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Draft Minutes of the meeting of **Borough Green Parish Council** held in Borough Green Village Hall on **Monday 7th November 2022** starting at 1930. The meeting was recorded to ensure the accuracy of the minutes

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Shaw, Perry, Wray, Ramsden, Rawsthorne, Simpson, Ms Bartlett & the Clerk
Cllr Rayner (KCC) & Cllr Palmer (TMBC) were present, but no Members of the Public.

133. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Reading, Butterfill, Rothwell & Millener

134. Declarations of Interest - None

135. Minutes of the meeting 3rd October 2022 - AGREED

136. Matters Arising- None

137 Submissions by County and Borough Members

Cllr Palmer updated Members on the recent PPP meeting with the Police & Crime Commissioner, and a Local Plan update where serious concerns were raised by Parishes about the failure of the Public Consultation.

Cllr Rayner asked that any updated results re Consultation be passed back to Parish Alliance team.

He then updated members on KCC Finance and bus cuts, but repeated the pledge that bus pass fees would be refunded if a route was withdrawn. Libraries and buses are in peril if KCC cannot resolve their financial problems. Parish Alliance Chairs to meet and discuss.

138 Planning Matters to hand

(i) To note Planning Notices as circulated

(ii) Current applications and responses circulated

TM/22/02292/MIN BGSP Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of TM/20/2399 extraction to continue until 31 March 2024 in the eastern extension area (KCC reference: KCC/TM/0195/2022) **No Observations**

TM/22/02295/FL Former Quarry House 81 Quarry Hill Rd Erection of 4 residential dwellings with associated gardens and parking - OBJECT (Cllrs Shaw & Taylor abstained, Members TM Planning Cttee)

TM/22/02356/LDP 1 Crow Hill Road LDC loft conversion with link-pitched dormer to rear elevation and 3 No rooflight windows to front elevation - **No Observations**

139 Potters Mede

(i) Proposed Music venue- No further contact

(ii) Update - Martial Arts booking accepted

(iii) PM is now getting busier, and storage becoming a problem. Clerk to obtain container prices and explore charges to hirers needing that storage. *Chairman moved briefly into Part 2*

(iv) Clerk has instituted a new cleaning regime, and will monitor closely, *returned to public session*

140 Recreation Ground

(i) Perimeter Path Update & opening- Adam's Path is an excellent addition to the Rec and has received an enthusiastic reception from residents, well used. Chairman thanked Cllr Wray

(ii) ASB & litter. Bowls Club agree to CCTV in principle. Clerk & Chair to attend CSU/Police meeting. Taser event has now been recorded as a crime

(iii) Picnic bench- removal quotes (a) 6732.85+vat (b) 6850 non vat - in the light of other initiatives, it was decided to be too costly and action is deferred whilst other initiatives go forward.

(iv) Pavilion lights - on or off? Whether lights on or off trigger antisocial behaviour is not clear. Agreed to put lights on for pedestrian safety and monitor behaviour. Clock to be checked.

141 Village Enhancements

- (i) Green Spaces - Ms Bartlett. Report on School Visits to Crowhill by 80 children from BGPS. Chairman thanked Ms Bartlett for her efforts running such a well received project, and the Clerk for his support, and we look forward to Platt School being involved as well in the Spring
- (ii) Tree Preservation Orders & PROWs - no report
- (iii) VH Toilets - Clerk's ongoing discussions with nPower - significant refunds, and legal threats stopped
- (iv) War Memorial - 1000am 13 Nov Remembrance Wreaths. Chairman reported he had been contacted by two Ukrainian families who would love to attend and lay the Ukraine Wreath.
- (v) Cllr Simpson reported COGS "Place of Welcome" Warm Church initiative every Friday 10am-1pm.
<https://www.placesofwelcome.org.uk/> Cllr Simpson to assess offer to use Parish Office for Foodbank, PC funding available if required.

142 Financial Matters

- (i) Responsible Financial Officer's report - strong financial position. Total Balance £179,405.25
- (ii) Bank Reconciliations 31 September - circulated & noted
- (iii) To approve Payment List as circulated (App1). Prop Chair, Sec Cllr Shaw - AGREED
Invoices checked : Cllrs Taylor & Ramsden
Chair noted Streetlight payment referred to August Repair Order and is a part payment
- (iv) Finance Committee - Cllrs Shaw, Millener, Ramsden, Butterfill & Rawsthorne- November date TBA
- (v) West Kent Mediation donation- Agreed £200
- (vi) Ford dispute - Clerk to negotiate increments up to £795-the Ford reduced demand AGREED
- (vii) To note Hope Church Thank you letter for significant donations. Clerk advised his trip to Ukraine has been deferred to December. Clerk, Barry & Rob sold redundant Parish Hall chairs and donated £100 to Shelter.
- (viii) BGJFC have offered contributions towards pitch maintenance.
- (xi) New mower costs to be investigated

143 Website & Social Media

- (i) Cllr Ramsden to draft Contact List of Support Organisations for those suffering in the current economic climate to be posted on Social Media and the websites

144 TMBC Local Plan & Policies

- (i) Consultation - there are serious concerns about the reach and validity of the TMBC Consultation.
- (ii) Reports of multiple Public meetings highlighting BGGC. Parish Alliance document circulated. Chairman to write to Local Plan expressing members extreme concern about the Consultation

145 Highways & Streetlighting

- (i) KCC Baskets & Lighting - Eventual KCC response - circulated - Despite the appalling demands by KCC, we have serious doubts that they can meet their commitments (or threats) to our Christmas Lights.
- (ii) A25 road resurfacing. KCC (again) pledge Next Spring. We now have a new contact at TMBC who seems to be taking the various pavement and H+H problems seriously. Siding and Sweeping work in progress.
Agreed Cllr Millener to explore costs of analysis of AQ filter to establish source of Fine Particulate Pollution.
- (iii) KCC final Darkhill 40mph completed - noted

146 Quarries & Landfills

- (i) Update on H+H Celcon - as circulated. New works manager seems much more responsive to concerns

147 Councillors Reports from outside Bodies (max 3 min)

- (i) Village Hall Rates - discussions ongoing
- (ii) Skatepark Meeting - Daily Inspections update, new Insp sheets - hourly rate increase agreed
- (iii) KALC & Climate Change Strategy. It seems that we are pretty switched on re CC, and do not need a committee, but we can respond to the Climate Change Survey with our achievements particularly Green initiatives like PM Build, Electric van, and new land management strategy.
- (iv) PPP report , Police & Crime Commissioner, Local Plan - Cllr Butterfill's report circulated and noted
- (v) KALC Civility Pledge - Chair signed obo the Council. Noted

148 Coronation Advance Planning - 6th May noted, Bank Holiday 8th May 2023

149 Future Dates

(i) Date of next meeting **Monday 5th December 2022**

At all other times contact the Clerk using the details above

150 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.

Members are reminded that any release of information from a Part 2 discussion is contrary to the Standards Code and an offence under the above Public Bodies Act.

PART 2 -Standards Matters - 18th November hearing - Noted Mr Crawley and Mr Redrup are still covered by the Confidentiality arrangements. Hidden webpage drafted for release 18th November.

FOI Request - Review Board - ICO has dismissed the complaint.

Further discussion cleaning regime Potters Mede.

There being no further business Chairman closed the meeting at 2147

APPENDIX 1 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payments List November 2022	£
Staff Costs	
Staff Salaries	4,589.74
HMRC	2,266.58
KCC Pensions	1,084.82
BACS Payments	
Abacus, Inv SI-004278	39,999.60
Treeability, Inv 4762	470.40
Treeability, Inv 4742	235.20
Streetlights, Inv 13277	3,924.00
SHS Hygiene, Inv 43611	631.20
SHS Hygiene, Inv 43461	631.20
Expenses - Barry Glew	330.00
Expenses - Barry Glew	197.87
Expenses - Rob Springett	53.54
DD Payments	
Zen Internet	11.99
Bank Charges *	22
Npower* - streetlighting	1,436.98
EDF (PM)*	1,126.00
EDF (RG)*	28
Castle Water*	51.06
Castle Water*	17.6
TMBC	57
Vauxhall Finance	544.8
* DD amounts may vary on a monthly basis	
Total Payments	57,709.58
Signatures 1 Cllr Taylor 2 Cllr Ramsden	
NB: Receipts for the period 01/10/22 to 31/10/22	939.55
(exc bank transfers)	
Total Bank Balances	£179,405.25