

Present: Cllr J McWilliam (Chairman), Cllrs C Brinkley-Willsher, D Holcroft, B Hughes (7.45pm), Mrs S Murray, C Palmer, Mrs B Woodhams  
 Apologies: Cllrs Mrs L Barrow and Mrs J Lucas. C Cllr Mrs V Dagger. T&MB Cllrs D Evans and Mrs J Harrison.

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

Cllr Mrs Murray declared an interest in planning applications in view of her membership on T&MBC area planning committee, and advised that she would not take part in any associated discussions.

Action

155. Minutes of the meeting 2 February 2004

152. Delete 'to south side' of fencing. The amended minutes were signed as a true record.

156. Matters Arising

148. **Vital Villages:** All members had received copies of the analysis of the textual responses. An analysis of the numerical responses will be complete by the end of the week, the information will be passed to the consultant and, subsequently, a public meeting will be held. Chairman has written a progress report for 'The Voice'.

JMcW

150. **Skate Park:** Chairman reported on recent changes in membership of Wrotham PC. Planning documents are almost ready for submission. Agreed that Chairman will write to T&MBC suggesting that BGPC takes on the lease for the area of Whitegate Field pertaining to the skate park – a copy of the letter will be sent to Wrotham PC.

JMcW

157. Planning Matters

TM/03/2446 5no residential properties – r/o 2 Maidstone Road. Objections: 1. Likely traffic movements 40/day, onto extremely busy A25, adjacent to pedestrian crossing and staggered cross-roads. This is considered to be greater than at present and unacceptable on highway safety grounds. 2. Over-intensification of site. 3. Proposal not in keeping with adjacent properties. Site is in 'historic core' of Borough Green, as identified by T&MBC. 4. Restricted (4.8m) access will present difficulties for refuse/delivery/emergency vehicles.

TM/04/0067 Variation of condition: Open storage restriction height of 7m - 73 Wrotham Rd. No observations.

TM/04/0313 Landscaping & boundary treatment – Land west of Arcontrol, Quarry Hill Road. No observations.

TM/04/0318 Extension & alterations - 20 Wye Road. No observations

TM/04/0404 Extension & conversion - 25 Hunts Farm Close. No observations on extension/proposal but concern about removal of street light.

TM/04/0405 Revised parking layout - 25 Conyerd Road. Objection: Reduced parking area unacceptable. Original arrangements should be enforced.

TM/04/0469 External materials, landscaping & boundary treatment – adj 25 Conyerd Road. Concern about restriction of sight lines when exiting 25 Conyerd Road.

**Decisions**

TM/03/3356 Extensions - 11 The Avenue. Permission granted.

TM/03/3685 Landscaping, storage and screening - 71 Sevenoaks Rd. Details approved.

TM/03/3755 Variation of condition to allow MOT station and vehicle repairs - Gearwell, The Landway. Permission refused.

TM/03/3895 Materials - Orchard House, 71 Sevenoaks Road. Permission granted.

TM/03/3896 Extension - 11 Griggs Way. Permission granted.

TM/03/3944 Tree Surgery - 101 Crouch Lane. No objections.

TPO 2/2003 Ingleside. Order confirmed.

TM/03/3086 1no dwelling - r/o 31/32 Normanhurst Road. Appeal lodged.

TM/03/3364 8no flats - 24-28 Western Road. Appeal lodged.

158. Oral Reports from Members and Clerk.

Deteriorating road surface A25, Sevenoaks Road will be reported to the highways authority. Lights in Western Road Car Park are day-burning.

Noted that a Parish Partnership Panel will replace the WPPC. Copies of an advisory letter were passed to Chairman and Cllrs Brinkley-Willsher, Hughes and Mrs Murray. Chairman will reply: agreed to support the initiative and welcome T&M representatives to Parish Council meetings as and when they wish to attend.

JMcW

**Oral Reports from Members and Clerk (Continued)**

Cllr Brinkley-Willsher reported on a recent traffic campaign and advised that the mere sight of people in luminous jackets had the effect of drivers reducing their speed.

In view of the impending departure of the Rural Constable, it is not possible to say when members of the public can be trained to use mobile speed detectors. A replacement officer will be appointed in due course. Members expressed thanks and good wishes to PC Leipnik. A letter will be sent to him and Chairman will write to Kent Police.

JMcW

T&MBC have prepared amended scheme for minimal parking restrictions in Rock Road/Tavern Close. Agreed.

The following documents were passed for circulation: (1) SE England Regional Assembly - Alterations to Minerals Strategy (2) Standards Board for England - consultation papers re. Misconduct by Members. Any comments should be brought to the May PC meeting.

All Cllrs

Due to other commitments, Chairman requested a change of date for the Parish Meeting. Agreed that this will now be held on 20 May 2004.

All Cllrs

Chairman reported on his continued liaison with T&M Housing Assn. about local issues and on his efforts to make the Association less 'detached' from the village.

There then followed the period for public consultation:

Apologies were received from 'The Joint' for not inviting the Chairman to attend the official opening of the extension. The Centre is extremely grateful to the Parish Council for its initial financial support.

A resident of 89 Station Road gave further information on his current planning application.

The Rural Community Warden advised of recent bogus traders operating in the area and also reported on current issues that she is dealing with. Agreed that KCC will be asked to liaise with her, the Parish Council and nearby local traders when carrying out the promised safety audit A227/High Street.

159. **Vacancies BGPC**

A letter of resignation was received from Cllr C Merritt.

Members had met with the two applicants for co-option to the first vacancy. Chairman proposed that Mr J Bailey be co-opted. Agreed. Further agreed that Mr J Broad be co-opted if no election is called for the new vacancy.

160. **Vital Villages**

As reported under item 156 of the agenda 'Matters Arising'.

161. **'The Joint' Drop-In Centre – Opening Ceremony**

As reported during 'Public Consultation' period.

162. **Recreation Grounds**

**Cricket square:** The area will be cut regularly and rolled as and when ground conditions allow. Warming and fertilising will also be done, subsequent to taking advice from KCC. Possible future use of the square by Wrotham School will be investigated.

**Height barrier, Potters Mede:** Clerk reported on legal proceedings re an incident involving a vehicle belonging to a member of the public.

**Trees:** Damaged branches to a willow tree at Potters Mede will receive attention.

**Fencing:** The front fence to Potters Mede has again been damaged. There is some concern that large vehicles are using the entrance as a turning area: a letter will be sent to the adjacent landowners.

163. **Cheques for Signature****Auto-Pay**

£889.53	R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/2 - 29/2/04
£833.00	H Damiral - Clerk February 2004
£551.27	W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/2 - 29/2/04
£168.49	Seeboard - Street Lighting Supply January 2004
£868.23	Seeboard - Street Lighting repair - 1 Mountfield
£37.09	Seeboard - Street Lighting repair - 2 Fairfield Road
£60.23	Kent Aluminium - Maint. materials, Potters Mede/Rec.Gd.
£75.00	J P Stephens - Websites maintenance December 2003 - February 2004
£55.63	Mid Kent Water - Supply Potters Mede
£132.58	Mid Kent Water - Supply Recreation Ground
£125.72	KCC - Maintenance materials, Potters Mede
£212.82	Seeboard - Street Lighting maintenance March 2004
£90.00	SLCC - Annual subscription 2004
£15.00	CPRE - Annual subscription 2003/2004
£64.16	KCC Supplies Team - Printer consumables
£100.00	Age Concern Malling - donation
£859.30	D M Vallance - Fire doors and entrance ramp, Potters Mede

Proposed by Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr Mrs Murray that the above payments be made Agreed.