

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 10 June 2002 at Potters Mede

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

There were two members of the public in attendance

There were no declarations of interest. Agreed that in future, if any interest becomes apparent during the course of a Parish Council meeting, the Councillor concerned will immediately declare that interest.

Noted that, for the first time, agendas had been e-mailed to all Cllrs. who had the facility.

17. **Minutes** of the Annual meeting 29 April 2002 were signed as a true record.

17a. **Matters Arising**

5.162 There was further discussion about the two websites which Chairman proposed be paid for by the Parish Council. Agreed. One site will be for the community and the other for the Parish Council but they will be linked at all relevant points. Cllr Taylor will progress this.

5.166 Cllr Taylor reported on a recent well-attended special public VHMC meeting when it was unanimously agreed to use the village hall for the proposed 'Drop-In Centre', subject to agreement of a viable rent and plans/insurance etc.

7 Chairman and Cllr D Evans have completed the KCC Services questionnaire.

7 Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund - Further information noted for possible interest in connection with future projects.

8 Speed restriction signs, A25 - A meeting of KCC/T&M/Platt & Borough Green Parish Councils is being arranged.

11 An excellent Jubilee picnic was held at the Recreation Ground, attended by well over 1,000 people. Chairman will write a letter of thanks to the organising committee. Chairman proposed that a grant of £1175.43 be paid to the cttee. Agreed.

14 Chairman attended the annual meeting of BMPOS Joint Committee.

18. **Planning Matters**

**Pre-Meeting**

TM/87/185/R1.4.5.6 Amended working scheme - Ightham Sandpit. Agreed that any proposal that might delay the construction of the Borough Green bypass should not be approved.

TM/02/0458 Extension - 16 Dryland Road. No objections.

**Meeting**

TM/02/1212 Extension - 15 Lendon Road. No objections.

**Decisions**

TM/01/2489 & TM/02/0573 20 no flats - 21-25 Sevenoaks Road. Outline permission refused

TM/02/0573 Extension - 21 Tilton Road. Permission granted.

TM/02/0034 Extension - 21 McDermott Road. Permission granted.

TM/02/0631 Use as A1 retail - Saab Garage, Station Approach. Lawful Development Certificate granted.

TM/02/0654 Extension - 9 Ascot Close. Permission granted.

TM/02/0779 Extension - 17 McDermott Road. Permission granted.

Chairman reported that preliminary views, prior to a formal consultation, had been requested by T&MBC on development 24/26 Western Road. Agreed that proposal is inappropriate and over-intensified use of the site. Design is too high and out-of-keeping with neighbouring properties. Concern about additional traffic onto A227. Noise attenuation measures would be required in view of busy A227 and railway.

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19. **Correspondence**

**Noted:**

T&MBC - WPPC minutes & dates of future mtgs.(Copies to Cllrs Hughes, McWilliam & Stone)  
KCC - Traffic information Sussex & Kent April-June 2002  
The London Inn Group -Transfer of Justices' Licence application, 'The Red Lion, Sev. Rd  
T&MBC - T&M Borough Local Plan, Monitoring Report  
KRCC - Rural News and Shop & Post Office Seminar  
Raise- Newsletter  
KCC - Pension Fund Actuarial Valuation  
KCC - Kent Police Rural Partnership  
KCC - Kent Trails newsletter  
T&MBC - Meeting of Joint Transportation Board  
Govt.Office for the SE - Orbit, Transport Solutions Around London, Provisional Strategies  
CPRE - Newsletter  
Medway Valley Countryside Partnership - Newsletter  
Thames Valley Police - Youth Shelters & Sports Systems, Good Practice Guide  
KAPC - Newsletter (Copy to Cllr Stone)  
CPRE - Newsletter  
Kent Messenger - Mercury FM  
Kilmartin Property Group - Knights Park Hospital planning application (Copies to all Cllrs)  
T&MBC - 2002 Summer Playscheme Registration. New obligatory registration arrangements noted.  
West Kent Rural Transport 'Quiet Lanes' information. Advisory leaflets given to all Cllrs. present. 'National Demonstration Project' booklet passed to Cllr Dolton.

MAVB - Invitation to attend AGM passed to Cllr McWilliam who will reply and endeavour to attend.  
Highways, Disabled access - letter from T&MBC read. A response will be made re. the crossing point A227.  
T&MBC - Local Cultural Strategy, Consultation Draft & Questionnaire. Chairman proposed that the aims, policies etc. be agreed. Agreed.  
Copies of the 'Serving you Better' Action Plan Questionnaire had been given to all Cllrs. Response to T&MBC agreed.  
DTLR - Local Investigation & Determination of Misconduct Allegations. Chairman outlined consultation paper. Agreed to affirm the general and detailed questions attached to the paper.

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There then followed the period for public consultation.  
Agreed to consult T&MBC about more substantial traffic island j/o A227/Wye Rd.  
Chairman advised planning permission granted for 93 Wrotham Road.  
Chairman gave further information about forthcoming A227 improvement scheme.

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

Cllr McWilliam reported that nearly 600 residents of Borough Green & Platt had written to KCC supporting the by-pass. It is likely that the scheme will now be retained on the list of proposed bypasses. Agreed to now await publication of the Kent Structure Plan later this year. Chairman will write a letter of thanks to parishioners, for publication in 'The Voice'.  
Noted that a resident met on site with a KCC representative today, to discuss the possibility of an additional pedestrian crossing on the A25 Sevenoaks Road.  
Copy letter to Cllr D Evans from T&MBC re. speeding problems A25, read and noted.

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21. **Vacancy BGPC**

An election has not been called and the council may now fill the vacancy by co-option. For further consideration at the next meeting.

22. Parish Council Audit Arrangements  
New accounting and audit regime noted. Agreed to contact KAPC for details of possible internal auditor. Action
23. Village Twinning  
Letter of support read from Borough Green Primary School. Agreed to consider this at all future Parish Council meetings.
24. Public Conveniences  
The 3-month trial period for night-time closure of the conveniences will shortly end. Chairman read a letter from the Chairman of VHMC and advised that the residents of Foxlea are most appreciative of the closure. Agreed to advise T&MBC that the closure arrangement should continue.
25. Recreation Ground  
**Woodland Walk:** Clerk reported on a site meeting with Medway River Project. Agreed that extra machinery costs for digging out paths and chipping of branches will be required. Further agreed that steps are required at the south end and some vegetation can be burnt on-site. Noted that MRP will be advising of an alternative surfacing for the paths. Await revised costs.  
**Football:** There was some discussion about use of the ground by the Senior FC. Agreed that for the foreseeable future the ground will be used by the Junior FC with any ad-hoc senior matches being arranged with them.
26. Potters Mede  
**Showers:** A budget figure of £2945 + VAT for replacement showers was received from the Consultant. Agreed to ask him to proceed with competitive tendering process.
27. Committee Reports  
**Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting:** Repairs are required to footway j/o A25/Quarry Hill Road. 3 lights on the A227 need attention. Noted that there is a temporary road closure for Rock Road: Chairman advised that she has asked T&MBC to monitor this with a view to making it a permanent order. Tree overhanging the light by zebra crossing A25 needs to be cut back.  
**BGVHMC:** Funding of the 'Drop-In Centre' was discussed. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher proposed that the PC makes available a sum of up to £5000 as a 'starter fund' with the view of a return if and when funds are available. Seconded by Cllr Dolton. Agreed.  
**Men of Trees:** No report  
**Quarries Liaison:** No report  
**Basted Mill Public Open Space:** No report
28. Cheques for Signature  
**Auto-Pay**  
£612.59 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/5– 31/5/02  
£787.87 H Damiral – Clerk May 2002  
£75.20 J Stephens – Superintendent 1/5– 10/5/02  
£158.14 KCC - Supplies, Potters Mede  
£164.87 Seeboard – Street Lighting Supply, May 2002  
£57.59 Kent Aluminium – Maint. materials, Potters Mede + Western Rd planter  
£212.81 Seeboard – Street Lighting Maintenance – May 2002  
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£551.44 Seeboard – Supply, Potters Mede  
£462.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede May 2002  
£48.98 T&MBC - Rates, Rec.Ground Pavilion May 2002  
**Pre-Meeting**  
£46.50 Kennys Pop-In - Jubilee Equipment  
£540.24 W Austin - Caretaker, Potters Mede 1-31 May 2002

**Cheques for Signature (Continued)**

**Meeting**

£387.75	Sevenoaks Glazing - Replacement glazing, Potters Mede
£258.14	Kidmans - Service Mowers & Strimmer, Potters Mede & Rec.Gd.
£52.24	Shaw & Sons Ltd - Receipts & Payments Book
£150.00	P&T Plumbing Services - Replacement Water Heater, Potters Mede
£68.39	EJP Fire Protection Ltd - Refilling extinguishers, Potters Mede
£40.00	SLCC - Annual Subscription
£396.56	Audit Commission - 2000/2001 audit fee
£1175.43	BG Chamber of Commerce, Lights Cttee. - Grant for Jubilee Picnic

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

29. There were no matters for discussion in committee.