Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7,30p.m. on Monday 3 March 2003 at Potters Mede

Present:

Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs., A Dolton, J Evans, B Hughes,

Clir Mrs J Lucas, J McWilliam, M Taylor, Mrs B Woodhams.

Applogies:

C Brinkley-Willsher , D Evans. C Clir Mrs V Dagger

There were no members of the public in attendance

There were no declarations of interest.

Action

Minutes of the meeting 3 February 2003 were signed as a true record.

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128.124.112. The consultant was unable to meet with the Parish Council tonight. Cllr McWilliam will try to arrange for her to attend at 7pm on Monday 7 April 2003.

131. Chairman reported: local Police are planning to visit another constabulary to observe a pilot 'Community Speed Watch'.

135. T&MBC is liaising with Seeboard re. removal of surplus light A25/Crowhill. Overhead cables complicate the procedure.

Planning Matters

Pre-Meeting

TM/03/0140 Conversion of bungalow to chalet style dwelling - Little Harps, Crouch Lane. No objections. TM/03/0175 Extension - 26 McDermott Road. No objections.

TM/03/0260 Entrance lobby, verandah, rear extension & conservatory - 159 Maidstone Rd. No

Meeting

TM/03/0287 Tree surgery - West Bank Lodge, 68 Sevenoaks Road. No objections.

TM/03/0300 Fascia signs - Kentish Saab Garage, Station Approach Meeting. No objections.

141. Correspondence

Noted:

Kent Highways - Road closures for surface dressing: Fen Pond Road (Ightham), Long Mill Lane (Platt) & roads in Wrotham

CPRE - Magazine

KCC - Local Govt. Pension Scheme - Reserve Forces leave

Kent Highways - PROW newsletter

NHS - Patient Advice & Liaison Service

KAPC - Newsletter (Copy to Clir Brinkley-Willsher)

Highways Agency - Traffic information in Sussex & Kent Jan - March 2003

KRCC - Newsletters

T&MBC - WPPC agenda, meeting 13 March 2003. (Copies to Cllrs Hughes, McWilliam & Brinkley-Willsher)

BMPOS - Minutes of the meeting 14 Jan. 2003 & Mill Pond Restoration Plan

T&MBC - 'Improving our Performance' leaflet

The Standards Board for England - Information leaflet

KRCC - 'Grants from rubbish, the Countryside Agency & other sources' seminar

DEFRA - Licensing Bill

Kent Local Pharmaceutical Cttee - OFT report. Chairman summarised.

KAPC - Kent Rural Towns newsletter

KCC - Local Govt. Pension Scheme - Stock-take. Chairman will complete questionnaire. Kent County Playing Fields Assn - newsletter. Passed to Clir Taylor for report to next meeting. Possible funding source for Recreation Ground pavilion noted.

T&MBC - Speaking at Area Planning Committees, Chairman summarised. Agreed that Olir McWilliam will be advised of Borough Green matters for further action as necessary. Kenward Trust - Information letter & request for financial assistance. For consideration at the

next budget meeting. T&MBC - 'Bash the Trash' event 2003. Agreed to carry out a litter-pick Sunday 27 April 2003.

KRCC - Kent Village of the Year entry pack. Chairman will complete application forms. Information Commissioner - Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Publication Schemes. Noted that the Parish Council's scheme has been accepted and that ongoing action is required. Further details will be passed to Chairman for consideration.

T&MBC - Website. Members support the Initiative and hope that there will be a link to the Parish Council websites. Further information will be passed to the WPPC representatives. T&MBC - Distribution of 'Here & Now'. Agreed that distribution is very patchy throughout Borough Green.

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142. Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters

Kent Highways advised of changes to road signage in and around Tonbridge. Chairman gave further information.

A letter was received from a resident expressing concern about parking to Quarry Hill have the process of the patter will be referred to the Police.

Road/The Landway. The matter will be referred to the Police.

T&M Housing Assn advised that they are unable to support the proposed pedestrian route Fairfield Road/Station Approach. Letter passed to Chairman who will reply.

143. T&MBC Cycle Parking Initiatives
Possible locations for cycle parking provision were discussed. Agreed to suggest sites at the entrance to the Village Hall Car Park and adjacent to the Fire Station, Western Road.

144. Borough Green boundary with King George's Field
Chairman attended a site meeting with the Police, Platt PC and T&MBC to discuss nuisance caused by motorcycles and possible prevention measures. Noted that barriers are to be installed.

145. Chairman's Allowance Procedure of future payment was discussed. Cilr Hughes proposed that Chairman's expenses be reimbursed up to a limit of £150 p.a. Seconded by Cilr McWilliam. Agreed.

146. Recreation Ground
Refuse Bins: Chairman proposed that stolen bins be replaced. Agreed.

Tennis Courts: Clerk reported that, at present, the Tennis Club is unable to make any Tennis Courts: Clerk reported that, at present, the Tennis Club is unable to make any financial contribution towards the cost of repairing the courts. The Secretary has advised that the existing surface is likely to last for another two years but complete resurfacing works would then be required. Noted.

Village Festival: Following a very successful event last year, the Parish Council welcomed a proposal from the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Cities, to hold a festival on Sunday 8 June 2003. Agreed to make the Recreation Ground available as the venue. Further agreed to

147. Potters Mede Moles: Clir Dolton reported. The work will be carried out when weather conditions are suitable. He will continue to liaise with the contractor. Hire of facilities: A request was received from Arsenal FC for junior football facilities during the Easter holidays. Clir Dolton proposed that this be agreed, seconded by Clir Mrs Lucas. Agreed. Clir McWilliam will provide Clerk with further information re charges.

Committee Reports
 Highways, Footpaths & St. Lighting: Kent Highways advised of temporary arrangements to deal with backlog of street lighting maintenance works. Noted.

BGVHMC: No report Men of Trees: No report Quarries Llaison: No report Bested Mill Open Space: No report Twinning: No report

provide a display on Vital Villages.

149. Cheques for Signature

Auto-Pay
£114.75 MKWCo - Water supply, Recreation Ground
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£164.87 Seeboard - Street Lighting Supply, February 2003
£54.13 Kent Aluminium - Maintenance materials, Rec.Gd & P Mede
£461.81 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede March 2003
£557.10 R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/2- 28/2/03
£816.07 H Damiral - Clerk February 2003

£523.92 W Austin – Caretaken/Groundsman 1/2–28/2/03 £74.97 Seeboard - Street Lighting Repair, 29 Harrison Road £212.81 Seeboard - Street Lighting Maintenance, February 2003 £893.19 Landscape Services - Mowing Potters Mede/Rec Gd. (Final payment)

Pre-Meeting: £400.42 Cash - Reimbursement, replacement printer 60

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Cheques for Signature (Continued)
£96.29 EJP Fire Protection Ltd - Fire Inspections, P Mede & Rec. Gd.
£739.24 Wicksteed Leisure - Playground equipment + spare parts. Final payment
£141.09 Kidmans - Service mowers, Potters Mede & Rec. Gd.
£247.34 Peter Wellard (Electrical Services) - Electrical repairs, Potters Mede
£127.28 Viking Direct - Office supplies
£75.00 Compaid - Donation
£15.00 CPRE - Annual Subscription

£100.00 Age Concern Malling - Donation £50.00 Victim Support West Kent - Donation

Proposed by Cllr McWilliam, seconded by Cllr Taylor that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

150. There were no matters for discussion in committee.

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