

Present: Cllr C Willsher (Chairman), Cllrs. J Bailey, J Broad, Mrs J Lazarus, J Phillips, S Perry, Miss L Robinson, Miss F Wakefield
County Cllr Mrs V Dagger, T&MBCllr Mrs S Murray (8.15pm)
Apologies: Cllrs B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, Mrs B Woodhams
T&MBCllrs D Evans, Mrs J Harrison

There were two members of the public in attendance

Declarations of interest: Cllrs Mrs J Lazarus & S Perry – item 33 Planning 2 Maidstone Road

31. **Minutes** of the meeting 12 June 2006 were signed as a true record.

32. **Matters Arising**

19. TM/06/1877 Contamination investigation – 2 Maidstone Road. PC's response read and agreed: It is expected that underground petrol storage tanks from former use of site as petrol station will be dealt with appropriately and satisfactorily.

23. It was agreed that when the flower festival ends at the The Church of the Good Shepherd in July, the Parish Council's floral display will be exhibited in the library

25. Cllr Perry will discuss with Kent Police, the possibility of parishes sharing the costs and management of a Speedwatch machine.

28. It was agreed to apply for a newly-available Kent County Council local schemes grant to re-surface the tennis courts at Borough Green Recreation Ground. Cllr Willsher will process.

SP

CW

33. **Planning Matters**

TM/85/1436 & TM/87/1851 Proposed working and restoration scheme of southern unworked section of site + extension of time for extraction and restoration until 30/06/2010 – Ightham Sandpit, Borough Green Road: Agreed that the PC relies on the expertise of the Planning authority to ensure safeguards against noise, dust and traffic.

TM/06/0694 Erection of split package air conditioning units on rear elevation – Unit 4 Station Court, Station Approach. No observations.

TM/06/1929 Conversion of house into 4no flats – 2 Maidstone Road. Objections:

1. Insufficient parking provision 2. Query turning circle for service vehicles 3. No access to communal garden - flats 3&4. 4.Lack of privacy - flats 1&2. 5.Query location of/for 'bin store'
6. No footway from parking area to flats 3&4 7. Query acceptable amount of traffic movements onto/off A25 8. Query possible contamination of site

TM/06/0032 Recycling of inert waste/ crushing & screening - Borough Green Landfill Site: If mindful to approve 1. usual constraints re noise/dust/dirt/hours of working must be applied - suggest advance calculations to enable provisions to be made to overcome effects on residents. Noise, dust and traffic levels should be assessed periodically. 2. Concern about high level of HGV movements.

TM/06/1799 Conservatory - 63 Crouch Lane. No observations

TM/06/2044 Replace existing flat roof with pitched – 11 Monkton Road. Cllr Willsher will check any previous application and respond.

TM/06/1269 Residential development – 7 Quarry Hill Road. 1. Site dramatically increased.

2. Plot 3 access is via The Landway – concern about access to no.15 and ownership of land

CW

Decisions

TM/05/3295 Landscaping & boundary treatment (TM/03/2481) – 153 Maidstone Road. Permission granted.

TM/06/1264 Dormers – 19 Wye Road. Permission granted.

TM/06/1383 Materials – Residential develop. r/o 2 Maidstone Rd. Permission granted.

All members had received copies of a reply from the Director of Planning & Transportation, T&MBC, re. the parish council's concern at the number of single properties being replaced with multiple dwellings. Further correspondence will be sent as not all issues have been addressed.

There then followed the period for public consultation.

A report on the meeting of the T&M Crime Prevention Panel 3 July 2006 was received.

In answer to questions Chairman gave updated information about the proposed development at 'Ingleside' Maidstone Road.

Overgrown hedge A227 will be referred to Kent Highways.

34. **Oral Reports from Members, Borough & County Cllrs and Clerk**

T&MBCllr Mrs Murray gave updated information about the proposed pedestrians crossings. County Cllr Mrs Dagger advised of the strategy to reduce surplus places in primary schools and reminded of the KCC Local Board Meeting 7.30pm 19 July 2006 Borough Green Village Hall to discuss the 'Towards 2010' document.

All

It is hoped that the Bottle Bank will be reinstated at The Moat, Wrotham when building works are completed. T&MBC will be asked to empty cardboard more frequently at the station. Further information about new refuse collection arrangements and the collection of green waste, can be obtained from T&MBC Waste Services tel: 01732 876147.

Cllr Willsher will obtain information on the levels of cancer and leukaemia in the area.

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Agreed that no prior notice need be given when installing a non-camera speed monitoring device.

There have been further concerns about instances of nuisance from motorbikes, land east of Dryland Road. Complaints should be made to the Police at the Maidstone Control Centre tel: 01622 650065,

Deterioration of road surface, Harrison Road, will be referred to Kent Highways.

Cllr Willsher is preparing a draft response to T&MBC about nuisance from bonfires and implementation of The Clean Air Act.

CW

New ideas for the Parish Council's websites are requested: all suggestions should be forwarded to Cllr Perry.

All
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Cllrs Mrs Lazarus and Mrs Woodhams will be in attendance at Parish Office 10-12 noon Saturday 5 August 2006.

JL/BW

35. **Correspondence****Noted:**

T&MBC Expansion of green waste & cardboard collection service – further information (copies to all cllrs)

Charter 88 Newsletter

T&MBC Joint Transportation Board meeting 12/06/06 further report

Kent Rural Towns Group Annual meeting 7 July 2006

KCC 'Towards 2010' consultation document

Action with Communities in Rural Kent Magazine and publicity incl Kent rail information & Kent volunteers awards 2006

KCC Local Govt. Pension Scheme draft regulations + agenda – forum 28 June '06

T&MBC Minutes of PPP meeting 01/06/06 (copies to Cllrs Hughes & Willsher)

Kenward Trust Newsletter

S Murray Graffiti-busting charter (copies to all Cllrs)

Highways Agency Planned roadworks SE Jun-Sept. 2006

KAPC Newsletter no 317

CPRE Magazine Summer 2006

Applause Rural Touring Publicity & programme (copy to BGVHMC)

T&MBC Corporate Performance Plan 2006/07

KCC NHS Overview & Scrutiny Cttee 20/07/06

KCC Local schemes grant: as discussed under Matters Arising (copies to all cllrs)

KAPC Councillors' Information day 22 July 2006

T&M Crime Prevention Panel Cllr Broad will represent the PC at these 6-weekly meetings.

JBr

KAPC Agreed to purchase the latest edition of 'Local Council Administration'

Vitalise Request for financial assistance. For 2007/08 budget consideration

36. **Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP)**

A very positive meeting had been held for members of the public to discuss strategies to address the problems of anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood. Presentations were given by representatives of T&MBC and Kent Police. Agreed to form a CDRP liaison group, made up of local volunteers, to work hand-in-hand with both T&MBC and the Police and be the vital 'link' with the community. Further agreed to invite Wrotham Parish to join in this initiative as it is felt that both communities would benefit from working together.

An enquiry from a resident about surveillance cameras in Borough Green will be passed to T&MBC.

37. **Kent Highway Services**
Cllr Hughes, Cllr Willsher and Clerk met with representatives of the Highways Agency to discuss new procedures and current local issues. Clerk reported on an area meeting at Kent Highways office.
38. **Basted Mill Public Open Space**
An Open Day will be held 11am – 1pm Sunday 9 July 2006.
Minutes of recent meetings were received.
The committee requested approval of the co-option of Miss Kate Baldock, a resident of Basted, to the committee. Cllr Bailey proposed that this be agreed. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Lazarus. Agreed.
Noted that Kent Highways is considering the suitability of the existing traffic calming measures at Basted Mill.
Noted that annual maintenance contributions from the contributing authorities will revert back to their original amounts for 2006/07, unless there should be significant unforeseen expenditure during the course of the year.
39. **Recreation Grounds**
Potters Mede – Water heater: Chairman proposed that a quotation in the sum of £276.00 + VAT from Simmonds of Wrotham, to supply and fit a new water heater in the gents' toilet be accepted. Agreed.
Recreation Ground: All Cllrs had received copies of correspondence from the Groundsman in connection with maintenance. Agreed that Landscape Services will be asked to include the Ball Park in their next inspection visit.
40. **Cheques for Signature**
Auto-Pay
£658.23 R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/6 - 30/06/06
£1243.14 H Damiral - Clerk June 2006
£447.04 W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/6 - 30/6/06
£254.68 M Taylor – Groundsman 1/6 –30/6/06
£440.25 KCC – Superannuation June 2006
£298.00 T&MBC – Rates Potters Mede July 2006
£51.00 T&MBC – Rates Recreation Ground July 2006
£528.75 KCC – Repair damaged areas of field, Potters Mede
£60.00 J Stephens – Websites maintenance June 2006
£216.29 EDF Energy – Street lighting maintenance July 2006
£32.57 M Taylor – Maintenance materials (picnic bench repairs) Rec. Gd.

£63.25 Cash – Rec.Gds Imprest a/c
£21.39 Kidmans – Maintenance materials, Rec. Gd.
£2195.10 Inland Revenue – PAYE April – June 2006
£614.36 Wrotham Parish Council – Skate Park contribution
£5900.30 Zurich Municipal – Insurance premium 2006/07
£500.00 Cash – Office allowance 06/07
£1400.00 BMPOS – Maintenance contribution 2006/07
£28.91 Henry Cooch – Maintenance materials (gutter repair) Rec. Gd. pavilion
Proposed by Cllr Perry seconded by Cllr Phillips that the above cheques be paid.
Agreed.
41. **Resolved to enter into committee**
All Cllrs had received copies of correspondence from the Groundsman about personnel matters. After discussion agreed that the council is satisfied it is not acting with any prejudice. A report will be made to the next meeting.

All