

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 5 December 2005 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr B Hughes (Chairman), Cllrs. J Bailey, Mrs L Barrow, J Broad, Mrs S Murray (8.30pm), S. Perry, J Phillips, Miss L Robinson, C Willis, Mrs B Woodhams JANET
Apologies: T&MBCllr D Evans

There were three members of the public in attendance and the Rural Community Warden, Sarah Port.

Chairman reminded councillors of procedure for declarations of interest: noted that the councillor must leave the meeting during the appropriate discussion/decision making. Declarations of interest were declared by Cllr J Bailey - item 92 Planning TM/03/2563 Ightham Sandpit. Cllr Mrs Woodhams - item 92 Planning TM/05/3570 20/22 Wrotham Road.

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90. **Minutes** of the meeting 7 November 2005 were signed as a true record.

91. **Matters Arising**

Pre-agenda - nuisance by young people: Clerk reported that a Dispersal Order had been imposed on Borough Green and Wrotham which will be in force until 5 January 2006. The British Transport Police are working well with Kent Police. The Rural Community Warden gave further information.

74. Cllr Willis advised of the PC's written response to the Preferred Options Report. Public consultation: the Police have been watching for vehicles mounting the footway in Western Road but advise that this is a difficult problem to overcome.

87. Formal tenders for repairs to the Recreation Ground pavilion have been invited.

92. **Planning Matters**

TM/03/2563 Additional supporting information and environmental statement - factory building, Ightham Sandpit. After considerable discussion and consideration of researched evidence, agreed to reiterate concerns about possible health hazards. It is considered that previous objections have not been fully addressed and the KCC suggestion that the plant be relocated is endorsed.

TM/05/2875 Garage - 1 Crowhill. No observations.

TM/05/3296 Conversion of toilet block to office with upper storey office - Henry Simmonds PH, Wrotham Road. Query sufficient provision of toilet facilities for the public house.

TM/05/3342 Conservatory - 31 Annetts Hall. No observations.

TM/05/3372 Extensions - 118 Maidstone Road. No observations.

TM/05/3451 Telecommunications column - land fronting 177/199 Fairfield Rd. Copy correspondence from A-Z Ltd, Borough Green Mast Campaign and O2 noted. The concerns of A-Z are fully endorsed. After discussion agreed that the council is unable to give this full consideration as the location of the equipment cabinet has not been identified.

TM/05/3456 Access arrangements - residential development, 153 Maidstone Rd. No observations.

TM/05/3533 Joinery details - residential development Orchard House, 71 Sevenoaks Road. No observations.

TM/05/3570 Outline application Residential redevelopment 20/22 Wrotham Road. Objections: 1. Additional traffic movements onto A227 will be potentially dangerous for pedestrians. 2. Concern about massing and close proximity to adjacent houses. 3. Application is premature until construction of Borough Green bypass.

Planning decisions

TM/05/2282 2-storey dwelling - land r/o 89 Station Rd. Permission granted.

TM/05/2616 Extension - 24 Tilton Road. Permission granted.

TM/05/2699 New dwelling - Pine Lodge 76 Crouch Lane. Outline permission refused.

TM/05/2826 Variation of condition to allow rooflights - 20 Wye Road. Permission granted

TM/05/2912 Tree surgery - 10 Monkton Road. Permission granted.

74 Sevenoaks Road TPO issued.

Unit 16 Bourne Enterprise Centre Alleged unauthorised works: no breach of planning control found.

93. **Oral reports from Members and Clerk**

Frequent parking of vehicles on the footway by the Red Lion PH, Sevenoaks Road has been reported to the Police.

There are still problems with young people causing upset to local residents in the vicinity of the village hall.

Oral reports from Members and Clerk (Continued)

Clerk reported on a recent Kent Highways seminar and advised that outstanding Borough Green issues had been referred to the new agency.

94. Correspondence**Noted:**

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| KCC | Pension scheme regs: changes/benefit illustrations/AVCs & forum |
| Kent Downs AONB | Publications |
| Maidstone & T Wells NHS Trust | Annual report |
| T&MBC | Street numbering – 57a Station Road |
| Global Action Plan | Small Change Project' |
| T&MBC | Standards Ctee meeting agenda |
| Kent T&M Local Board | Notice of meeting 6 December 2005 |
| KAPC | Agenda – meeting 8 December 2005 |
| T&MBC | T&M Housing Needs survey |
| T&MBC | Sports Activities and Coach of the Year award |
| New Local Govt Network | Conference 2 Feb. 2006 |
| CPRE | Magazine Autumn 2005 |
| Countrywise | Statutory duties of relevant LAs re conservation/landscapes |
| T&MBC | 'Bash the Trash 2006' |
| Kent Highway Services | Traffic Order – Hill View/Hill View Close |
| T&MBC | PPP minutes 10 November 2005. Copies passed to Chairman and Cllr Willsher. Next meeting 9 March 2006. |

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BGPC Groundsman A letter querying tendering procedures was read and discussed
Chairman responded by answering all the points in question and explaining the council's formal tendering process.

There then followed the period for public consultation:

There were further comments about 1. the condition of the Recreation Ground pavilion – it was also suggested that the building be lit at night and a toilet made available for public use 2. disturbance by young people and the Dispersal Order 3. TM/03/2583 factory building, Ightham Sandpit.

The possible future development of land at Isles Quarry West

95. Dates of future meetings

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| Agreed dates: Monday 9 January 2006 | Monday 6 February 2006 |
| Monday 6 March 2006 | Monday 3 April 2006 |
| Monday 8 May 2006 | Monday 12 June 2006 |
| Monday 3 July 2006 | |

96. T&MBC refuse collection/recycling arrangements

Request from T&MBC Waste Management Officer to address the council on 'changes to the refuse and recycling collection in parts of Borough Green' agreed: 7pm Monday 6 February, prior to the council meeting.

97. Seaboard street lighting energy costs

Clerk reported on discussions with EDF Energy re costs. Cllr Willsher proposed acceptance of the increased tariff from 5.0114p/KWh to 8p/KWh. Seconded by Cllr Phillips. Agreed.

98. Mowing 2006/07

A quotation for the 2006 season was received from KCC – Potters Mede £58.79/cut Recreation Ground £31.01/cut with a discount of £1.75 per cut per site if both sites are cut at the same time. Noted that the latter is becoming increasingly difficult because of water retention at Potters Mede. Proposed by Cllr Mrs Murray that this be accepted, seconded by Cllr Mrs Woodhams. Agreed.

99. BGPC financial report 05/06 & budget 2006/07

Chairman proposed that this be discussed under item 104 of the agenda. Agreed.

100. Speedwatch

Cllr Perry is liaising with Wotham and Platt parish councils and he reported on his discussions with Kent Police. Councillors will pass ideas for specific Speed Watch locations to Cllr Perry. Agreed that the Police representative will be asked to address the council.

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101. **Skate Park**

Cllr Perry reported on a meeting with the other participating parishes and the builder regarding construction issues. The H&S Inspector's report is awaited; agreed that her recommendations must be fully complied with at all times. It is unlikely that construction works will now be completed before Spring 2006 although additional groundworks will be undertaken shortly. Insurance cover is proving a problem; further information is awaited. There was some discussion about graffiti on the site. Noted that T&MBC requires a grant application by the end of February 2006.

102. **Recreation Grounds**

Potters Mede pavilion: Clerk reported on her discussions with the contractor regarding the refurbishment works which will commence late February/early March 2006.

Playscheme 2006: Use of the building for the scheme 31.07.06 – 25.08.06 agreed, all as in previous years.

Mower: Chairman proposed that a replacement mower be purchased for the Recreation Ground.

103. **Cheques for Signature****Auto-Pay**

£857.99 R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/11 - 30/11/05
 £1042.09 H Damiral - Clerk November 2005
 £432.96 W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/11 - 30/11/05
 £368.72 M Taylor - Groundsman 1/11 - 30/11/05
 £270.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede December 2005
 £216.29 Seeboard - Street lighting maintenance December 2005
 £332.07 Seeboard - Street lighting supply October 2005k
 £9.35 Kent Aluminium - Maintenance materials Potters Mede
 £60.00 J Stephens - Websites maintenance November 2005

£763.75 Audit Commission - Audit fee 2004/05
 £64.16 Peter Wellard (Electrical Services) - Repair, Potters Mede
 £322.72 Lamis - Photography & mapping subscription
 £6,477.62 Wrotham Parish Council - Skate Park contribution
 £399.29 KCC - Superannuation November 2005
 £181.46 Neat Ideas - Office equipment incl. shredder & laminator
 £184.73 Wrotham PC - Skate Park contribution

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

Cllr Willsher will discuss websites maintenance with Mr Stephens.

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104. **Resolved to enter into committee**

There was further discussion about the skate park: a letter from Wrotham PC was read. All Cllrs received copies of the 6-month budget outturn and draft 2006/07 budget. Sports club charges, staff salaries, donations and special works items for the forthcoming year were discussed and agreed. 2006/07 budget for further consideration at the next meeting. Letters from T&MBC and the agent re Section 106 Agreement and proposed alterations to Recreation Ground car park were received. Cllr Bailey declared an interest and tendered his resignation: he left the meeting. Agreed to engage a solicitor to act on behalf of the Parish Council re the land issue. Chairman and Clerk will liaise.

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