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Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 6 March 2006 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr B Hughes (Chairman), Cllrs J Bailey, J Broad, Mrs J Lucas, S Perry, J Phillips, Miss L Robinson, C Willsheer, Mrs B Woodhams. T&M B Cllr Mrs S Murray
Apologies: Cllr, T&M B Cllrs D Evans & Mrs J Harrison KC Cllr Mrs V Dagger

There were nine members of the public in attendance, Rural Community Warden Sarah Port and PC D Allen. Chairman also welcomed representatives from T&MBC: Cllr Mrs Jill Anderson and Cllr Gordon Court.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Bailey item 135 'Ingleside' development.

129. Minutes of the meeting 6 February 2006 were signed as a true record.

130. Matters Arising
None

131. Planning Matters

TM/05/4150 Outline application – 3-bed bungalow 74 Sevenoaks Road. No observations

TN/05/0372 Extension – 8 Wye Road. No observations.

Planning decisions

TM/05/3372 Extensions – 119 Maidstone Road. Permission granted.

TM/05/4031 Change of use to include B8 warehouse/storage – ARC Southern Quarry Hill Road. Permission granted.

TM/05/4189 Acoustic protection – r/o 1 Sevenoaks Road. Details approved.

TM/05/4198 Extension – 21 High Street. Permission granted.

TM/05/0093 Extension and porch – 131 Maidstone Road. Permission granted.

TM/06/0313 Joinery details – 89 Station Road. Details approved

37 High Street Alleged breach of planning control re advertisement: approval required.

132. Oral reports from Members and Clerk

Cllr Willsheer advised of the Hansard Record of Adjournment Debate initiated by David Heath 18/01/06.

A-Z Geographers Co Ltd still await a response from Sir John Stanley MP regarding the O₂ equipment in Fairfield Road. Meanwhile, the providers have been asked to test the equipment to satisfy concerns about possible health & safety hazards.

Attention was drawn to the current water shortage and total hosepipe ban in place for all domestic customers of Mid Kent Water. To help conserve water supplies, 'Hippo Bags' can be placed in cisterns. These are obtainable, free of charge, from Mid Kent Water tel: 0845 8506060 quoting customer reference numbers.

Parking in Fairfield Road, close to the junction with the A227, is causing hazardous conditions and often necessitates vehicles being reversed back out onto the main road: this will be referred to Kent Highways.

There is still concern about incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village and CCTV has now been installed in the High Street and village hall areas. Increased action by the Police is fully supported by the Parish Council. Agreed that Cllr Broad will provide all members with details of a proposed strategy to help deal with the problem: for consideration at the next meeting. T&M B Cllr Mrs Murray provided further information about recent incidents and Police action.

Tonbridge & Malling Youth Forum is now meeting regularly to discuss issues concerning young people, and representatives from Borough Green are attending.

Noted that people over the age of 60 are eligible for a free bus pass or a £10 voucher towards a Senior Rail Card. Application should be made to T&MBC.

T&M B Cllr Mrs Murray also advised of consultations and meetings regarding pedestrian safety measures, street lighting and Unitary Authorities.

Noted that some residents attended a T&MBC meeting in connection with the Green Waste collection arrangements. Another meeting will be held at 7pm on 16 March 2006 in the Village Hall.

T&M B Cllrs will hold a surgery on 25 March 2006 in the Parish office 10 – 12noon.

It was confirmed that, at the county planning meeting later this month, KC Cllr Mrs Dagger will put forward the views of BGPC re the Celcon application, along with the views of the other parishes she represents.

Crime figures for the past month were outlined and noted.

Cllr Mrs Woodhams and Cllr Phillips will be in attendance at the Parish Office 10-12 noon Saturday 1 April 2006.

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133. **Correspondence**

Noted:
 KCC Superannuation regulations, changes & training
 T&MBC Joint Transportation Board meeting 06/03/06
 SLCC Conference 27 April 2006
 Age Concern Mailing Letter of thanks for donation
 Compaid Letter of thanks for donation
 KAPC Newsletter no 314
 Victim Support Letter of thanks for donation
 T&MBC Smoking litter campaign
 T&MBC Fly-tipping and Householders 'Duty of Care'
 KCPFA Newsletter winter 05/06
 Mid Kent Water Hosepipe ban publicity
 KCC Kent Trails magazine
 NALC Local Council review magazine March 2006
 KCC Kent T&M Local Board: agenda 9/3/06, minutes 6/12/05 incl
 further information on Members' community Grant scheme
 T&MBC Parish Partnership agenda - mtg 9/3/06 (Copies to BH/CW)
 KAPC Planning information Day 18 March 2006
 Resident Letter of thanks re Rec Gd pavilion
 KCC Mtg of T&M Local Board: Ightham Village Hall 9 March 2006 7pm for
 7.30pm - outline of the borough's education achievements and
 results

KAPC Chairmanship Training Day 29 March 2006: Agreed that Cllr Willscher will attend.
 T&MBC 'Serving You Better' - A Community Strategy for T&M: Document will be sent

direct to Chairman.

BGVHMC - New door bell for Parish Council office. All Cllrs on duty in the office are asked
 to fix the portable bell outside and remove/safely store when closing the office

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All

134. **Vacancies BGPC**

All members had received copies of an application for co-option. Cllr Mrs Woodhams
 proposed that, subject to interview, the applicant be co-opted. Seconded by Cllr Phillips.
 Agreed. Further agreed that 2/3 members and Clerk will meet with the applicant later in the
 month.

It was with regret that the Parish Council received the resignation of Mrs Lucy Barrow.
 formal vacancy procedures will be followed and Chairman will correspond.

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135. **'Ingleside' development, Maidstone Road**

A letter from Cripps Harries Hall (Solicitors) was received: Chairman proposed that they be
 appointed with a maximum fee expenditure level of £900 +VAT. Seconded by Cllr Mrs
 Woodhams, agreed.

A draft letter from the solicitors was approved and the draft Section 106 Agreement received
 from T&MBC will be sent to Cripps Harries Hall.

136. **Speedwatch**

All members had received copies of a quotation from Kent Speed Watch. Cllr Perry gave
 further information. After discussion Cllr Willscher proposed a one month trial of a portable
 radar traffic monitoring device at a cost of £250 with a 80% refund if subsequently purchased
 within 30 days. Seconded by Cllr Bailey. Agreed. Further agreed to accept Cllr Perry's offer
 to be responsible for setting-up and moving the equipment. The possibility of a T&MBC grant
 will be investigated.

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137. **Skate Park**

The invoice from Wrotham Parish Council, on which a part-payment was made last month,
 has been queried. Time sheets relating to both the Skate Park and Borough Green
 Recreation Ground have been clarified with the Groundsman and administrative procedures
 reiterated. Cllr Willscher proposed that the balance of £400.30 be paid, seconded by Cllr Mrs
 Lucas. Agreed.

Chairman reported on the inaugural meeting of the Skate Park Management Committee.
 Concern about the encouragement of graffiti at the site will be referred to the committee.

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138 **Recreation Grounds**

Tennis Club: Due to lack of membership, it was reported that Borough Green Tennis Club is likely to close this year. Cllr Willsher will liaise with the club.

Use of Potters Mede: All members had received copies of a request to hire Potters Mede on a long-term weekday basis for a nursery school. After discussion and consideration of the likely practical and legal implications, it was agreed that the building is a facility for the community and should be kept available for people to hire. It was unanimously agreed, therefore, that the request be refused.

There then followed the period for public consultation:

Agreed that the immediate future use and maintenance of the Recreation Ground pavilion will be considered at the next meeting. All members will visit the site and suggestions will be discussed.

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All

139 **Cheques for Signature****Auto-Pay**

£594.70	R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/2 - 28/2/06
£1076.94	H Damira - Clerk February 2006
£397.48	W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/2 - 28/2/06
£225.72	M Taylor - Groundsman 1/2 - 28/2/06
£414.78	KCC - Superannuation February 2006
£537.84	Mid Kent Water - Supply, Potters Mede
£216.29	EDF Energy - Street lighting maintenance March 2006
£177.89	Kent Aluminium - Maintenance materials, Rec. Gd & P Mede
£60.00	J Stephens - Websites maintenance February 2006
£2920.00	K Preston (Ariston Roofing & Building Services) - New roof Rec.Gd pavilion
£115.46	EJP Fire Protection Ltd - Service of appliances, Rec. Gd & P Mede
£15.00	CPRE - Annual subscription 2005/06
£637.50	Waterlink - Repair leak to water supply pipe, Potters Mede car park
£52.88	KAPC - Course fee, Chairmanship Day
£1090.64	Wrotham Parish Council - Skate Park contributions
£300.00	Waterlink - Repair further leak to water supply pipe, Potters Mede car park

Proposed by Cllr Perry, seconded by Cllr Willsher that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

Agreed that a quotation will be obtained for renewal of mains water pipe across Potters Mede car park.

140 There were no matters for discussion in committee.