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Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 9 January 2006 at Potters Mede

Prior to the meeting PC Vaughan from Kent Police outlined the Speedwatch initiative and answered questions about speed limits. He will campaign for repeater speed restriction signs through Borough Green

Present: Cllr B Hughes (Chairman), Cllrs. Mrs J Lucas, S Perry, Miss L Robinson, C Willsher, Mrs B Woodhams. T&MBCllr D Evans

Apologies: Cllrs J Bailey, Mrs L Barrow, J Broad, J Phillips  
There were thirty-two members of the public in attendance.

Declarations of interest: Cllr Mrs Woodhams declared an interest in item 108 Planning TM/05/3570 20/22 Wrotham Road.

105. **Minutes** of the meeting 5 December 2005: Members present – add 'Mrs J Lucas'. After discussion about the correctness of minute no 92 – Planning TM/03/2365 Ightham Sandpit, no change and the amended minutes were signed as a true record.

106. **Matters Arising**

96. It was confirmed that T&MBC Waste Management Officer will meet with councillors at 7pm Monday 6 February 2006 at Potters Mede.

102. A new mower has been purchased from Kidman's at a cost of £170 + VAT.

107. **Speedwatch**

No further report.

Chairman proposed that as T&MBCllr D Evans had to attend another meeting, he be invited to make his report. Agreed. Cllr Evans expressed strong concerns at the Parish Council's response to the planning application for a new factory at Celcon, Ightham Sandpit

There then followed the period for public consultation.

Residents strongly endorsed the concerns of Cllr Evans.

Noted that the hire company adjacent to Potters Mede is making regular unauthorised use of the car park. The area may be locked at random times.

There is concern about the amount of graffiti in the village, particularly near the new houses on the A25 at the junction of Rock Road. The Police will be asked to monitor the situation and the Housing Association will be asked to remove graffiti from their property. They will also be asked to expedite installation of footpath lighting at the above site.

108. **Planning Matters**

TM/03/2563 Factory building, Ightham Sandpit – Amended site plan: no observations. Councillors discussed and clarified their views on the additional supporting information and environmental statement considered at the last meeting. Chairman proposed that a letter of clarification be sent to KCC confirming that the parish council continues to support the application. All members received copies of a proposed draft letter. Agreed.

TM/05/3570 Outline application: residential development 20/22 Wrotham Road – supporting statement. Cllr Willsher reported and gave all members copies of his suggested comments. Chairman proposed that these be forwarded to T&MBC in full as the parish council's response. Agreed.

TM/05/4024 Extension – 2 Annetts Hall. No observations.

TM/05/4031 Change of use to include B8 warehouse/storage – ARC Southern, Quarry Hill Road. No observations.

TM/05/4059 Tennis court & bowling net – 82 Crouch Lane. No observations.

TM/05/4189 Acoustic protection, development – r/o 1 Sevenoaks Road. No observations.

TM/05/4198 Extension – 21 High Street. No observations.

TM/05/4150 Bungalow - 74 Sevenoaks Road. No observations.

TM/05/3092 Landscaping, 30 Lingfield Road. No observations.

**Decisions**

TM/05/2819 Outbuilding – 35 Western Rd. Permission granted.

TM/05/2875 Garage – 1 Crow Hill. Permission granted.

TM/05/3048 Materials, dwelling 153 Maidstone Rd. Details approved.

TM/05/3092 Landscaping – 30 Lingfield Road. Permission granted

TM/05/3451 Telecommunications pole – o/s 177-199 Fairfield Rd. Permission granted.

All Access Platforms, Wrotham Road – Planning contravention investigated and file closed due to relocation of company.

8 Mountfield Road – Alleged breach of planning control investigated. No breach found.

Action

All

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

Cllr Mrs Woodhams reported on infilling works at Borough Green Sandpit: recycling has not yet commenced. All operations are being closely monitored.

There is ongoing concern by the A-Z Geographers Co Ltd about the telecommunications pole and associated equipment due to be installed in Fairfield Road. Copies of their correspondence with the ODPM was noted.

A report on outstanding highways matters was received from Kent Highways. Additional matters regarding defective street furniture and street lighting will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

Chairman and Cllr Miss Robinson will be in attendance at the Parish Office 10-12 noon Saturday 4 February 2006.

BH/LR

110. **Correspondence****Noted:**

KCC	Superannuation report & accounts 2005
CPRE	Newsletter December 2005
T&MBC	PPP meeting 9 March 2006 (Copies to BH/CW)
Kent Trading Standards	Warning re. Rogue traders operating in Kent (displayed)
KCC	T&M Local Board meeting 9 March 2006
SE Rural Towns	Newletters
Maidstone & T Wells NHS Trust	Newsletter November 2005
Maidstone & SW Kent NHS Trust	Consultation documents 'Ambulance Trusts' and 'Ensuring a patient-led NHS'
KAPC	Newsletter no 313
Kenward Trust	Newsletter no 4
English Rural Hsg Assn	Newsletter winter 05/06
Kent Fire Service	Risk management plan 06/07
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Draft 'Kent Infrastructure Development Plan' -
T&MBC	Minutes of Joint Transportation Board 5/12/05
KCPFA	Newsletter Autumn 2005
COGS	100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary - Laying of the Foundation Stone 9/1/06 (copies had been given to all members)
A-Z	Copy letter to ODPM - telecommunications equipment
WSP Development	Copy correspondence with KCC: Kent Local Transport Plan - Borough Green Bypass
Kent Police	Force amalgamations - stage 2 submission
Action with Communities in Rural Kent	Village of the Year competition 2006
KCC	Kent & Medway Structure Plan: consultation on further modifications.
Ightham PC	Copy of response TM/03/2563 Celcon, Ightham Sandpit

BH/CW

**T&MBC** -Scrutiny review of mobile phone masts. Passed to Cllr Mrs Woodhams for response  
**ODPM** - Discussion paper 'Standards of Conduct in English Govt: the future'. Passed to Cllr Willsher for circulation.

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**Kent Police** - Police Community Support Officer. Agreed that consideration for this additional tier of policing is premature until more information available on costings and funding.

All

**KCC** - Proposed changes to Regional Planning Guidance - Waste & Minerals: Re-submission of the Statement of Community Involvement. Passed to Chairman for response.

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**Resident** - Footpath Sevenoaks Rd/Fairfield Road. Request for remedial works has been passed to Russet Homes.

**KCC** - Pedestrian crossings, Borough Green (copy correspondence as received by the PC Dec 2005). Noted that crossings are unlikely to be installed during this financial year.

**Kent Police Authority** - Council tax & policing plan 2006/07 consultation. PC reply agreed.

111. **Vacancy BGPC**

It was with regret that the Parish Council received the resignation of Mrs Sue Murray: formal vacancy procedures will be followed and Chairman will correspond. It was confirmed that no formal resignation had been received from Cllr Bailey.

BH

112. **Anti-social behaviour, Borough Green**

All members had received copies of an e-mail from Cllr Broad. The Enforcement Order on Borough Green and Wrotham has now expired. Whilst it was agreed that there have been less incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village recently, there is still some concern, particularly about groups of young people congregating alongside the entrance to the village hall car park. Residents are encouraged to report incidents to the Police on 01732 771055.



113. **Skate Park**  
The facility was closed at the beginning of December whilst insurance matters were resolved and final construction works undertaken. It is hoped that the facility will re-open at the end of January. A management committee has now been formed comprising representatives of Borough Green, Platt and Wrotham parish councils. Cllr Perry gave a progress report and an account of recent meetings.
114. **Recreation Grounds**  
**Pavilion:** All members received details of tenders received for roofing works. Chairman proposed that the tender of Ariston Building & Roofing Services in the sum of £2820 + VAT be accepted. Agreed.
115. **Precept 2006/07**  
All members received copies of the amended budget 2006/07. After discussion Cllr Willsher proposed that the budget be accepted including 1. Skate Park maintenance be increased to £3,900. 2. Salaries for grounds maintenance staff be increased by 3.3% w.e.f 1/4/06. 3. Clerk's salary be increased to spinal pt 29 + staff payment and OFA w.e.f 1/4/06. 4. Sports club charges be increased w.e.f 1/4/06: Tennis £800 p.a. Senior Football £400 per pitch Bowls £800/900 p.a. (to be negotiated) 5. £10,000 be reallocated from burial ground to Potters Mede refurbishment 6. £500 from reserves be allocated to Potters Mede R&M 7. £1800 be included for Speedwatch and £3,000 for Recreation Ground pavilion. 8. Precept of £81,565 for the financial year 2006/07. Seconded by Cllr Perry. Agreed. Noted that a grant of £13,334 has been recommended for approval by T&MBC towards P. Mede refurbishment.
116. **Cheques for Signature**  
**Auto-Pay**  
£913.71 R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/12 - 31/12/05  
£1354.09 H Damiral - Clerk December 2005  
£432.96 W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/12 - 31/12/05  
£395.29 M Taylor - Groundsman 1/12 - 31/12/05  
£270.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede December 2005  
£216.29 Seeboard - Street lighting maintenance January 2006  
£261.90 Seeboard - Street lighting supply November 2005  
£29.97 Kent Aluminium - Maintenance materials Potters Mede & skate park  
£411.25 KCC - Playground inspections April - Nov.2005 + repairs  
£85.08 KCC - Premises maintenance supplies  
£1557.77 KCC - Mowing P Mede & Rec. Gd. (final payment)  
£538.77 KCC - Superannuation December 2005  
£80.00 J Stephens - Websites maintenance December 2005  
£261.90 Seeboard - Street lighting supply December 2005  
£235.19 Seeboard - Supply, Potters Mede  
  
£1832.27 Inland Revenue - PAYE/NI Oct - Dec 2005  
£134.00 SLCC - Subscription 2006  
£145.00 J Lawrenson - Tree surgery, Rec. Gd.  
£59.27 Viking Direct - Printer consumables  
£62.16 Cash - Rec Gds Imprest a/c  
£188.16 Wrotham Parish Council - Skate Park contribution  
£166.93 Kidman's - Mowers maintenance, Rec. Gd & P Mede  
£213.49 Cash - Petty cash + tel rental + Broadband Oct - Dec 2005  
£141.00 Dupl (UK) Ltd - Computer maintenance  
  
Proposed by Cllr Mrs Lucas seconded by Cllr Willsher that the above cheques be paid.  
Agreed.
117. There were no matters for discussion in committee.