

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 2 October 2000 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, J Evans,
~~Mrs V Hayman~~, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, J. McWilliam, M Stone
Apologies: D Evans, C Holwill

There was one member of the public in attendance

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| 66. <u>Minutes</u> of the meeting 4 September 2000 were signed as a true record. | |
| 67. <u>Resolved to enter into committee</u>
Chairman welcomed the Community Police Officer, John Brooker who reported that he will be policing the village for a minimum period of 2 years. General Policing of the village was discussed and, in particular, traffic matters. Councillors welcomed his planned increase of foot patrols. | |
| 68. <u>Matters Arising</u>
57. TM/00/MIN/L: Chairman wrote to KCC re. the haul road and she reported on her subsequent telephone conversation with them.
58. Road closure Thong Lane/Quarry Hill Road: Chairman reported on her telephone conversation with KCC HMU and advised that subsequently the road was not closed.
63. Chairman reported on the highway matters. | |
| 69. <u>Planning Matters</u>
<u>Pre-Meeting</u>
TM/00/1623 Tree Surgery – 78 Crouch Lane. No observations.
TM/00/2047 Replacement cash machine – Barclays Bank, Station Road. No observations.
<u>Meeting</u>
TM/87/1851 Proposed working & restoration of southern unworked section & request for extension of time for working & infilling – Ightham Sandpits. Letter for consideration. Agreed to request an extension of time for the consultation period and discuss further at the next Planning cttee. meeting.
TM/00/1844 Retention of free-standing sign – Longmeadow Farm, Crouch Lane. No observations.
TM/00/1925 9no dwellings, garage & parking – 21/25 Sevenoaks Road. Observations:
1. Query size of garages. 2. Concern about visitor parking and treatment of triangle of land j/o Sevenoaks Rd/Rock Rd. 3. Noise levels should be re-examined. 4. Inadequate vehicular turning area. 5. Over-intensification of site, detached house should be removed from plans. 6. Query location for Sulo bins. 7. Query footpath route and safe pedestrian crossing. 8. General concern about pedestrian safety, site does not lend itself to family houses. 9. Concern about surface water drainage.
TM/00/1960 Single storey side extension – Baptist Church, Maidstone Road.
Observations: Given the prominence of the building, a pitched roof would be preferable and more in keeping with the existing building.
TM/00/2178 Illuminated fascia signs & projecting sign – Barclays Bank, Station Road.
Observation: Sign to be illuminated during bank opening hours only.
<u>Decisions</u>
TM/94/0155 Woodland management scheme – Isles Quarry & Stangate Quarry
Details approved.
TM/00/0674 Tree surgery – 40 Crowhurst Road. Permission granted.
TM/00/1357 Extension – 24 Lingfield Road. Permission granted
TM/00/1498 Replacement dwelling & garage – ‘Heather Mount’ 63 Crouch Lane.
Permission granted.
TM/00/1649 Fencing & landscaping – 37A Tolsey Mead. Details approved.
TM/00/1757 Conservatory – 2 Conyerd Road. Permission granted
TM/00/1759 Porch – Pine Lodge, 76 Crouch Lane. Permission granted
TM/00/1841 Extension – 41 Annetts Hall. Permission granted | |

70. Correspondence**Noted:**

Kent Voluntary & Community Sector Conference
 Charity Commission Surgery
 KCC – Opportunities for Kent: The Vision. Consultation draft.
 KCC – Local Transport Plan Summary
 Housing for Rural Communities seminar
 Basted Mill Public Open Space – Minutes of meeting 12/9/00
 T&M Community Safety Group – 'A Framework for Rural Safety' further guidance
 West Kent Health Improvement Programme 2000 – 2003
 West Kent Health newsletter
 KRCC newsletter & notice of AGM
 Regional Action & Involvement SE newsletter
 T&MBC Planning Guidance notes – copies given to all Cllrs.
 Street naming – 19a/b High Street
 Moat Housing: Advice Surgeries

Correspondence for consideration

T&MBC – Glass Recycling Banks, Borough Green. Further request. Chairman gave further information. After considerable discussion Chairman proposed that Potters Mede be used for a 3-month trial period with agreed conditions. Voting was 4 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention. The motion was therefore carried.
 T&MBC – Small Improvement Schemes 2000/01: Lorry Management. Chairman gave further information. Agreed to request:- 1. Ban on heavy vehicles using the High St (access/deliveries only). 2. 20mph speed limit in High St. Additional concern about the black blocks in the highway, High St – request their urgent removal.
 T&MBC – Best Value: Arts Review. Passed to Cllr Brinkley-Willsher for completion.

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71. Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters

Cllr McWilliam reported that he had written to KCC and all members were given copies of the reply. He will give a further report in December.

JM CW

72. Vacancy BGPC

A letter of resignation was received from Cllr Holwill. Notices will be displayed and the ERO informed. Cllr J Evans agreed to represent the Parish Council at Age Concern and MAVB meetings.

73. Section 106 Agreement – Borough Green House

Chairman and Vice-Chairman had responded to the draft agreement received from The Borough Solicitor.

74. Request for Financial Assistance – T&MBC Summer Playscheme 2000

A contribution towards staffing costs for the fourth week of the playscheme was requested. Agreed that a substantial donation has already been made in giving Potters Mede free of charge. No further contribution will be made.

75. Bowls Club Lease

Cllr McWilliam reported. The Parish Council clarified its agreement with the Bowls Club: the Bowls Club will pay all legal costs for both parties.
 A request for financial assistance, towards ground expenses, was received from the Bowls Club. Noted that the club's AGM is on 5 Nov.2000 when pavilion alterations, and consequently major expenditure, will be discussed. Chairman proposed therefore, that the request be considered at the December Parish Council meeting. Agreed.

76. T&MBC Financial Arrangemnts with Parish Councils 2001/2001

Copies of the ½ yr budget statement were given to all Members. Cllr Hughes reported from the Finance Cttee. and explained the reasons for the second payment to the Basted Mill Public Open Space. Chairman proposed that £1300 be transferred from the contingencies fund. Agreed.
 T&MBC financial arrangements 2000/2001 will be finalised at the next meeting.

77. Recreation Ground

French Drain: Advice will be sought from T&MBC and a budget price obtained (inclusive of breaking-up cricket net hard-standing).

Lighting – Bowls Club Path: Lighting of the path was discussed at the recent RGMC meeting. Await formal request from the Bowls Club.

Beech Hedge: An estimate to reduce the height of the hedge by 3ft and the sides by 2ft was received from J Lawrenson in the sum of £399.50. Chairman proposed that this be accepted and further details be discussed on site with Mr Lawrenson. Agreed.

Playground: Wicksteed will be requested to carry out remedial work to safety surfacing before the account is settled.

Advice will be sought re. alternative surfacing of area around pedestrian entrance gate. Height of playground fence/safety of children using the slide during football matches had been discussed at the recent RGMC meeting. A letter has been sent to BGJFC. Agreed no further action necessary

Seat: Chairman proposed that an additional seat be purchased for the west side of the ground. Agreed.

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78. Potters Mede

Car Park Gate: An estimate for repairs had been received from Tonbridge Fencing Ltd in the sum of £295 + VAT and Chairman proposed that this be accepted. Agreed.

Showers: Cllr Dolton advised that a specialist firm will service water heater and check/replace valves.

79. Committee Reports

Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting; No report.

BGVHMC: Cllr J Evans agreed to be the Parish Council's representative at meetings on the understanding that he is not a member of the management cttee. and not personally liable for any financial responsibility. Agreed to advise BGVHMC to this effect.

Men of Trees: No report.

Quarries Liaison: No report.

BMPOS: No further report.

80. Cheques for Signature

£110.88	BGVHMC – Hire of hall, Pop-In – Oct–Dec.2000 incl.
£350.00	B.G & District Chamber of Commerce – Donation, Christmas Lighting
£57.58	Seeboard – Street Lighting repair, Crowhurst Road
£151.71	Seeboard – Street Lighting supply, July 2000
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£41.13	Maple Leaf – Printer repair
£192.70	F P Caine Ltd – Removal of cricket frames, Rec.Gd.
£58.19	Mid Kent Water – Supply, Potters Mede
£139.73	Mid Kent Water – Supply, Recreation Ground
£23.36	Kent Aluminium – Maintenance materials, Rec.Gd/P,Mede
£166.05	KCC – Table trolley, Potters Mede
£140.99	Neat Ideas – Fax toner cartridge
£30.00	D Eve – Window cleaning, Poptters Mede
£323.13	Landscape Services – Repair rabbit holes, Cricket Square, Potters Mede
£24.70	S Murray – Quarry Liaison Expenses + decorations, Rec.Gd.opening
£174.12	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI
£695.05	KCC – Superannuation April – Sept. 2000
£1353.60	How Green Nursery – Hanging Baskets
£39.90	Fireman Bros. – Gas for showers, P.Mede
NatWest Auto-Pay	
£159.26	A Gill – Groundsman 1/9 – 30/9/00
£572.68	R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/9– 30/9/00
£734.70	H Damiral – Clerk September 2000
£442.65	J Stephens – Caretaker 1/9– 30/9/00

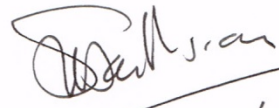
Proposed by Cllr McWilliam, seconded by Cllr J Evans that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

81. **Resolved to enter into committee:-**

There was some discussion about:-

1. Possible future grant applications to T&MBC.
2. Possible future plans for Rec.Gd. pavilion.
3. Land in Western Road
4. Woodland, Potters Mede

A report was received from Cllr Dolton re. Hours of working – Potters Mede employees.


6/11/00