

minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 3 November 2003 at Potters Mede

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Present: Cllr J McWilliam (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, Mrs S Murray, C Palmer, M Taylor, Mrs B Woodhams
Apologies: D Holcroft County Cllr. Mrs V Dagger Borough Cllrs Mrs J Harrison and D Evans

Declarations of interest:

Agenda item 99 - Cllr McWilliam declared an interest and advised that he would not take part in any discussion.

Agenda item 97 - Cllr Taylor declared an interest in matters pertaining to the Village Hall and advised that he would not take part in any discussion.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance

Chairman proposed that item 99 of the agenda be considered in committee. Agreed.

Action

89. **Minutes** of the meeting 6 October 2003: Items 73 & 84 - delete Cllr Palmer, add Cllr Holcroft. The amended minutes were signed as a true record.

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PART II

90. **Matters Arising**

72. TM/03/2682 development adj 34 Maidstone Road. A reply from T&MBC Planning Officer was read and noted.

75. No observations made on Regional Minerals Strategy.

76. No observations made on Kent Highways - Draft Highway Maintenance Plan

77. T&MBC Local Development Framework Issues Report: Copies of the Chairman's draft response were given to all members. Response agreed but with deletion of last paragraph. Any additional comments to be given to the Clerk by 14 November.

All Cllrs

81. Vital Villages questionnaire: Forms are being distributed and collection boxes are at agreed locations. Chairman advised that, following analysis of returns, the outcome will be published, a village meeting will be held and a final report produced. Chairman will establish approximate cost of consultant's fee. The Countryside Agency grant will be claimed when all printing costs have been paid. Chairman proposed that a donation of £100 be made to the Church of the Good Shepherd for distribution of the questionnaire. Agreed.

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91. **Planning Matters:-**

Pre-Meeting

TM/03/1566 1no house + garage - r/o 89 Station Rd. Fenestration & garage alterations. Observations: There is still concern about additional traffic in this location. Current details not considered priority issue.

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TM/03/2559 Residential development - 21/25 Sevenoaks Road. Revised roof materials. No observations.

TM/03/2682 3no dwellings & garage - 'Ingleside' Maidstone Road. Observations: Location plan incorrect re access across Recreation Ground car park.

TM/03/3000 Alterations to shopfront - 52 High Street. Observation: Concern about automatic door operating as people walk past.

TM/03/3140 Change of use of land - 73 Wrotham Road. Observations: 1. Applicant has commenced work 2. Site within Green Belt area 3. Same conditions should be applied as imposed on quarry infill site re hours of work/traffic etc.

TM/03/3162 Residential development - 21/25 Sevenoaks Rd. Landscaping and boundary treatment. No observations.

TM/03/3162 Residential development - 21/25 Sevenoaks Rd. Ground retention measures and gates. Observations: 1. Low-level gates preferred 2. Unable to comment on bricks for retaining wall until samples seen.

Meeting

TM/03/3356 Extensions - 11 The Avenue. Objection: Out-of-keeping and out-of-scale with neighbouring properties.

Decisions

TM/03/2797 Surface & foul water drainage - Residential development, 21-25 Sevenoaks Rd. Details approved.

TM/03/2885 Contamination investigation - Residential development, 21-25 Sevenoaks Rd.

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Planning Matters (Continued)

TM/03/2796 Slab levels - Residential development, 21-25 Sevenoaks Rd. Details approved.
TM/03/2911 Tree surgery - 6 Staleys Acre. Permission granted.
TM/03/1612 Change of use to A2 - 2 Sevenoaks Rd. Permission granted.
TM/03/2106 Extension - 24 Lingfield Road. Permission granted.
TM/03/2565 Roof extension - 74 Western Road. Permission granted.
TM/03/2811 Extension - 144 Maidstone Road. Permission granted.

47 Annetts Hall Alleged breach of planning control investigated. No breach of control found.
TM/03/2682 3no houses - adj. Ingleside, Maidstone Road. Notice under Article 6 of application for planning permission received as landowner

92. **Oral reports from Members and Clerk**

Lights in the High Street and Maidstone Road have been reported, as has a water leak on the A227.

Chairman reported on recent incidents in Wrotham Road. The Police are aware but there is concern about breakdown of communication systems between the emergency services and also lack of action in liaising with residents. Chairman will write to T&MBC with copies to the Fire Authority and the resident concerned.

There is concern about football players maltreating fencing around the children's play area at the Recreation Ground. This will be brought to the attention of the Junior Football Club and possible reinforcement of the top of the fence will be considered.

A letter re the Kent Awards for Volunteering Excellence was read and noted.

JMcW

93. **Borough Green Bypass**

Chairman reported on KCC change of policy and change of name of bypass - previously 'Borough Green & Platt Bypass'. Correspondence between Chairman and KCC read and noted. Cllr Mrs Murray gave further information.

94. **T&M Housing Association**

Chairman reported on correspondence with the Housing Assn re their concern about incidents of trespass and damage to their land and property. Chairman will reply and suggest that representatives of the Parish Council meet with a group of their senior staff.

JMcW

There then followed the period for public consultation

A prospective Parish Councillor asked about the powers of Parish Councils. Chairman will liaise with her about her recent application.

JMcW

95. **T&MBC - Parish Partnership Panel**

The next meeting will be held on 11 December 2003.

96. **Quality Councils**

Agreed that Clerk will attend SLCC conference on 'Quality Councils'.

97. **Finance Committee Recommendations**

All Councillors received copies of the 1/2yr budget report. Income and expenditure levels to date are £80,446 and £38,137 respectively.

All Councillors received copies of notes on the recent meeting of the Finance Committee. Cllr Mrs Murray summarised and proposed that a grant of £1,000 be made to BGVHMC towards the cost of a CCTV system. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. Agreed.

Recommendation to apply for a T&MBC grant towards a skate park agreed. Noted that the scheme is likely to be a joint project with Wotham and Platt Parish Councils as they have also submitted grant applications.

Cllr Mrs Murray reported on recent meetings to discuss the installation of a Speed Indicator Device on the Maidstone Road. After discussion Cllr Brinkley-Willsher proposed that the Parish Council pays 50% of the estimated £6,000 cost on the understanding that T&MBC pays the balance. Seconded by Cllr Palmer. Agreed. Further agreed to use reserve funds for this project.

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Resolved to enter into committee:

Cllr Taylor advised of his resignation from the Parish Council. Chairman gave sincere thanks for his active involvement during his time in office and said that the Parish Council would welcome his continued support whenever possible.

All councillors were given copies of a report from the Chairman, outlining proposals for possible office accommodation in the village. Chairman left the meeting and Cllrs Mrs Murray took the chair. Cllr Hughes reported on a recent meeting with the Chairman and Clerk. After discussion agreed that, whilst members are not against an office in principle, they do not think that this is quite the right opportunity.