

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, J McWilliam, M Taylor, Mrs B Woodhams
Apologies: County Cllr. Mrs V Dagger

There were no declarations of interest.

There were no members of the public in attendance

80. **Minutes** of the meeting 7 October 2002 were signed as a true record.

Chairman proposed that item 83 of the agenda be considered first. Agreed.

83. **Vital Villages**

Cllr McWilliam welcomed Miss Brooks of GVA Grimley who then outlined the concept of the Vital Villages initiative. Local representatives are currently being contacted. Agreed that this needs to be community-led with the Parish Council taking responsibility for any public meetings and presentations.

Cllr McWilliam left the meeting.

81. **Matters Arising**

74. A report and proposals for alterations and extension of the Recreation Ground pavilion had been received from a consultant and circulated to all members. Agreed that such high expenditure on the existing building cannot be warranted and that no grant application will be made at present. However, the future of the building will be given further consideration.

75. Cllrs will discuss lighting with the Bowls Club on 7 November 2002.

75. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher reported. Noted that if re-colouring works are carried out, the tennis courts should last another 8-10 years.

82. **Planning Matters**

Pre-meeting:

TM/02/2244 6no dwellings – Red Lion PH, Sevenoaks Rd., highway/junction alterations. Observations: 1. Concern that proposed roundabout will not be able to cope with A25/A227 traffic. 2. Appropriate highway improvement agreements must be in place and works completed before any work commences on the construction of the dwellings. 3. Concern that proposed buildings encroach onto adjoining land. 4. More than 6no dwellings totally unacceptable. 5 Inadequate provision for large service/delivery vehicles to turn within the site. 6. Clarification required re. number of parking bays.

TM/02/2790 Conservatory – 4 Griggs Way. No objections.

TM/02/2859 Conservatory – 25 McDermott Road. No objections.

Meeting:

TM/98/1843 Landscape Management Plan - Borough Green Sandpits. No objections but noted that submission of the management plan is out-of-time.

TM/02/3111 Extension - 5 Quarry Hill Road. Observations: 1. Agree in principle to tidying of site but development should not be higher than neighbouring buildings. 2. If T&MBC is mindful to approve, contractors' vehicles must not be parked on highway.

Decisions

TM/02/0454 10no dwellings - Red Lion PH 45 Sevenoaks Rd. Permission refused

TM/02/1799 Change of use for open storage - 73 Wrotham Rd. Permission granted.

TM/02/1907 8no dwellings - 24-26 Western Rd. Permission refused.

TM/02/2045 Extension & Porch - 28 Fairfield Rd. Permission granted.

TM/02/2059 Conservatory - 14 Crowhurst Rd. Permission granted.

TM/02/2381 Tree Surgery - BG Recreation Ground. Permission granted.

TM/02/2455 Advertisement signs - NatWest Bank, High Street. Permission granted.

TM/02/2489 Extension - 11 Crowhurst Rd. LDC granted.

TM/02/2791 LDC Dropped kerb & hard-standing - 59 The Crescent. LDC granted.

There were no matters for public consultation.

84. **Correspondence**

Noted:

D Fisher & Co - Transfer of Justices' Licence - Black Horse PH, Maidstone Road.

Kent Downs - AONB Management Plan & Annual Review

KRCC - AGM, Annual Report & accounts

Action

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SM/CB-W

Correspondence (Continued)

T&MBC - Joint Transportation Board minutes

CPRE - Autumn magazine

Highways Agency - Traffic information October - December

Medway Valley Countryside Partnership - Information & newsletter

KCC - Area Access Forums

BG Chamber of Commerce (Lighting Cttee) - Thanks for grant & Festival Prog. 30/11/02

SE England Development Agency - Action for Market Towns, information leaflets

SE England Regional Assembly - Synopsis of draft docs: Energy Efficiency/Tourism

Kent Highways - Adoption of road: Basted Mill, Borough Green/St Mary's Platt

KAPC - Minutes of meeting 24/9/02. Copy to Cllr Brinkley-Willsher.

KCC - Airport Development proposals, seminar 13/11/02.

KRCC - Parish Plans Workshop day 23/11/02. Chairman will attend.

T&MBC - Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy launch - 22/11/02. Chairman will be in attendance as a Borough Cllr.

KCC - Community Website Project

T&MBC - Best Value Review of Development Control. Cllr D Evans gave further information.

Agreed that the opportunity for the Parish Council to speak at Area Planning Committee meetings is welcomed and it is assumed that adequate notice will be given of applications pertaining to Borough Green.

Borough Green Bowls Club - New fencing and paving is planned and a grant application has been made to T&MBC. Agreed to support the application.

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85. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**

Cllr D Evans raised concern about the haul road. Now that the quarry is no longer in regular use, it is not being adequately cleaned and is becoming a site for fly tipping. Closure of this road, which is legally used by local people, would have a devastating effect on the village and, in particular, Quarry Hill Road which could not safely take the additional traffic. Adoption of the road is a matter for extreme urgency. A letter will be sent to County Cllr Mrs Dagger with copies to KCC, T&MBC and Ightham PC.

Results of pedestrian crossing counts from KCC were received and discussed. Further clarification will be requested.

A letter from a Sevenoaks resident re. the Oford slip roads was noted.

Cllr Taylor left the meeting.

A reply from T&MBC re. traffic issues was read. There is still concern about lack of speed restriction measures on the A25.

A reply from T&MBC re. parking issues was read. Discrepancy between parking charges Western Road car park and railway station car park will be queried.

86. **Vacancy BGPC**

No election has been called. Mrs H Chiswell has expressed an interest in becoming a co-opted member. Chairman proposed that she be formally asked to join the Parish Council. Agreed.

87. **Audit of Accounts 2001/2002**

The audit has been completed but the report is still awaited. For consideration at the next meeting.

88. **Recreation Ground**

Pavilion: Further to the consultant's report, agreed that sports clubs will be contacted to assess need/support for a new building. Chairman and Cllr McWilliam will prepare a report for 'The Voice'.

Woodland Walk: Tenders for the construction of the paths have been invited.

Beech Hedge: The contractor due to cut the beech hedge, will also be asked to remove the tree growing into the tennis court fencing.

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89. **Potters Mede**

Sign: Chairman proposed that a new name-board be purchased for the frontage of Potters Mede, all as before. Agreed.

90. **Committee Reports**

Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting; Chairman proposed that the Parish Council assumes responsibility for maintaining the garden around the Oak tree, Quarry Hill Road/Rock Road. Agreed.

Lights on the Wrotham Road and at the zebra crossing, Maidstone Road need attention. Footpath Rock Rd/Staleys Road: concerns about levels, condition, fencing/hedging and disabled access.

BGVHMC: No report.

Men of Trees: No report.

Quarries Liaison: No report.

BMPOS: No report.

Twinning: No report.

KAPC: Agreed that Cllr Brinkley-Willsher will be the new Parish Council representative.

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

£634.98 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/10– 30/10/02

£789.09 H Damiral – Clerk October 2002

£660.70 W Austin – Caretaker/Groundsman 1/10– 30/10/02

£164.87 Seeboard – Street Lighting Supply, October 2002

£462.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede October 2002

£127.31 KCC - Maintenance materials, P. Mede

£140.00 P&T Plumbing Services -Replacement water heater, Potters Mede

£31.99 Cash - Recreation Grounds Imprest A/C

£1889.40 How Green Nursey - Maintenance & dismantle hanging baskets

£38.50 Butterworths Tolley - Local Council Administration Handbook (new ed.)

£1642.65 Chestnut Products Ltd - Fencing, Rec.Ground.

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

92. There were no matters for discussion in committee.