

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 1 November 2004 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr J McWilliam (Chairman), Cllrs. J Bailey, Mrs L Barrow (8.10pm), J Broad, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, Mrs S Murray, J Phillips, C Willsher, Mrs B Woodhams  
County Cllr. Mrs V Dagger (8.20pm)

Apologies: C Palmer, Borough Cllrs Mrs J Harrison and D Evans

Declarations of interest:

Agenda item 99 - Cllr Mrs Murray declared an interest in all planning matters and advised that she would not take part in any discussions.

Agenda item 99 - Cllr McWilliam declared an interest in application TM/04/2445.

Agenda item 99 - Cllr Bailey declared an interest in application TM/04/3697.

There were 4 members of the public in attendance

	<u>Action</u>
97. <b><u>Minutes</u></b> of the meeting 4 October 2004 were signed as a true record.	
98. <b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>	
82. TM/93/0305 wheelwash bays & compound - Borough Green Sandpit. A reply from KCC and conditions of the planning approval were noted. It was reported that commencement of infilling is planned for later this year.	
84. 'Planning for Minerals in Kent 2004/2021' - consultation paper: Chairman advised that no reply was necessary.	
93. Chairman advised that he had received a formal offer from Hall & Co re disposal of land adj to Potters Mede for use as a burial ground. No costings yet available.	
94. Further discussion about payment for water supply to Bowls Club. Agreed that the club will be asked to pay the bill for the entire Recreation Ground for the next 5 years by way of some compensation. Chairman will liaise with Bowls Club.	JMcW
99. <b><u>Planning Matters:-</u></b>	
<b><u>Pre-Meeting</u></b>	
TM/04/2445 3no dwellings & associated works - 'Ingleside' Maidstone Road. Objections:	
1. Additional houses adj to a distinctive property in the village will have a visual impact.	
2. New houses face the Rec. Gd. which is being improved - difficulties can be foreseen.	
3. Extremely narrow access across Rec. Gd. car park is already over-burdened. Access and egress onto busy main road is a major concern.	
TM/04/2537 Extension, amended plan - 3 Annetts Hall. No observations	
TM/04/3409 LDC for garage and utility room - 20 Crowhurst Road. No observations.	
TM/04/3486 Conservatory - 135 Maidstone Road. No observations.	
TM/93/0305 Wheelwash material testing bays & secure compound - Borough Green Sandpit. As 98.82 above.	
<b><u>Meeting</u></b>	
TM/04/3666 Removal of condition (permitted development rights) of permission	
TM/04/2155 - Land south of Orchard House, Sevenoaks Rd. No observations.	
TM/04/3697 Extension - Unit 1 Bourne Enterprise Centre. After discussion agreed that Chairman will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.	JMcW
<b><u>Decisions</u></b>	
TM/93/305 & TM/04/3203 Details of installation of basic infrastructure to include wheelwash, material testing bays & secure compound - Borough Green Sandpit. Details approved.	
100. <b><u>Oral reports from Members and Clerk</u></b>	
Cllr Mrs Murray reported on T&MBC - related matters: Financial Arrangements 2005/2006; Crime & Disorder statistics; ASBOs (Chairman also advised of recent national press information) and T&MBC Scoping Report.	
Chairman will write to Mr J Stephens and liaise with Mr M White re future maintenance of websites.	JMcW
There is some concern about the amount of street signs and furniture currently displayed in the centre of the village. Mr M Taylor will provide some supporting photographs which will be sent to T&MBC and Sevenoaks Chronicle.	
Southern Water will be asked to reinstate site fronting their pumping station and adj to footway, Maidstone Road.	
Cllr Boad is continuing to liaise with BGFC re use of facilities.	JB

**Oral reports from Members and Clerk (Continued)**

All members received copies of a report from the Chairman of BMPOS. After discussion agreed that local residents should be asked for their views on the future use of the area: Chairman will prepare a report for 'The Voice'. Noted that a 16% increase is requested for 2005/06: this will be given consideration at the PC budget meeting.

Cllr Willsher will attend KAPC AGM 13 November 2004.

T&M Housing Assn will be contacted re possible reinstatement of refuse freighter, Harrison Road entrance, on occasional Saturdays.

CW

There then followed the period for public consultation

There was extreme concern by representatives of BGTAG about KCC's proposed location of the new pedestrian crossing on the A25 Sevenoaks Road. Residents request that the crossing be positioned near the Red Lion, between the West Bank/Tilton Road footpaths. After considerable discussion the Parish Council agreed to ask KCC to re-visit the project and carry out another risk assessment. Further agreed to support this preferred option, providing that the risk assessment is acceptable. Mr M Taylor will provide photographic evidence to support the request.

County Cllr Mrs Dagger advised that the crossing on the A227 Wrotham Road will be constructed during the current financial year with the A227 Western Road and A25 Sevenoaks Road crossings scheduled for 2005/06.

There was additional discussion about adequate signage for crossings, speed of traffic on the A25 and training for use of hand-held speed detectors.

101. **T&MBC Financial Arrangements with Parish Councils 2005/2006**

A NIL application was made: action agreed.

102. **Correspondence received**

Cllrs Code of Conduct - revised guidance re Freemasonry: all members received copies of information from T&MBC.

KAPC Annual Report; AGM & Minutes of meeting 16/9/04: copies passed to Cllr Willsher. Newsletter 304 circulated to all members.

Grants to Voluntary & Community groups: re-launch of T&MBC scheme noted. Information will be passed to local groups. Concern that information had been received after commencement of application period.

A227 Pedestrian crossing Potters Mede/ Wrotham School: a copy letter from T&MBC to KCC was received. A proposal to construct a crossing route with central refuge was noted along with comments about use of Potters Mede car park by the school. Councillors expressed concern about 1. Lack of consultation with the Parish Council 2. Apparent encouragement of school parking at Potters Mede 3. Frequent abuse of the car park by school users 4. Impact of adjacent businesses on proposal.

SLCC Training Day 26 November 2004: Clerk will attend

KCC Best Value Review - Community Warden: all members received copies of a KCC questionnaire. Comments will be passed to Chairman who will complete on behalf of the Parish Council.

T&MBC - Statement of Community Involvement for T&M Local Development Framework, consultation draft: Cllr Willsher will reply on behalf of the Parish Council.

T&MBC Housing Strategy 2005/2008: consultation draft document passed to Cllr Hughes for possible comments.

All cllrs/  
JMcW

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103. **Parish Council Office**

Chairman reported on presence of asbestos. Cllr Mrs Murray proposed that additional expenditure of up to £1,000 by R F Hedley be agreed for asbestos removal. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Woodhams. Agreed.

104. **Finance committee meeting**

8pm Thursday 2 December 2004.

JMcW/BH  
/JL/SM105. **Public conveniences - fencing to rear of building**

Cllr Mrs Murray reported. After discussion agreed that the Parish Council is sympathetic to the problems associated with continual damage to fencing alongside the Baptist Chapel and rear of Foxlea. It will be suggested to the Baptist Chapel that grant possibilities be investigated for replacement/upgraded fencing.

106. **Recreation Grounds**

**Tree surgery:** Clerk advised that J Lawrenson, tree surgeon, will prepare a specification for work required in south-west corner of Recreation Ground. He will liaise with Cllr Willsher and the adjoining resident. Competitive tenders will then be invited.

CW

**Tennis court floodlights:** Chairman proposed that planning permission be sought, seconded by Cllr Willsher. Agreed. Cllr Willsher will provide Clerk with relevant details.

CW

**Potters Mede car park:** A request for regular daytime use on Wednesdays by a local 'walking group' was received from Mr D Law. Request agreed.

107. Cheques for Signature

**Auto-Pay**

£826.05	R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/10 - 30/10/04
£856.35	H Damiral - Clerk October 2004
£595.73	W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/10 - 30/10/04
£244.00	T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede November 2004
£168.48	Seeboard - Street lighting supply, September 2004
£204.64	Seeboard - Street lighting maintenance, November 2004
£112.39	KCC - Supplies, Potters Mede
£33.50	Kent Aluminium - Supplies, Potters Mede

£1825.71	How Green Nursery - Hanging baskets maintenance & removal 2004
£42.77	Cash – Rec. Gds. Imprest a/c
£7.50	KAPC - AGM representative
£7.10	Baldwin Cooke - Potters Mede diary 2005
£1400.00	Basted Mill Public Open Space - Maintenance grant

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Murray, seconded by Cllr Hughes that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

108. There were no matters for discussion in committee.