

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher,  
B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, J McWilliam, M Taylor, Mrs B Woodhams  
Apologies: Cllrs A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans,

There were no members of the public in attendance

There were no declarations of interest.

Action

127. **Minutes** of the meeting 24 January 2003 were signed as a true record.

County Cllr Mrs V Dagger gave an update on the bypass and reported that Celcon have confirmed their financial contribution. However, there are land issues involved which will entail pre and post planning application discussions and a possible Public Inquiry.

128. **Matters Arising**

124.112 Neither Chairman nor Consultant were able to attend the Parish Plans seminar because of inclement weather conditions. Cllr McWilliam will arrange for the consultant to meet with the Parish Council at 7pm on 3 March 2003.

JMcW  
All Cllrs

129. **Planning Matters**

TM/02/2863 Restoration & landscaping details – Ightham Sandpit. Agreed that the application is incomplete. It is considered that a "programme of managed change" should have been submitted.

**Planning Decisions**

TM/98/1843 Management Plan to ensure nature conservation - Borough Green Sandpit. Amended details approved.

TM/02/3407 New shopfront & alterations - Saab Garage, Station Approach. Permission granted.

TM/02/3567 Archaeological work - 1 Crowhill Road. Details approved.

TM/02/3631 Fell oak tree - 18 dryland Road. Permission granted.

TM/02/3746 Materials - 1 Crowhill Road. Details noted.

TM/01/2683 Extension, 97 Crouch Lane. Breach of condition (no fixed windows and obscure glazing to side windows) being actioned.

TM/02/0454 Residential development - Red Lion PH, Sevenoaks Road. Appeal dismissed.

Borough Green House, Rock Road. Alleged breach of planning control (unauthorised business use) investigated and no evidence found.

130. **Correspondence**

**Noted:**

RAISE - newsletter

KRCC - Newsletters, magazine, publicity & community halls information

T&MBC - Joint Transportation Board Minutes 9/12/02

T&MBC - Local Plan 2002 Monitoring Report

Channel Tunnel Rail Link - Energisation of Overhead Lines 9/2/03

BMPOS Joint Committee - Minutes of the meeting 7/11/02

KAPC - Minutes of the meeting 12/12/02. (Copy to Cllr Brinkley-Willsher)

Jarmans Solicitors - Transfer of Justices' licence - Co-op, Station Approach

Highways Agency - Traffic Information Jan - March 2003

T&MBC - Next meeting of the Working Party with PCs 13 March 2003 7.30pm

T&M Housing Assn. - Newsletter

CPRE - Planning Update

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Maidstone & Malling Police - Unit/team structure information

KCC - Rural Revival grants. Noted that Parish Councils are no longer eligible. Information will be passed to BMPOS.

T&MBC - Summer Playscheme Review, conclusions & recommendations. Chairman summarised information.

SE Regional Assembly - Draft strategy for the SE. Papers passed to Cllr McWilliam who will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

KRCC - Kent Calor Village of the Year. Agreed to enter. Further details will be requested.

JMcW

Correspondence (Continued)

KAPC - Allowances for Parish Councillors - Draft guidance. After discussion agreed that the proposals are quite unworkable and the Parish Council would wish to opt out of any such scheme of allowances.

D Beach & Son - Application for funfair on council land. Further information will be requested.  
T&MBC Local Plan Report - Passed to Cllr McWilliam.

There were no matters for public consultation.

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

The Council watched a 'Community Speed Watch' video received from the Police. There followed discussion about the scheme which involves volunteers in partnership with the Police and other agencies. Chairman will discuss this further with the Police.

SM

132. **Parish Meeting**

The Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 6 May 2003 at Potters Mede.

133. **Recreation Ground**

**Playscheme:** Agreed that this may be held at Potters Mede all as in previous years.

**Rolling of Field:** request from BGJFC noted but agreed the ground is too wet at present.

**Stream:** All members had received details of the tenders for clearance and cutting-out of ditch. Chairman proposed that the tender of Ringshill Forestry & Conservation in the sum of £340 be accepted, which is inclusive of work to the ditch at Potters Mede. Agreed.

134. **Potters Mede**

**Stream:** Tender accepted all as above.

**Car Park:** Tenders will be obtained for filling, top dressing and rolling the front car park.

135. **Committee Reports**

**Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting:** Cllr Taylor reported on provision of dropped kerbs: tenders have been accepted by T&MBC. Noted that an obsolete street lighting column at the j/o A25/Crowhill Road needs to be removed.

Chairman and Cllr Hughes have inspected the large piece of ragstone that will become the village sign. It is currently drying-out and will be worked on during the summer. Chairman and Cllr Hughes will continue to progress the project.

There was further discussion about the street lighting column outside 1 Fairfield Road. Cllr Mrs Woodhams will discuss this further with the resident.

Salt bins on the Woodlands Estate need refilling. Agreed to purchase a salt bin for the j/o Basted Mill/Thong Lane.

**BGVHMC:** No report.

**Men of Trees:** No report

**Quarries Liaison:** Tree clearance adj. RMC site was discussed.

**BMPOS:** No report.

**Twinning:** No report.

SM/BH

136. **Cheques for Signature**

**Auto-Pay:** £23.02 Kent Aluminium - Plants & compost, Western Road planter

£164.87 Seeboard - Street Lighting Supply, January 2003

£462.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede February 2003

£621.60 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/1– 31/1/03

£815.19 H Damiral – Clerk January 2003

£607.46 W Austin – Caretaker/Groundsman 1/1– 31/1/03

£212.81 Seeboard - Street Lighting Maintenance, January 2003

£30.49 Seeboard - Street Lighting Repair, 1 Fairfield Road

£18.00 KRCC - Course fee

£30.00 P&T Plumbing Services - New outside tap, Potters Mede.

£22.50 Mrs C Laning - Refund, hire of Potters Mede

£280.00 Cash - Petty cash & telephone rental October - Dec. 2002 (incl £21.65 other exp.)

£998.75 Ringshill Forestry & Conservation - Woodland walk, Rec. Ground

£1776.44 Tonbridge Fencing - Fencing, Potters Mede frontage

Proposed by Cllr McWilliam, seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

## 137. There were no matters for discussion in committee.

