

### **BOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**



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Minutes of the meeting of **Borough Green Parish Council** held **in** Borough Green Village Hall on **Monday 5th June 2023** starting at 1930. The meeting was not recorded.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Shaw, Millener, Simpson, Rawsthorne, Bartlett Reading & Ramsden.

**044.** Apologies for Absence, KCC Cllr Rayner, TMBC Cllr Palmer (JTB) Cllrs Butterfill, Wragg, Rothwell. Clerk delayed

**045.** Declarations of Acceptance Cllrs Reading & Simpson

# **046.** Declarations of Interest Chair to abstain from Payments

**TMBC Appointments** Chair noted he was now TMBC Cabinet Member for Planning, Cllr Palmer was Chair of Area 2 Planning Committee

# 047. Minutes of the meeting 15th May 2023 and Annual Parish - Agreed, Cllr Simpson abstain

**048. Matters Arising.** Committee Appointments

Finance Cttee; Chair, Vice Chair, Cllrs Wragg & Millener, (and any others)

KALC; & Parish Partnership Panel; Cllrs Butterfill & Shaw

**BGVH**; Cllr Rawsthorne

Kent Men of the Trees; Cllr Bartlett and Chair

Skate Park; Cllr Millener & Chair

J5Slips; Cllr Shaw

Kent Rail Forum; Cllr Wragg

T&MBC Standards Cttee; Cllr Wragg

Complaints arrangements; All complaints initially go to Clerk, who decides whether to report directly to the

Monitoring Officer at TMBC. **Sports Liaison** Cllr Reading

### 049 Submissions by County and Borough Members and Members of the Public - None present

### 050 Planning Matters to hand

- (i) To note Planning Notices as circulated
- (ii) Current applications and responses circulated

TM/23/00998/LDP 29 Annetts Hall LDC: Extend existing dropped kerb - no observations
TM/23/01009/FL Brackenhill Service Station 82 - 106 Maidstone Rd Formation of 2no. self-service car wash bays and relocation of above ground offset fill pipes and vent pipes. No objections but concerns about runoff water and impact on Sewage Pumping Station and ice, and noise impact on residents - Chair to respond.

Noted TMBC website has been down, and no List Bs have been published. Chair has received assurances from TMBC that the 21 day consultation periods will only commence when List Bs are finally published.

Noted Addington PC have contributed £500 to the Joint Parish Planning Fund.

#### 051 Potters Mede

- (i) Container in hand
- (ii) Electrical Certificate. Emergency lighting and LED upgrade in hand
- (iii) Mower repairs and tax New tractor/deck Barry repair £105
- (iv) BGJFC Pitch Grant noted

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- (v) Approval of Draft T&Cs as circulated to be amended, and rates removed, refundable deposit agreed £150
- (vi) Small John Deere sold £350, thanks to Mr Glew
- (vii) Cllr Millener raised concerns about children's finger entrapment in the hall side door- manufacturer to be contacted, possible signage and hinge blocks.

### 052 Recreation Ground

- (i) CCTV enhancement in progress
- (ii) ASB reports Clerk reported two Section 59 notices and one warning issued, increased Police activity, and a reduction of problems in the Rec. Clerk in discussion with CSP and Wardens. Support for use of Taylor Room at PM as Youth Venue, but agreed it should be FOC and some start up grant aid from the PC. Some concern about displacement of ASB activity.
- (iii) Pavilion refurbishment damp proofing obtain quote Asbestos survey £295 auth, awaiting results.
- (iv) Purchase replacement Battery Stihl Pole saw and hedge trimmer, apx £1000 AGREED

# 053 Village Enhancements

- (i) Green Space Review Discussions with Primary School, and sourcing of a minibus
- (ii) War Memorial, Ray Chopping ashes and plaque noted
- (iii) VH Bench plaques noted
- (iv) Hanging baskets £3300 +vat 21 pairs + 1 bracket. Noted repairs needed, next year could be expensive and it may be less costly to concentrate on the village centre
- (v) IQE conveyancing finally completed
- 054 Financial Matters RFO delayed deferred until 2030

# 055 Website & Social Media

(i) Cllr Rawsthorne tabled a draft Social Media policy - adopted - to be posted to website

# 056 Neighbourhood & Local Plans

(i) Cllr Rawsthorne reported on delay to meeting with Tiverton TC who had offered advice on an NP.

# 057 Highways & Streetlighting

- (i) Update on A25 road and pavement resurfacing Road closure from 5th June
- (ii) Wheelie bin 30 stickers £95 per 100 AGREED
- (iii) KCC Baskets & Lighting Chairman noted ongoing problems with KCC

### 058 Quarries & Landfills

- (i) BGSP- update
- (ii) H+H material on roads reported to KCC Enforcement

There was a robust discussion about noise on the A25. Cllr Shaw left the meeting 2030

# **059 Councillors Reports from outside Bodies** (max 3 min)

(i) Village Hall Report. Cllr Rawsthorne noted decorating, and "handover" of Booking System to online

# 054 Financial Matters

- (i) RFO summarised financial performance and accounts for Y/E 31/3/2023, and reported that previous deficit of £40k had been reversed, and prudent financial management had resulted in a £25k surplus.
- (ii) Internal Audit report The opinion of the Internal Auditor was that BGPC was run in accordance with all current Financial Regulations and Standing Orders, and there is a transparency of operation in finances. Chairman thanked the Clerk.
- (ii) Bank Reconciliations & Balance 31 May 2023 Noted
- (iii) To approve Payment List as circulated. Prop Cllr Bartlett, Sec Cllr Millener AGREED. Chair abstained Invoices checked: Cllrs Bartlett & Reading.
- (iv) Legal Cost Recovery ongoing

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- (v) Avery Hill foodbank Clerk noted Mr Glew and Springett had used bad weather time to raise charity funding of over £1000, £300 donated to Avery Hill. Members thanked them for their efforts.
- (vi) Parish Alliance 2 months £2991 to be recharged, but awaiting revenue credits
- (vii) Salary Review Part 2 Agreed salary increase, and back dated to April 1st 2023.
- (viii) Annual Governance Statement AGREED
- (ix) Accounting Statement AGREED
- (x) Dates of Notice of Public Rights 7th June 18 July, to be posted on website and Noticeboards AGREED Prop en bloc Chair, Sec Cllr Rawsthorne - AGREED UNANIMOUSLY,

Cllr Reading left at 2050

### 060 Future Dates

# (i) Date of next meeting 1930 10th July 2023 (2nd week)

At all other times contact the Clerk using the details above

**061 Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to Section1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any item.

Members are reminded that any release of information from a Part 2 discussion is contrary to the Standards Code and an offence under the above Public Bodies Act.

of Janyler 10 July 2023

| 10 July 2023                                   |           |
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| BGPC Payments List June 2023                   | £         |
| Staff Salaries (TBC)                           | 5,207.78  |
| HMRC   | 2,683.09  |
| KCC Pensions                                   | 1,171.56  |
| BACS Payments                                  |           |
| CJS Plants, inv 3990                           | 3,960.00  |
| SHS Hygiene, inv 44600                         | 757.44    |
| BGCH - Lunch Club, inv 42/23                   | 445.50    |
| BGVH - Lunch Club, inv 41/23                   | 405.00    |
| Martin Fielder-White (Internal Audit), inv 007 | 80.00     |
| Expenses - Barry Glew                          | 225.86    |
| Expenses - Bernie Galopin                      | 10.65     |
| Expenses - Mike Taylor                         | 214.18    |
| DD Payments                                    |           |
| Zen Internet                                   | 13.79     |
| TMBC Rates                                     | 57.20     |
| Bank Charges *                                 | 19.75     |
| Npower* - streetlighting                       | 1,164.04  |
| Npower* - public convenience                   | 1,654.18  |
| EDF (PM)*                                      | 1,126.00  |
| EDF (RG)*                                      | 35.00     |
| Castle Water*                                  | 120.25    |
| Castle Water*                                  | 17.60     |
| Vauxhall Finance                               | 544.80    |
| PWLB   | 2,873.61  |
| Total Payments                                 | 22,787.28 |
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| NB: Receipts for the period 01/05 to 31/05/23  | 4,323.43  |
| Total Bank Balance                             | 197784.69 |
| Signatures Cllr Bartlett & Reading             |           |