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Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 5 March 2001 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans, B Hughes (7.50pm), Cllr Mrs J Lucas, J McWilliam, M Stone, M Taylor  
Apologies: Mrs V Hayman  
There were two members of the public in attendance

Action

136. **Minutes** of the meeting 29 January 2001 were signed as a true record.

137. **Matters Arising**  
131. Clerk reported that a £300 contribution from Whitbread had been agreed.

138. **Planning Matters**

**Pre-Meeting**

- TM/87/0346 Transport Office – Celcon, Ightham Sandpits. No observations
- TM/98/0528 Noise Monitoring – Celcon, Ightham Sandpits. All previous comments still apply. Predicted figures are not satisfactory. Monitoring should be undertaken at least 3 times a year and not during Bank Holiday weekends
- TM/00/1925 Internal floor layouts – Residential development, 21-25 Sevenoaks Road. No observations
- TM/00/1925 Safety barrier & gates – Residential development, 21-25 Sevenoaks Road. Query what provision has to be made for refuse bins.
- TM/00/2956 Extension, conservatory & parking – 15 Sandy Ridge. No observations
- TM/01/0327 Dwelling & parking spaces – adj. 1 Annetts Hall. Observations: 1. Concern about flooding 2. Insufficient vehicular turning space 3. Query 2.7m wide access
- TM/01/0213 Extensions – 13 Crowhurst Road. No observations
- TM/01/0295 Conservatory – 11 Ascot Close. No observations.

**Decisions**

- TM/00/1623 Tree Surgery – The Paddock House, 78 Crouch Lane. Permission granted
  - TM/00/1919 New window & door + internal alterations – 89 Station Rd. LBC approved
  - TM/00/1960 Extension – Baptist Church, Maidstone Rd. Permission granted
  - TM/00/2517 Temporary use of depot for Civil Engineers, Isles & Stangate Quarries – Permission granted
  - TM/00/2667 Incorporation of land within residential curtilage – adj. 16 The Crescent. Permission refused.
  - TM/00/2696 New roof & dormers – 32 Station Rd. Permission granted
  - TM/00/2722 Wall & vehicular access – The Old Manor House. Permission granted
  - TM/00/2889 Storage & screening of refuse – Fox & Hounds redevelopment, Maidstone Rd. Permission granted
- Planning Policy & Conservation, Best Value Review – Letter from T&MBC received. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher will complete and return questionnaire.

CB-W

139. **Correspondence**

- Noted:** Medway River Project – Annual Report 1999/2000
- Kent Energy Centre – Kent Action to Save Heat, Community Advisor
- Going for Green – Conservation events
- KCC – Rural Revival
- T&MBC – WPPC minutes 22/1/01
- KRCC – Rural News, magazine & Rural Life Conference
- KRCC – Local housing needs in Kent
- KCC – Kent Countryside 2000, understanding rural change
- KCC – 'The Kent Agreement', public service agreement with the government
- NALC – Local Council Review journal
- CPRE – Kent Sprawl Patrol Campaign Seminar (housing development)
- T&MBC – Register of Electors 2001(copies to all Members)

**Correspondence for consideration**

- T&MBC – Community Leisure Strategy Review. Future proposals for Borough Green appropriately amended and updated.
- Babtie – Review of Speed Limits on A25 within T&M. Extension of speed restriction to Dark Hill roundabout recommended.
- T&MBC – 'Your Council Your Say' (copies to all Members). Cllrs McWilliam, Hughes and Dolton will submit a response on behalf of the Parish Council. Extreme concern about apparent lack of advising the local electorate.
- T&MBC – 'Here & Now' Distribution. Agreed that there is only intermittent delivery in Dryland Road, Sandy Ridge and Wrotham Road.

JMcW, BH, AD

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every area.  
Potters etc.  
comparable  
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4/1/01 -  
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**Correspondence (Continued)**

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DETR – Draft Model Code of Conduct Consultation Paper. Chairman, Cllr Hughes and Clerk will prepare and submit response.

SM, BH

T&MBC – National Spring Clean 1-30 April 2001. Litter Pick agreed for A25/A227. Concern about ragstone deposits on A25 from unsheeted lorries

T&MBC – Land west of Crouch Lane, Platt, travelling show people's site. Letter from T&MBC read and noted

Wrotham School – request for a grant towards running cots of Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Further information will be requested.

KCC – Update on current Food and Mouth Disease crisis read and noted. All rural public rights of way are now closed.

There then followed the period for public consultation

Residents of Crouch Lane are concerned about excessive speed of traffic in Crouch Lane which is causing hazardous and potentially dangerous conditions. Chairman and Cllr D Evans will discuss this with T&MBC and Cllr D Evans will also refer the matter to KCC, with particular regard to possible traffic calming measures and weight restriction.

SM, DE  
DE

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

Cllr D Evans reported on a recent KCC meeting and advised that surveys will be carried out to assess the impact that large commercial companies in the area have on the highway network. A meeting will be held at Potters Mede on Friday 30 March 2001 at 8pm for Councillors, Clerks and T&MBC/KCC representatives when all current permissions pertaining to local quarry sites will be explained.

All Cllrs

A reply from T&MBC was read re. PC proposed lorry management and traffic restrictions Rock Road/Quarry Haul Road. Agreed to request a site meeting: Chairman and Cllr Stone will attend.

SM, MS

141. **Staff Salaries**

Chairman proposed that increases be paid to A Gill, J Stephens, R Springett w.e.f 1 April 2001, all as detailed last month when considering the 2001/2002 Precept. Further proposed that Clerk's salary be raised to spinal point 24 plus outer fringe allowance plus applicable national pay awards, all as agreed last month. Proposals agreed.

142. **KAPC Membership**

Chairman proposed that the Parish Council joins KAPC for a trial period 2001/2002: membership is £704.76 incl VAT and bi-monthly magazine. Agreed.

143. **Bowls Club Lease**

The draft lease had been received from T&MBC and passed to Cllr McWilliam for approval. Agreed that the lease can be signed. A letter from the Bowls Club was read and noted.

144. **Recreation Ground**

**Tree Surgery:** T&MBC Landscape Officer has inspected the tree surgery work recently carried out and recommended that no further works be undertaken.

**Boundary hedge:** Chairman and Cllr Hughes will inspect centre section of boundary hedge on west side of the ground to decide whether cutting back is required.

**T&M Football Coaching:** A letter requesting use of the Recreation Ground rather than Potters Mede was read. After discussion, agreed, but the Parish Council is of the opinion that Potters Mede would be the more suitable and safer venue.

SM, BH

145. **Potters Mede**

**Mower:** Agreed to purchase an Atco B20 mower for use on the cricket square. Three prices will be obtained and Chairman and Vice-Chairman will authorise acceptance.

**Use of car park:** A letter from the Chairman of Governors, Wrotham School was read. Agreed that some comments it contained were inaccurate and that there is still need for more responsible use of the car park.

Agreed that the Caravan Club may use the car park for a rally next year. Agreed charge £400 for the weekend.

**Sports Assn:** A sub-cttee. meeting had been held and it is recommended that a management cttee be formed rather than a charitable trust. Further information will be obtained.



146. **Committee Reports**

**Highways, Footpaths & St. Lighting:** a copy letter from a resident to T&MBC re. drainage A227 was read and noted.

There is concern about the amount of dirt deposits on the A25.

Bollards outside the launderette need to be replaced.

A reply from KCC re repairs FP MR251 was received.

Cllr Brinkley-Willsher has agreed Seeboard annual inventory with no amendments.

**BGVHMC:** Cllr J Evans reported. Noted that the contract for refuse collection will not be renewed. 'Any Questions' will be recorded at BGVH on Friday 16 March 2001.

**Men of Trees:** No report.

**Quarries Liaison:** No report.

**Basted Mill Open Space:** No report

147. **Cheques for Signature**

£838.43 Wicksteed Leisure – Playground equipment, Rec.Gd.

£73.42 BH Mower Services – Mower service, Rec.Gd.

£264.38 Chestnut Products Ltd – Car Park fencing, Recreation Ground

£118.91 C-Tech – Property Marking Kit

£95.12 Neat Ideas – Printer/FAX cartridges

£75.00 Compaid – Donation

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£50.00 Victim Support West Kent – Donation

£15.00 CPRE – Annual Subscription

£66.99 Kentec Tool Hire Ltd – Hire of drainage pump, Potters Mede

£311.38 J Lawrenson – Tree surgery, Recreation Ground

£57.33 EJP Fire Protection Ltd – Annual inspections, Rec.Gd & P.Mede

**NatWest Auto-Pay**

£105.34 F P Caine Ltd – Replacement basin & materials, Potters Mede

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

Agreed.

148. **Resolved to enter into committee**

Vandalism at the Recreation Ground was discussed.

There was discussion about drainage and Health & Safety matters Woodlands Estate.

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