Plan.**
On that cost is it fair to assume the old failed plan cost £1,500,000? - **I cannot answer that**
- 8.As a contributing Member of the Kent Downs AONB Group, has TMBC had any contact with or from KDAONB Group? - **No, but we have been consulting Natural England**
9. Is the list of Landowners complete for the entire site, or are there others still to come forward? - **Unknown**
- 10 How do you intend to progress this new Local Plan? - **We intend to carry out a "mini Call for Sites" soon.**
Is Borough Green Gardens included in this mini Call for Sites? - **NO that goes direct to Reg 19**
11. Have you assessed how the 1000 HGVs /day at the Moto site will impact Nepicar Roundabout at the end of your Relief Rd? **NO**

12 Your timetable shows that your "Mini C4S", Reg 18 & 19 consultations takes you into March 2023 - **YES**, were you aware that your Reg 19 consultation is likely to be running during the 2023 Election purdah period - **NO**

13 Are you aware of any negotiations with KCC Minerals about the proposed sterilisation of vast sand reserves on the site, and any estimate of when these sites might be released for development? - **NO**

APPENDIX 2

Payments Schedule October 2021

	£
Standard On-Line Payments	
Staff Salaries	4301.97
HMRC	2031.13
KCC Pensions	1013.78
Online Banking Payments	
BGVH luncheon cluc Aug/Sept, inv 37/21	315.9
BGVH foot clinic Oct/Nov/Dec, inv 46/21	205.2
BGVH luncheon club Oct/Nov/Dec, inv 55/21	421.2
BGVH luncheon club Oct/Nov/Dec, inv 56/21	386.1
Kent Aluminium, inv 13160	20.25
Kent County Playing Fields - subscription	40
EJP Fire Protection Ltd, inv 42965	177.6
EJP Fire Protection Ltd, inv 42966	48
WPC, inv 263	172.67
CJS Plants, inv 2989	3276
W J Kings - deposit for new electric van	5000
Eventbrite, inv 1854528909	60
Expenses - Bernie Galopin	23.99
Expenses - Mike Taylor	319.37
Expenses - Mike Taylor	203.42
Expenses - Barry Glew	361.71
Monthly Direct Debits	
Zen Internet	10.79
Bank Charges *	20
ALD*	301.32
Npower (New provider. Replaced E-on)	367.61
TMBC	57
EDF Energy *	443
EDF Energy	13
Wex *	5.4
* DD amounts may vary on a monthly basis	
Total Payments	19596.41

Signatures

Clr Redrup & Millener

