

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.45p.m. on Monday 1 June 2009 in The Annexe to the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Present: Cllr S Perry(Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs J Lucas, Mrs V McWilliam, T Shaw, M Taylor, C Willsher, Mrs B Woodhams + T&MBCllr D Evans
 Apologies: J Bailey (work), Mrs S Murray (T&MBC)
 There were no members of the public in attendance

Declarations of Interest: Item 39 Chqs. for signature – Cllr Taylor declared a prejudicial interest in the Wrotham PC chq. for Skate Park maintenance and agreed that this precludes him from proposing or seconding payments.

Action

22. **Minutes** of the Annual Meeting 5 May 2009:
 Item 5. Election of cttees. Parish Plan: add Cllr Willsher. The amended minutes were signed as a true record.

23. **Matters Arising**
 7. Replacement bollard j/o Fairfield Rd/A227: whilst there has been some reinstatement of the footway, the bollard still needs replacing.
 19. Despite recent attention by the contractor, the light is still day-burning.

24. **Planning Matters**
 TM/09/0959 Banner – Baptist Church, Maidstone Road. Proposal supported.
 TM/08/3715 Dust control scheme – Borough Green Quarry. Chairman will liaise with the PC Quarry Liaison Cttee representatives and circulate a proposed response to all Cllrs. Comments due to KCC by the end of the week.
 Proposed stopping up of highway – Sevenoaks Road, fronting Red Lion PH. Noted but concern that documentation is out-of-date.
 Kent Minerals & Waste Development Framework: adoption of revised Kent Minerals & Waste Development Scheme. Noted.
 Ecological enhancement, Wrotham School. Proposal supported.

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Decisions

TM/09/0410 Revisions to roof – 97 Crouch Lane. Permission granted.
 Chairman proposed that item 38 of the agenda be taken next to enable T&MBCllr D Evans to attend another meeting. Agreed.

38. **Oral reports from Members, County and Borough Councillors and Clerk**
 Cllr Evans gave further information about the Sevenoaks Rd and Kent Minerals planning matters already discussed.
 Cllr Willsher and Cllr Mrs Woodhams will be in attendance in the Parish Office 10-12noon Saturday 4 July 2009
 Dates of future BGPC meetings were confirmed as 6 July, 27 July and 7 September 2009.
 In response to a family request, agreed to write to T&MBC reiterating the PC's wish to see a new development/road named after the late Mr Frank Bangay This request will also be submitted as and when the opportunity arises at Planning consultation stage.
 Chairman will liaise with a resident of Maidstone Road regarding the sighting of a street lighting column in relation to his driveway.
 Problems arising from parking restrictions Fairfield Road will be referred to T&MBC plus legal use of highway for deliveries to Dene Lodge/Russet Homes will be queried.
 Noted that recent problems with mud on the A227 is as a result of building works at Wrotham School.
 A report had been received about a speeding lorry on the A25 travelling to the Cemex site. Cemex is aware: their subsequent action will be requested/ascertained.
 There was some discussion about the frequent unacceptably-high speed of emergency service vehicles passing through the village and the potential dangers.
 There was concern about possible air pollution from lorries. T&MBCllr D Evans will obtain latest relevant air quality management details from T&MBC.
 Thanks were received from Borough Green Baptist Church for the recent PC support of their Bi-centenary celebration plans. Everyone will be welcome at the events.
 Noted that Borough Green Primary School will soon be celebrating its centenary.
 Cllr Mrs McWilliam will liaise further with BGVHMC to confirm the PC's approval of a grant, as advised by letter Feb.2009.

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31. **Street lighting**
EDF supply: a new contract w.e.f 1/5/09 had been received and checked by Chairman and Cllr Willsher. Chairman proposed that acceptance be confirmed with a new monthly charge of £321.62 + VAT plus £463.67 + VAT for the month of April 2009 as there had been some confusion with the new street lighting maintenance contract. Agreed. It is hoped that some refund of the higher April charge will be negotiated.
Station Road: Results of the questionnaire showed 26 residents in favour of additional street lighting and 2 against. Agreed that a budget quotation will be obtained.
32. **CCTV**
Chairman and Cllr Willsher met with Kent Police and confirmed a revised agreement w.e.f 1 June 2009 which had been circulated to all members. Chairman proposed that this be adopted, signed and returned to the Police. Agreed.
33. **4-Parish alliance**
Chairman advised of a meeting of the Chairmen of Borough Green, Platt, Wrotham & Ightham PCs + an observer each from Borough Green and Platt. The then forthcoming CPRE meeting 23 May 2009 to discuss the proposed railhead was a subject for discussion.

Chairman proposed that it be resolved for the PC to enter into committee. There were no members of the press or public in attendance. Agreed.
Chairman gave further information regarding the aforementioned meeting and liaison with T&MBC regarding the proposed railhead. The possibility of a questionnaire was discussed: for further discussion at a later date.
Chairman proposed that the PC closed session be ended and the public meeting continued. Agreed.
34. **Proposed railhead**
Cllr Shaw reported on the CPRE meeting 23 May 2009 and from BG-TAG.
All members had received copies of a BGPC revised Bypass Position Statement. There was considerable discussion and amendments agreed. Chairman proposed that the revised statement be agreed. Seconded by Cllr Mrs McWilliam. Agreed. Further agreed that the Chairman will send the final document to the Sevenoaks Chronicle and the three neighbouring parish councils who, it is hoped, will issue similar statements. The BGPC statement will be published in The Voice and on the PC's website. Thanks were expressed to the Chairman for his work in preparing the draft statement.
35. **Gateway signs**
All councillors had received copies of information from Kent Downs. Chairman proposed that a request be made for 5no signs for a contributory cost of £800. Seconded by Cllr Taylor. Agreed.
36. **Potters Mede pavilion**
All Cllrs. had received written updates from the Steering Group 28 & 30 May 2009 and a draft floor plan. Cllr Mrs McWilliam proposed that the basic proposals for size and scope, and the process being followed by the Group, be agreed. Seconded by Cllr Perry. Agreed.
37. **Recreation Grounds**
Rec.Gd. pavilion: Four tenders were invited but only one received which will be opened under item 40 of the agenda. A request was received from BGJFC for amendments to the proposed internal layout: noted that some assistance with funding may be available.
Grounds maintenance: Cllrs Willsher and Taylor are continuing to liaise regarding the Schedules of Work for grounds maintenance staff. Chairman will provide additional details. Cllr Taylor has carried out some repair works as agreed at the last meeting. He will continue with fence repairs.
Football: Both junior and senior football club seasons have now ended. BGJFC would like to continue training during the summer months: agreed that, apart from maybe specific PC authorisation for an occasional special match, the Recreation Ground will be rested. Training may take place at Potters Mede: no additional charge until drainage has been improved. BGJFC would welcome PC liaison re future plans for Potters Mede and until drainage has been improved it is unlikely that they will require this ground for matches. Potters FC require one adult pitch on the far side of the Potters Mede ground next season: agreed.

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37. **Recreation Grounds (Continued)**

Potters Mede – grounds maintenance: all members had received copies of a work schedule for Potters Mede as identified by the Clerk and Groundsman. Agreed for consideration by the Facilities Cttee. There is particular concern about the condition of the car park and consideration may be given to its closure. Wrotham School will be advised of this possibility. A one-off request for use of the car park 28 October 2009 by the Ramblers Group was agreed.

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39. **Cheques for signature****Auto-Pay**

£706.11	R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/5 - 31/5/09
£1241.99	H Damiral - Clerk May 2009
£493.71	W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/5 – 31/5/09
£541.26	KCC – Superannuation May 2009
£60.00	J Stephens – Websites maintenance May 2009
£318.10	Wrotham PC – Skate Park maintenance April 2009
£533.22	EDF Energy – Street lighting supply April 2009
£52.04	EDF Energy – Supply Rec. Gd
£9.45	Kent Aluminium – Maintenance materials, Rec. Gd.
£56.00	T&MBC – Rates, Memorial Pavilion June 2009

£1552.50 Stryker Communications Ltd – Airtime contract 2009/10

£500.00 Quintain Young Explorers – Donation

£20.00 KCPFA – Subs 2009/10

£40.00 KALC – Cllrs course

Proposed by Cllr Willsher, seconded by Cllr Shaw that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

40. **Resolved to enter into committee**

A tender from Simmonds of Wrotham for the Memorial Pavilion refurbishment was opened. Agreed for consideration by the surveyor and Finance Cttee and for the next agenda.

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