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Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 2 July 2001 at Potters Mede.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman.), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, J Evans, Mrs V Hayman, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, J McWilliam, M Stone, M Taylor.

Apologies: Cllr D Evans

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

28. **Minutes** of the meeting 4 June 2001 were signed as a true record.

29. **Matters Arising**

- 18a.5.152 Copies of notes of the Quiet Lanes inaugural meeting will be given to all Cllrs.
- 18a.5.153 Cllr Taylor reported on a T&MBC meeting that he attended. Noted that 30mph speed limit for Crouch Lane will be considered.
- 19. TM/01/MIN/C/MR86 RMC, Wrotham Road. Chairman gave further information and advised of the Parish Council's response.
- 23. Cllr Dolton met the drainage contractor on site who advised that the ground was too dry to vertidrain. Agreed to reconsider in September.
- 24. The drainage contractor attempted to vertidrain Potters Mede but found ground conditions unsuitable. Agreed to reconsider in September.
- 26. Paul Hollands legacy: Cllr Brinkley-Willsher proposed that the money be used to part-fund purchase of seat for entrance to car park, Western Road. Seconded by Cllr McWilliam Agreed.

30. **Planning Matters**

Pre-Meeting

- TM/01/1197 Demolition of existing & replacement with 2no dwellings – 1 Crow Hill Road. Objections: 1. Scale of development 2. Increased volume of traffic 2. Parking arrangements and insufficient turning circle
- TM/01/1285 Retrospective variation of conditions re. window alterations – land adj. 165 Maidstone Road. Query departure from approved scheme. Applicant should be made to comply with original conditions although PC has no strong views about 2no replacement windows.
- TM/01/1238 Satellite antenna – NatWest Bank, High Street. Objection: Front elevation undesirable – flank wall would be preferable. If former approved, dish and wall should be same colour.
- TM/01/1239 Extension – 38 Lingfield Road. No objections
- TM/01/1323 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear extension – 38 Crowhurst Road. No objections

Meeting

- TM/01/0794 Additional information: Access, hardstanding, recuperation and attendance facilities – Downsview Farm livery yard, Borough Green Road. Objections: 1. Application premature and not viable 2. Green Belt land 3. Access on to private road not negotiated 4. Contrary to the policies in place.
- TM/01/1419 Landscaping - land adj. 165 Maidstone Road. No objections
- TM/01/1421 External materials & acoustic protection - land adj. 165 Maidstone Road. No objections
- TM/01/1425 Conservatory – 36 Normanhurst Road. No objections
- TM/01/1477 Extension – 7 Ascot Close. Objections: 1. Intensification of development 2. 2-storey extension leads to terracing effect and undesirable precedent 3. Not in keeping with character of surrounding properties
- TM/01/1478 Extension of opening hours – Takeaway food outlet, 62 High Street. Objections: 1. Reluctantly the PC has to agree but there is extreme concern about parking arrangements and close proximity of residential houses. 2. Site location causes extreme concern, particularly in view of parked cars in Station Road. Parking in connection with these premises must be monitored and regular traffic warden patrols required, especially in the evenings. 3. Concern about notice currently displayed re. parking available in privately-owned village hall car park.

Additional comments:

- TM/01/1197 Demolition of existing & replacement with 2no dwellings – 1 Crow Hill Road. Concern about mature trees on site, particularly the Ash which should be retained.
- TM/01/1478 Extension of opening hours – Takeaway food outlet, 62 High Street. Concerns re pedestrian/ traffic safety & erection of flue will be referred to T&MBC.

**Planning Matters (Continued)**

Decisions

TM/01/0926 Extension – 61 Annetts Hall. Permission granted  
TM/00/1395 Outline permission for detached dwelling – adj. 1 Annetts Hall . Appeal dismissed

31. **Correspondence**

**Noted:**

Babtie – Roadworks: A20 Whitehill, Wrotham  
KAPC – Parish News  
KRCC Meeting 29 June 2001 & Minutes of Last Meeting  
RAISE (Networks for the Voluntary/Community Sector) Newsletters  
T&MBC – Applause Rural Touring Programme  
T&MBC – People & Places Programme  
T&MBC – WPPC 4 July 2001  
BMPOS – Minutes of the Meeting 10 May 2001  
Countryside Agency – Market Towns 'Partnership in Action' Seminar 17 July 2001  
Open Spaces Society – Membership Details  
KCC Major Roadworks – Kent: July – Sept.2001  
T&MBC Hidden Heritage Tours – Summer 2001.  
Letter from Hanson Aggregates & Chairman's reply re. Dark Hill Farm haul road.  
Best in Kent Garden competition  
T&MBC Summer Arts Programme  
KCC – Proposed Management Protocol for Unauthorised Encampments on Local Authority land in Kent & Medway  
KAPC: Cllrs Information Day

Babtie – Route Management Study:M26/M20 & A20 passed to Cllr McWilliam for a reply.

JMcW

T&MBC – Local Govt. Act 2000: Standards Cttee. Cllr Hughes will represent the Parish Council.

BH

KCC – Borough Green Sandpit site visit 9 July. Chairman and Cllr McWilliam will attend. Society of Local Council Clerks: Chairman proposed that trial membership for the 6-month period commencing 1 July 2001 be agreed at a cost of £30. Agreed.

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'Just Bin It' campaign. Agreed to carry out another litter-pick in the village next Spring. Platt PC: Nepicar Liaison Cttee. Agreed to recommend that the meetings be re-convened in September 2001. Chairman had replied.

T&MBC Borough Leisure Strategy 2001-2006: new draft appendix re. future proposals received. T&MBC will be advised of required amendments for Borough Green. KCC meeting 18 July 2001 re. flooding. Cllr Stone will represent the Parish Council.

MS

There then followed the period for public consultation

There is concern about parking in connection with the new takeaway food shop – 62 High Street.

Drainage channel strips on the High Street footway are a trip hazard.

T&MBC will be asked to consider change of traffic priorities j/o High Street/Western Rd. Chairman gave update on the proposed bypass.

There was discussion about the increasing number of traffic accidents in the village: there is real concern for the safety of pedestrians.

32. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**

Cllr Dolton advised that he has arranged for two people in the village to report regularly on traffic incidents. The Parish Council reiterated that it is strongly supportive of a bypass and shares the concerns of the people about the volume of traffic, particularly the local heavy lorries.

Copy KCC and Hanson Letters about blocked drainage pipe A227 read and noted.

33. **Date of Next Meeting**  
The August Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 30 July 2001.
34. **Parish Council Standing Orders**  
Chairman, Cllr Hughes and Clerk will consider NALC guidance booklet and meet in September to make proposals.
35. **Recreation Ground**  
**Tennis Court Lighting:** A letter from the Tennis Club was read. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher and the Clerk will meet with club representatives. Agreed that if this is likely to proceed, the Parish Council will meet with local residents.  
**Fencing:** Chairman and Cllr Brinkley-Willsher met on site with the resident of 13 Lendon Road. Chairman proposed that, in due course, the Parish Council erects chestnut paling to the rear of this property. Agreed.  
**Play Area:** Closer to pedestrian entrance gate needs attention.
36. **Potters Mede**  
Consideration will be given to replacement of entrance doors.  
Removal of dead tree from ditch will be arranged.
37. **Committee Reports**  
**Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting:** T&MBC advised that gully cleansing is currently being carried out in Borough Green. A25 zebra crossing beacons need attention.  
Pedestrian safety railings j/o A25/Quarry Hill Road have been damaged.  
**BGVHMC:** No report  
**Men of Trees:** No report  
**Quarries Liaison:** Cllr Hughes reported re. Stangate site.  
**Basted Mill Open Space:** Cllr McWilliam reported.  
**Youth Group:** Chairman reported that a team of volunteers is required to run the club on a rota basis from September.
38. **Cheques for Signature**  
£15.55 S Murray – Quarry Liaison Expenses  
£18.44 KAPC - Publications  
£185.00 Cash – Petty Cash & telephone rental April-June  
£707.16 Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI contributions April-June  
**Auto-Pay**  
£10.71 Kent Aluminium – Maintenance materials, Potters Mede  
£164.85 Seeboard – Street Lighting supply, June 2001  
£569.20 Seeboard – Supply, Potters Mede  
£489.00 T&MBC – Rates, Potters Mede July 2001  
£177.69 A Gill – Groundsman 1/6 – 30/6/01  
£603.00 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/6– 30/6/01  
£834.75 H Damiral – Clerk June 2001  
£478.60 J Stephens – Caretaker 1/6– 30/6/01  
£42.12 C Simpson – Youth Leader June 2001  
£204.37 Seeboard – Street Lighting maintenance, July 2001  
Proposed by Cllr McWilliam, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lucas that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.
39. **Resolved to enter into committee**  
Further discussion about fencing Lendon Road/Recreation Ground.  
Discussion about retirement of the Groundsman.  
Possible celebrations to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee discussed.

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CB-W