

The council expressed sadness at the recent passing of Mrs Pam Young who was such an active member of the community and who will be greatly missed.

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 9 February 2015 in the Annexe to The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Present: Cllrs M Taylor (Chairman), C Dobson, G Harrington, S Millener, Ms P Moorecroft, S Perry, T Shaw and H Willard
There were twelve members of the public in attendance.

195 **Apologies** for absence received from Cllrs Mrs S Gould and T&MBCllr Mrs Murray

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196 **Declarations of Interest**

In the course of normal business being conducted all Cllrs confirmed that that they are open-minded and that any comments they make are done so without bias, pre-disposition or pre-determination, irrespective of personal comments made outside the meeting. Councillors will take into account any relevant information put before them and not rule out any factors before reaching a final decision.

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in item 212 cheques for signature: skate park

Cllr Willard declared an interest in items 202 and 203 Potters Mede grounds and pavilion

197. **Minutes of the Meeting 5 January 2015**

All members had received copies of the minutes. RESOLVED that the minutes be approved & signed.

198. **Matters Arising**

178.158. KCC has advised that the hedge o/s Caxton House, j/o Station Rd/Maidstone Rd is satisfactory. AGREED to refer this back to KCC as councillors disagree.

178.169. 308/306 bus service: AGREED to include discussion on the re-routing of this service under item 207(v) of the agenda

199. **Period for Public Consultation**

Representatives of a local residents' group, Quarry Hill Action Group, presented a petition against the routing of buses along Quarry Hill Road. Residents highlighted related matters for concern and requested evidence that a bus service from Wrotham to the Borough Green Surgery is necessary. Re-routing of the 222 service was queried.

Chairman advised that currently the plan to put bus stops in Quarry Hill Road has been put on hold; a petition has been presented to KCC for a service to the surgery and Arriva has not yet decided to run this service but will not consider using the haul road.

Chairman proposed that item 207(v) be taken next. RESOLVED.

207. **Isles Quarry Redevelopment**

(v) Re-routing of bus services along Quarry Hill Road: Due to his capacity as a T&MBCllr, Chairman declared an interest and proposed that, for this agenda item, the Chairmanship of the meeting be passed to the Vice-Chairman, Cllr Perry. RESOLVED.

Cllr Perry took the chair and gave further background information, advising residents to send in individual letters of objection. After discussion Cllr Perry proposed that BGPC supports Option 3 of the Action Group's petition: a bus stop/shelter on the Quarry Hill roundabout by the doctors' surgery accessed solely via the Haul Rd and not via Quarry Hill Road. Seconded by Cllr Shaw. Voting was 7 in favour, 1 abstention (Cllr Taylor) RESOLVED

Cllr Taylor resumed the chair.

200. **Planning Matters**

(i) **Decisions**

TM/14/03795/FL LDC: Loft conversion with rear dormer– 37 Western Road. For information

(ii) TM/14/04265/FL single storey rear extension 7 Lingfield Road. No observations

(iii) TM/94/155/R2,5 & 6 Revised restoration and aftercare, Isles Quarry East. A letter of response had been circulated and agreed: the submitted scheme is supported; BGPC wish to take responsibility for the bridge deck to keep it open for pedestrian use; BGPC wish to take responsibility for land at Isles Quarry East, with a suitable long-term financial maintenance arrangement, to allow public access to this local amenity in perpetuity and to reinforce the Bourne Valley Woods Local Wildlife Site. Response RATIFIED.

(iv) TM14/04096/FL amended floor plans and elevations, first floor rear extension – 95 Fairfield Road. No observations

(v) TM14/04290/FL erection of 3 bed dwelling, demolition of 2 garages and reduction in width of side extension – 143 Maidstone Road. No observations

Planning Matters (Continued)

- (vi) TM14/04256/FL enlarge garage with loft over + utility room – 1 Eaglestone Close. No observations
- (vii) TM/15/00089/AT canopy fascia signs & MID price sign – Brackenhill Service Station, 82-106 Maidstone Road. No observations
- (viii) TM/15/00203/RD Landscaping at entrance to Isles Quarry site – Isles Quarry. No observations

201 Correspondence**Noted:**

- Kent Can Regular newsletters and funding alerts (copies to all Cllrs)
- KCC Regular Trading Standards alerts (copies to all Cllrs)
- Rural Services Network newsletters (copies to all Cllrs)
- High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group amended agenda 6.1.15 + minutes 9 Dec (copies to all Cllrs)
- KCC Monthly bus updates December 2014 (copies to all Cllrs)
- Navigus Planning Notification of changed format and delivery. No future charges (copies to all Cllrs)
- T&MBC Mayor's Charity Karting Evening Mon 27 April (copies to all Cllrs)
- GetMapping Parish Online newsletter (copies to all Cllrs)
- T&MBC Area 2 Planning Cttee agenda 21.01.15 (copies to all Cllrs)
- High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group Minutes of the meeting 06.01.15 (copies to all Cllrs)
- Kent Police Crime figures January 2015 (copies to all Cllrs)
- Skate Park Cttee Operational inspection report Jan 2015 (copies to all Cllrs)
- KALC Annual Planning Conference 27.03.15 + Planning Update (copies to all Cllrs)
- KCC Monthly bus updates Feb 2014 (copies to all Cllrs)
- BMPOS Minutes of the meeting 18.11.04 (copies to all Cllrs)
- T&MBC Tonbridge & Malling Community Safety Partnership newsletter Feb/March (copies to all Cllrs)
- JPCTCG Minutes mtg 08.01.15 (copies to all Cllrs)
- T&MBC Review of decision to refuse nomination of the Chequers PH, Crouch as an Asset of Community Value (Copies to all Cllrs)
- K Harding Information: Assets of Community Value & planned changes to legislation (copies to all Cllrs)
- CPRE Flooding Conference: Fears, Facts and the Future, Maidstone 06.02.15 (copies to all Cllrs)
- KCC** Consultation on future delivery of Library, Registration and Archive services in Kent
Consultation period 12 Jan - 8 April 2015. Questionnaire available at www.kent.gov.uk/lraconsultation
(copies to all Cllrs) Individual responses will be made.
- Local Govt Boundary Commission Electoral review of KCC: comments invited for public consultation (copies to all Cllrs)

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KCC Stansted CEP School: consultation on proposal to discontinue. During discussion, as some concern was raised about the alternative schools available and the consequent increase of traffic to travel to alternative schools it was AGREED to support the retention of the existing school.

High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group Report from the last meeting + agenda mtg 10.02.15 + consultation response and further information (copies to all Cllrs) Cllr Perry attended the meeting and gave further information: "this is a well-organised group". Noted that there has been a recent increase in the number of overhead flights which would undoubtedly be exacerbated if Gatwick flights are expanded.

202. Potters Mede Grounds

- (i) The top pitch has been rested throughout the winter. The main pitch is rather worn but will only be used once more this season.
- (ii) Chairman and Cllr Willard will liaise re repairing/improving the grass area at the field entrance.

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203. Potters Mede Pavilion

- (i) RESOLVED to agree a 10% discount for a regular junior fitness group.
- (ii) RESOLVED to agree a booking for hire of the facilities for a family party, but requirement for use of the Taylor Room will be queried.

204. Recreation Ground

- (i) RESOLVED that, if KCC is in agreement to the developer of the adjacent 'Ingleside' site excavating and rebuilding the car park retaining bank/wall adjacent to the highway to give a wider car park/access area, BGPC has no objection. Agreed that Chairman will liaise with the developer suggesting that (a) this be part of the planning application (b) the pedestrian entrance is removed and new railings installed. Chairman will continue to liaise with the T&MBC Trees Officer re TPOs in the NW corner of the Recreation Ground.

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Recreation Ground (Continued)

- (ii) Renewal of EDF energy supply contract for Memorial Pavilion: details of 1yr or 3yr renewal options were noted. Advice will be sought from T&MBC. For further discussion at the next meeting.
- (iii) Landscape Services will be asked to advise and quote for work required to the pitch area. It is thought that a weed & feed programme may be required.

205 **Street Lighting**

- (i) RESOLVED to agree a request for relocation of a street light due to a new development r/o 19-29 Station Road provided that the developer bears all related costs including BGPC admin time.
- (ii) There is some dispute about the reinstatement of the footway around the relocated light in Lingfield Road. Noted that the residents concerned will not pay the agreed contribution until the work is satisfactory. Chairman will make a site visit and report. Clerk will continue to liaise with the contractor.

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206 **Financial Matters**

- (i) RESOLVED that the donation to T&MBC Y2 Crew Summer Scheme 2015 will be £500.
- (ii) CCTV: noted that, due to a company take-over, the airtime contract has not been renewed. Cllr Perry advised that the equipment, jointly owned with and operated by Kent Police, is still working and can be accessed but is not remotely accessible. Kent Police will be asked if the latter is necessary.

207. **Isles Quarry Redevelopment**

- (i) There were no matters to report regarding the progress of the redevelopment
- (ii) A further reply has been received from T&MBC to the Formal Complaint lodged by BGPC (copies to all Cllrs). After discussion agreed that this will not be taken further until the results of an ongoing investigation are known. A holding reply will be sent to T&MBC.
- (iii) The intention of the developer to remove the bridge deck had been received and circulated to all Cllrs. BGPC's wish to take responsibility for the bridge deck and land at Isles Quarry East was again confirmed – all as at item 200(iii) of the agenda.
- (iv) Potential land contamination matters: copies of the two Considerate Contractors' Report for this site will be requested.
- (v) 308/306 bus service: as discussed earlier in the meeting.

208. **War Memorial**

All councillors had received copies of a recent committee meeting. Chairman gave further information: a list of people to be named on the memorial has been compiled and some historical information is being gathered. A public consultation is in the library and on the community website.

209. **Commons Act 2006 – Registration of Village Greens: appraisal of inclusions in 2014 Supplementary Parish Plan**

No report. For consideration at the next meeting.

210. **Community Right to Bid**

No report. For consideration at the next meeting.

211. **Winter Plan**

- (i) The 3no new bins have been installed and all Cllrs had received copies of an updated plan. All bins have been checked and filled. BGPC has a good supply of salt and will work with Wrotham PC to grit roads as and when necessary, all as previously.
- (ii) It was good to note that the slope, steps and platforms at the railway station had been treated by the rail authority during the recent inclement weather. There was some discussion about BGPC assisting with the supply of materials. No action was agreed.

212. **Cheques for signature**

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| £398.93 | E-on – street lighting supply December 2014 |
| £3283.17 | Staff salaries – January 2015 |
| £1470.97 | KCC - Superannuation January 2015 |
| £130.39 | KCC – maintenance supplies Rec Gd/P Mede |
| £60.90 | Kent Aluminium – Maintenance materials, P Mede |
| £226.94 | SE Contracting – Street lighting maintenance January 2015 |
| £265.18 | SE Contracting – Street lighting repairs |
| £156.06 | Wrotham PC – skate park operational inspections contribution |
| £398.93 | E-on – street lighting supply January 2015 |

Cheques for signature (Continued)

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| 3835 | £72.70 | PC Matters – 3yr renewal of computer anti-virus protection |
| 3836 | £100.00 | Age Concern Malling – Donation |
| 3837 | £75.00 | Compaid – Donation |
| 3838 | £100.00 | Victim Support – Donation |
| 3839 | £75.00 | Maidstone Assn of Youth – Try Angle Awards 2014 Donation |
| 3840 | £49.90 | BG Garden Machinery – chain saw repair, Rec Gd/P Mede |
| 3841 | £60.00 | BSA – refund for unused use of P Mede by School District football |
| 3842 | £73.93 | B Glew – vehicle and mower (PM) fuel (reimbursement) |

Bank reconciliation December 2014

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| B/F Dec 2014 | 94549.40 |
| Receipts Dec 2014 | <u>185.89</u> |
| | 94735.29 |
| Less Payments Dec 2014 | <u>15466.42</u> |
| c/f 31/12/14 | <u>79268.87</u> |

Proposed by Cllr Perry seconded by Cllr Shaw that the above payments be authorised. RESOLVED

213. Written reports

- (i) All Cllrs had received copies of a written report from T&MBCllr Mrs Murray: noted that T&MBC has formally decided to back the expansion of Heathrow Airport rather than that of Gatwick Airport
- (ii) Members were pleased to learn that KCC has allocated £120,000 for local traffic initiatives. A very positive meeting was held to discuss proposals. Some concern was raised about downgrading the Pelican crossings to Zebras and this has been deferred. It has been confirmed that the proposed roundabout at the j/o Sevenoaks road/Western Road will be single lane.
- (iii) KALC T&M Area meeting: no report
KCC youth project: no report
- (iv) There was further discussion about the future of the Oak tree j/o Rock Road/Quarry Hill Road: agreed that it may be premature to remove it this year but await advice in the Spring from KCC, T&MBC and Men of the Trees.

214. Future dates

- (i) Date of the next Meeting Monday 2 March 2015 in the Annexe to the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- (ii) The Parish Office, located within Borough Green Village Hall, will be open 10-12 noon Saturday 28 February 2015 with two councillors present.
- (iii) Date of April meeting: Monday 30 March 2015 7.30pm,
- (iv) Date of May meeting Thursday 14 May 2015 in the Annexe to the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- (v) Date of Parish Meeting: Friday 27 April 2015 7.30pm Borough Green Village Hall

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215. There were no confidential matters for discussion

The meeting closed at 21.22 hrs