

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 6 March 2000 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans, Mrs V Hayman, C Holwill, B Hughes, Cllr Mrs J Lucas, M Stone  
There were no members of the public in attendance

Action

145. Minutes of the meeting 7 February 2000 were signed as a true record.

146. Matters Arising

132.123 Copies of correspondence between the Parish Council and the Chief Executive, T&MBC had been given to all Cllrs. Cllr D Evans gave further information. Arrangements will be made for the Chief Planner, T&MBC to talk with Cllrs.  
133 Borough Green House redevelopment: Chairman declared an interest and did not participate. A reply from T&MBC was read. Cllr D Evans gave further information.  
134 The Public Libraries Seminar was cancelled due to lack of response.  
134 Chairman reported on a recent Indoor Leisure Facility meeting.  
142 T&MBC (HMU) advised that drains at the entrance to BGVH have been jetted and found to be clear. They are liaising with BGVHMC re. drainage problems at this location. Cllr D Evans gave further information. Noted that when remedial work is undertaken the car park will have to be closed.

147. Planning Matters

TM/00/0031 Extension – 35 Wye Road. Further information required re. materials, car parking and site plan.  
TM/00/0140 Change of use to taxi control room – 9 Wrotham Road. No objections to change of use provided no external aerial is required. However, there are concerns on highway issues:  
1. Query exact area of site to be used. 2. Query use of Station Approach, owned by Railtrack, for parking. 3. Insufficient space for parking especially as site is on very busy corner with bus stops and junction of A227. 4. Traffic at this location is very concentrated at certain times, with many neighbouring business premises generating a great deal of traffic. Strongly recommended that a site visit be made by the Highways Officer before considered by T&MBC cttee.  
TM/00/0201 Extension – 34 Normanhurst Road. No observations.  
TM/99/2477 Satellite dish – 45 Maidstone Road, amended site plan noted.  
TM/00/0327 Garage & covered access way – 20 Sevenoaks Road. No observations.  
Planning decisions  
TM/99/1819 Dwelling & garage – 37a Tolsey Mead. Permission granted.  
TM/99/2678 Office extension – 10 Western Road. Permission granted.  
TM/99/2767 Conservatory – 1 Tolsey Mead. Permission granted.  
TM/99/1220 Residential redevelopment – ‘Fox & Hounds’ Maidstone Rd. Perm. granted  
TM/99/2641 Replacement chimney stack with stainless steel flue – House adj. 165Maidstone Rd. Permission granted.

148. Correspondence

**Noted:** MKWplc – Referral of Ofwat Price Determination to Competition Commission.  
Malling District Scouts Newsletter  
Clerks Information Day 16 May 2000  
KAPC Invitation to join, subscription charges, membership details & newsletter  
KAPC meeting at T&MBC 16 March 2000 - notes and agenda  
NALC – Local Council Review  
T&MBC Permit to Conduct Street Collection – RNLI 15 April 2000  
‘Future of Farmers Markets in Kent’ leaflet  
CPRE newsletter  
WPPC meeting 4 April 2000  
T&M Housing Assn. Newsletter  
T&MBC Management Team’s report to cttee. on the Local Govt Bill 2000  
T&MBC Enforcement Team: signing – redevelopment – Tillmans, Crouch Lane.  
Age Concern – forthcoming events.  
T&MBC: recommendation to Secretary of State for the Environment re. Review of Parishing arrangements.

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Correspondence (Continued)

Correspondence for Consideration

Borough Green Community Magazine – Request for Parish Council news as a regular feature. After discussion agreed that it would be preferable for someone from the editorial cttee to attend Parish Council meetings and write reports.

Kelly Communications Ltd advised of proposed telecommunications trunk route. Cllr D Evans gave further information. Agreed that Chairman and Cllr Stone will discuss this with T&MBC and request an item on the agenda for the next WPPC.

T&MBC Borough Economic Strategy Review 2000/2001. Revised draft document is being circulated. Comments to be submitted by 24 March 2000.

KCC – A25 Signing and Lining Review, Platt area. KCC gave two alternative proposals for alterations to speed limits. Agreed that option 1 is preferable: option 2 is definitely not acceptable.

KCC Signing Policy Guidelines – consultation document will be passed for circulation.

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149. Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters

Platt PC requested an update on the proposed Borough Green & Platt Bypass and requested a meeting of all interested parties. A letter will be sent to KCC and a meeting requested.

150. Vacancy BGPC

A letter of resignation was received from Cllr A Currie. Thanks were expressed to him for his service to the Parish Council. Chairman will send a written reply. Vacancy notices will be displayed and T&MBC advised.

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There were no matters for public consultation.

151. Recreation Ground

**Chamber of Commerce:** A request for use of the recreation ground for a May Festival was discussed. Agreed, provided that ground conditions are suitable. Any excessive damage must be made good by the hirers. Further agreed that the pavilion cannot be used as a bar – a marquee would be preferable. Portable toilets will be suggested. Chairman proposed that no charge be made for use of the ground. Agreed.

**Playground Equipment:** All Cllrs had received a report from the sub-cttee. Chairman gave further information and clarified Wicksteed's comments re. security fencing.

Cllr D Evans recommended acceptance of Wicksteed's quotation in the maximum sum of £30,518 + VAT, seconded by Cllr Hughes. Agreed. The anticipated start date is 15 May 2000 and the playground will be shut for two weeks whilst the new equipment is being installed. Clarification of fencing quotation will be obtained.

**Mowing:** Quotations were received from KCC - £24.27/cut and Coblands Ltd – £128.25/cut. Cllr D Evans proposed that the quotation of KCC be accepted, seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. Agreed.

**Ball Park:** A letter from a resident was read re siting of the Ball Park. Agreed to send a him a copy of the Parish Council minutes 5 July 1999.

152. Potters Mede

**Mowing:** Quotations were received from KCC - £46.03/cut and Coblands Ltd – £88/cut. Cllr D Evans proposed that the quotation of KCC be accepted, seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. Agreed.

**Skip:** In view of the amount of refuse following refurbishment of the kitchen, Chairman Proposed that a skip be hired. Agreed.

**Kitchen Table:** Chairman proposed that a new table top be purchased, to match new Worktops, in the sum of £124.99. Agreed.

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153. Committee Reports

**Highways, Footpaths & St. Lighting:** T&MBC have advised that lamposts High Street & Western Road are suitable for hanging baskets. They are still looking for a suitable contractor to maintain the baskets.

KCC letter re drainage and condition of road at Basted Mill was noted.

KCC are checking footways in Quarry Hill Road and High Street.

Potholes in Wye Road need attention.

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153. Committee Reports (Continued)

Highways, Footpaths & St. Lighting (Continued) :

Estate lights will be checked.

Lights in Crowhurst, Lendon and Wye Roads need attention.

Cllr Brinkley-Willsher reported on a reply received from Seeboard re. the annual street lighting agreement and proposed that the amended inventory be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Hughes. Agreed.

**BGVHMC:** A public meeting was held last week to discuss the future of the hall. After discussion agreed to write to BGVHMC welcoming their initiatives to raise additional income by possible future lettings. However, concerns about letting rates will be raised.

**Men of Trees:** No report.

**Quarries Liaison:** No report.

**Basted Mill Open Space:** The inaugural meeting has been held with another planned for next week. Financial contributions will be requested from participating authorities. A Management Plan will be drawn up by July and all authorities will be consulted.

Meetings will be held in rotation in all participating parishes with the host parish paying for the accommodation.

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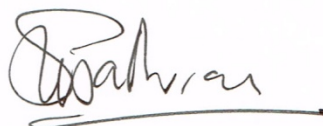
154. Cheques for Signature

£70.15	MKWCo – Supply, Potters Mede
£134.59	MKWCo – Supply, Recreation Ground.
£154.01	Seeboard – Street Lighting Supply February 2000
£192.90	Seeboard – Street Lighting Maintenance March 2000
£13.50	Stonepound Books – Planning Book
£137.91	Seeboard – Supply, Potters Mede
£27.96	Seeboard – Supply, Recreation Ground
£35.66	Seeboard – Repairs, Fairfield Rd & Lingfield Rd.
£70.14	EJP Fire Protection Ltd – Annual service, Potters Mede
£19.56	EJP Fire Protection Ltd – Annual service, Recreation Ground
£140.65	KCC – Maintenance materials, P.Mede/Protective Clothing/Tennis net
£53.92	Neat ideas – Office Stationery & Diary
£15.00	CPRE – Subs. 2000
£98.94	Maintenance materials, Potters Mede
£437.75	New lighting column, installation – The Landway
£124.99	B&Q – Table top, Potters Mede
<b>NatWest Auto-Pay</b>	
£99.11	A Gill – Groundsman 1/2 – 29/2/00
£254.43	R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/2– 29/2/00
£472.22	H Damiral – Clerk February 2000
£322.67	J Stephens – Caretaker/Groundsman 1/2 – 29/2/00

Proposed by Cllr D Evans, seconded by Cllr Hughes that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

155. Resolved to enter into committee

Cllr D Evans reported on drainage – Woodlands Estate.



03/04/00