

Present: Cllr J McWilliam (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs L Barrow, C Brinkley-Willsher, D Holcroft, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, Mrs S Murray, Mrs B Woodhams

Apologies: Cllr C Palmer. T&MB Cllrs D Evans, Mrs J Harrison. C.Cllr. Mrs V Dagger.

There were three members of the public in attendance

Action

Cllr Mrs Murray declared an interest in all planning applications and advised that she would not take part in any related discussions.

124. **Minutes** of the meeting 1 December 2003: 106.94 Delete 'recent' add 'proposed'. Delete 'also attended' add 'will also attend'. The amended minutes were signed as a true record.

125. **Matters Arising**

106.94 Chairman reported on the meeting with the Housing Assn. which was most useful. It is thought that the association may be able to provide some support to the Youth Group Management and the Chamber of Commerce Lighting Cttees. Agreed to advise them of dates of Parish Council meetings and Cllr Mrs Murray will arrange for them to be sent a copy of 'The Voice' each month. Cllr Mrs Murray reported further on specific current local issues discussed: agreed that the Parish Council particularly hopes that the bulky refuse container can be reinstated on or near the Housing Assn. site.

110 Salt bins on Woodlands Estate have not yet been filled and new bin at Basted is still awaited.

SM

126. **Planning Matters**

Pre-Meeting

TM/03/3140 Further details re. change of use of land to include mobile platforms and erection of 7 structures on site – 73 Wrotham Road. Observations: 1. Traffic movements need to fit KCC approved times for RMC. 2. Bldg. F is not temporary. - design and construction approvals required. 3. Ongoing concern that this is in Green belt area.

TM/03/3356 Extensions – 11 The Avenue. Out-of-keeping and out-of-scale with the street scene and neighbouring properties.

TM/03/3685 Details of landscaping & screening of refuse – Alterations and additional dwelling, 71 Sevenoaks Road. No observations

Meeting

TM/03/3755 Variation of planning permission to allow MOT testing station & vehicle repairs – Gearwell Gearboxes, The Landway. Objections: 1.Original planning conditions on this site are likely to apply which will create difficulties when carrying out vehicle repairs. 2. It is thought that the facilities available will not comply with MOT testing requirements. 3. Lack of space for movement of vehicles externally.

TM/03/3896 Extension – 11 Griggs Way. No observations.

TM/03/3895 Details of materials – Alterations & new dwelling, Orchard House, 71 Sevenoaks Road. No observations

TM/03/3925 Alterations to access & 1no new dwelling – Land south of Orchard House, 71 Sevenoaks Road. No observations

TM/03/3641 Room in roof – 85 Station Road. Lawful Development Certificate noted.

Planning decisions

TM/03/3164 Fencing - 3 Rock Road. Permission granted.

TM/03/3219 Extension - 2 Griggs Way. Permission granted.

TM/03/3363 Conservatory - 148 Maidstone Road. Permission granted.

TM/03/3414 Alterations & additions - 12 Lendon Road. Permission granted.

TM/03/3439 Lighting details, pedestrian link - r/o 21/25 Sevenoaks Road. Details approved.

TM/02/2244 6no houses, adj. 'Red Lion' Maidstone Road. Appeal dismissed. (Copies of the decision notice given to all Cllrs.)

TM/03/0461 Twitten, Crouch Lane. Enforcement investigation found no breach of planning control.

TM/03/0489 Roof extension - 109 Maidstone Road. Enforcement investigation found no breach of planning control.

TM/03/2682 3no dwellings & garage - Ingleside, Maidstone Road. Application withdrawn.

127. **Oral Reports from Members and Clerk**

Cllr Mrs Murray reported on possible alterations to Section 106 arrangements.

Cllr Holcroft reported on coppicing works being carried out at Basted Mill Public Open Space. Also noted that the management committee has received supplementary information re the revised extent of de-silting works required and consequent increased costs: for consideration by the committee next week.

	<u>Action</u>
<p>There then followed the period for public consultation A resident expressed concern about the current condition and use of the field to the north of Annetts Hall. Cllr Mrs Murray will seek further information and liaise with him. Possible grants available from the Local Heritage Fund noted. Agreed that this may be useful for any future improvement works to the Recreation Ground pavilion. The extension to 'The Joint' is nearly complete and a Rural Revival grant has been received.</p>	SM
<p>128. <u>Dates of Future Meetings</u> Monday 26 January 2004 7.30pm - Precept and Planning matters only. Monday 2 February 2004 7.30pm. Monday 16 February 2004 7.30pm RGMC Monday 23 February 2004 8pm Planning Meeting. March and April meetings as usual. Tuesday 4 May 2004 Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 13 May 2004 Annual Parish Meeting</p>	All Cllrs. All Cllrs. All Cllrs. All Cllrs. All Cllrs. All Cllrs. All Cllrs.
<p>129. <u>Vacancy BGPC</u> No election has been called and the council may now fill the vacancy by co-option, The vacancy will be advertised but there have already been two applications to date. Agreed that Chairman will interview applicants. For further consideration at the February meeting.</p>	JMcW
<p>130. <u>Youth Group Management Committee Representative</u> Cllr McWilliam is the current Chairman of this committee. Agreed that Cllrs Brinkley-Willsher and Mrs L Barrow will also represent the Parish Council.</p>	CBW, LB
<p>131. <u>Highway Matters A25</u> Chairman reported on the works being undertaken by Southern Water due to the collapse of a sewer. Traffic restrictions on the A25 Maidstone Road, are likely to be in place for at least another two weeks and the Recreation Ground car park closed for longer. Cllr Mrs Murray reported on problems caused by a blocked sewer further along the A25, Sevenoaks Road. T&MBC is liaising with Southern Water re the capabilities of these sewers.</p>	
<p>132. <u>T&MBC Joint Transportation Board Proposals</u> All Councillors had received copies of a T&MBC report. Noted.</p>	
<p>133. <u>Vital Villages</u> Nearly 500 questionnaires have been returned. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher will prepare a spreadsheet in preparation for the analysis of the responses. Chairman has updated the Countryside Agency of progress so far.</p>	CBW
<p>134. <u>Recreation Grounds</u> Tree Planting: Councillors have considered T&MBC tree planting proposals 2003/04 and agree with suggested locations at Potters Mede and the Recreation Ground. Tree surgery: Two requests for tree surgery at the Recreation Ground have been received (a) Sycamore overhanging 4 Monckton Road (b) Oak tree SE corner of the bowling green. Clerk reported on advice received from the Trees Officer T&MBC. Cllrs Brinkley-Willsher and Mrs Lucas will make site inspections and report back to the meeting in February. Mowing: A quotation for the 2004 season was received from KCC - Potters Mede £54.36/cut Recreation Ground £28.67/cut with a discount of £1.68/cut/per site if both sites are cut at the same time. Noted that the latter is often difficult because of water retention at Potters Mede. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher proposed that this be accepted, seconded by Cllr Mrs Woodhams. Agreed. BGFC: The Football Club ask for further consideration of their request to play at the Recreation Ground. Clerk summarised the points they raised. Agreed that this will be discussed at the RGMC meeting although councillors still stand by their decision that adult football should be played at Potters Mede.</p> <p>Chairman proposed that the following cheques be considered for payment. Agreed.</p>	CBW/JL
<p><u>Cheques for Signature</u> Auto-Pay £981.59 R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/12 - 31/12/03 £832.78 H Damiral - Clerk December 2003 £623.91 W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/12 - 31/12/03</p>	

Cheques for Signature (Continued)

Auto-Pay (Continued)

£317.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede January 2004
£35.26 Kent Aluminium - Maint. materials, Potters Mede
£232.20 Seeboard - Repair, Rock Road
£168.49 Seeboard - Street Lighting Supply November 2003
£212.82 Seeboard - Street Lighting Maintenance January 2004
£1515.50 KCC - Mowing Rec.Gd and P. Mede (final)

£411.25 Audit Commission - 2002/2003 audit fee
£292.55 Tonbridge Fencing Ltd - Front fence repair, Potters Mede
£34.00 Cash - Petty cash & tel rental Oct - Dec 2003
£271.30 Cash - Rec. Gds. Imprest a/c
£930.29 Inland Revenue - PAYE Oct - Dec. 2003

Proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher that the above cheques be paid.
Agreed

135. There were no matters for discussion in committee.