

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 29 January 2001 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans, B Hughes, J McWilliam, M Stone 8pm.
Apologies: Cllr Mrs Hayman.
There were no members of the public in attendance

Action

123. **Minutes** of the meeting 8 January 2001 were signed as a true record.
124. **Vacancy BGPC**
Members had interviewed two candidates for co-option to the Parish Council. Chairman proposed that Mr Mike Taylor be appointed as co-opted member. Agreed. Mr Taylor signed the acceptance form and took up his position.
125. **Matters Arising**
117. Cllr Hughes reported on the presentation given at T&MBC about the future role of Parish Councils. Cllr D Evans gave further information. After considerable discussion agreed to await a further meeting with T&MBC.
118. Chairman reported on a site meeting with a contractor to discuss the possibility of a French drain at the Recreation Ground. Clerk advised that an estimate in the sum of £1220 + VAT had been received. Agreed to carry out this work in the next financial year.
126. **Planning Matters**
Pre-meeting
TM/00/2888 Pedestrian barrier – Fox & Hounds redevelopment, Maidstone Road.
Disappointment with finish of proposed barrier: not in keeping with location.
TM/00/2889 Refuse storage & screening – Fox & Hounds redevelopment, Maidstone Road.
No observations.
TM/00/2890 Footpath lighting – Fox & Hounds redevelopment, Maidstone Rd. No observations
TM/00/2981 Travelling show peoples quarters – Land to the north of Sotts Hole, Crouch Lane, Platt. Inappropriate use of site – PC's letter of objection was read and noted.
Meeting
TM/00/2667 Change of use of land into incorporation of residential curtilage – land adj. 16 The Crescent: fencing details. All objections as before.
TM/00/2968 Remediation works – residential development r/o 17 & 19 High Street. No objections if acceptable to T&MBC but there is still concern about condition of footway at entrance to this site and vehicles reversing onto public highway.
TM/00/2949 Demolition of conservatory, construction of solarium & dormer window – Lawful development application – for information only. Noted.
Isles & Stangate Quarries – Written advice that Kelly Communications will vacate the site on 30/1/01 received. Agreed to advise Environment Agency.
TM/00/1839 Signs – Foreman Bros. Western Road. Application withdrawn
Planning decisions - None
- There were no matters for public consultation.
127. **Correspondence**
Noted:
KCC – Local Govt. Pension Scheme – Additional Voluntary Contributions, Equitable Life
CPRE- newsletter winter 2000 & Kent events
Kent Police Authority – Rural Policing
Mid Kent Water plc – Water improvement works
KRCC – Community Shops & Post Offices seminar
H&S information packs
Transfer of Justices' Licence – Kent House, High Street
LGA briefing – 'Our Countryside' Rural White Paper – copies to all Cllrs.
T&M Housing Assn. – newsletter Jan. 2001
Kent County Constabulary – Neighbourhood Watch Ringmaster system
T&MBC – Disabled Persons Parking Bays, Borough Green
T&MBC - Lorry Management, Borough Green
Orbit – Transport Solutions around London: Transport study to visit local communities
128. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**
Cllr D Evans reported that relevant meetings are taking place.

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129. **Request for Financial Assistance – Borough Green Bowls Club**
 Cllr Dolton reported: the Finance Cttee had considered the request and recommended that no assistance be given. Agreed.
130. **Precept 2001/2002**
 All members had received copies of the prepared budget and Finance Cttee. recommendations. Cllr Hughes gave further information and proposed 1. recommendations be agreed. 2. Bowls Club rent be increased to £650 p.a. for the next 5 years. 3. Precept of £52,213 for the financial year 2001/2002. Seconded by Cllr McWilliam. Agreed.
131. **Recreation Ground**
Boundary with The Black Horse: Fencing works between the car park and stream have now been carried out. Cllr Dolton and Clerk attended a site meeting with Whitbread's to establish the common boundary. Noted that the stream and ditch fall within the Parish Council's land. Further fencing works are required – up to the boundary line – Clerk is in discussion with Whitbread's regarding a possible financial contribution.
May Fayre: A request from BG Chamber of Commerce for use of the field 2-4pm Sunday 20 May 2001 was received. Chairman proposed that this be agreed subject to suitable ground conditions. Agreed.
Trees: Tree surgery r/o 37 Harrison Rd has been carried out but resident would like additional cutting back of silver birch. Clerk reported on advice received from the contractor. Agreed to seek further advice from T&MBC.
132. **Potters Mede**
Hire of facilities: A letter from the National Equine Training Trust re. hire 30 June 2001, was read. Agreed that marquees, roundabout and barbeque may be erected on the field, subject to suitable ground conditions and responsible use of ground.
 Agreed that private hirer Saturday 7 July 2001 may have extension of time until 1am.
Sports Assn: The first meeting of the sub-committee will be on Monday 5 February 2001.
Mower: Await request from Farningham CC re. type of mower required.
Club handover dates: Clerk reported that she had agreed handover dates with BGFC & Farningham CC: Saturday 5 May & Sunday 2 September 2001. Agreed that BGFC may have weekday use of Potters Mede weekdays during the next few weeks, except for Tuesdays, to play matches rescheduled because of recent months of inclement weather. All subject to suitable ground conditions.
 Thanks were expressed to Cllr Stone for his hard work in clearing blockage in pond.
133. **Committee Reports**
Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting: The light outside 62 Annetts Hall and potholes in Wye Road need attention.
BGVHMC: Noted that T&MBC has approved some grant aid 2001/2002.
Men of Trees: No report
Quarries Liaison: No report
134. **Cheques for Signature**
 £100.00 Kentec – Deposit for hire of drainage pump, Potters Mede - refunded
 £732.51 Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI Oct. – Dec. 2000
 £55.34 Kidman's – Mower service, Rec.Gd.
 £87.64 Kidman's – Mower service, Potters Mede
NatWest Auto-Pay
 £68.86 F P Caine Ltd – Service water heater, Potters Mede
 £171.32 A Gill – Groundsman 1/1 – 31/1/01
 £662.54 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/1– 31/1/01
 £734.94 H Damiral – Clerk January 2001
 £445.75 J Stephens – Caretaker 1/1– 31/1/01
 £54.00 C Simpson – Youth Leader January 2001
 £151.71 Seeboard – Street Lighting supply, January 2001
 £49.14 BGVHMC – Foot Clinic May – Dec. 2000
 £100.62 BGVHMC – Pop-In Jan – March 2001
 Proposed by Cllr D Evans, seconded by Cllr J Evans that the above cheques be
135. **Resolved to enter into committee**
 A letter of resignation was received from Mr Gill w.e.f 31 October 2001.
 Salary increases for all staff w.e.f 1 April 2001 were agreed.

SM,BH,AD,MT

John W. Evans 5/03/01

BGPC BUDGET 2001/2002

100-11/01

**Finance cttee
recommendation**

Current Annual Sports Club Charges

Rec.Gd.	BGJFC	-	£100 nominal charge	<i>no change</i>
	Tennis Club	-	Reduced charge - £500	<i>no change</i>
	Bowls Club	-	600 increased 1998	<i>to be agreed - pending valuation</i>
P.Mede	BGFC	£300 per pitch - increased April 1999		<i>no change</i>
	Cricket Club	-	£300	<i>no change</i>

Staff Salaries

H Damiral	£8.36/hr (spinal point 23)	
J Stephens	£5.50/hr	<i>£6/hr w.e.f 1.4.01</i>
A Gill	£4.39/hr	<i>£4.90/hr w.e.f 1.4.01</i>
R Springett	£3.70/hr	<i>£4.20/hr w.e.f 1.4.01</i>

Subs. & Donations

KCPFA	15.00	<i>no change</i>
Age Concern Malling	465.66(Pop-In)	<i>no change</i>
	100.00 (Donation)	<i>no change</i>
Compaid	75.00	<i>no change</i>
Chamber of Commerce	350.00	<i>no change</i>
WRVS Foot Clinic	77.22	<i>no change</i>
Victim Support West Kent	50.00	<i>no change</i>
CPRE	15.00	<i>no change</i>

Plus Playscheme donation/hire of Potters Mede – estimated at ~~2550~~ **£800**
Youth Club – free use of hall **£950**
T&MBC Football Coaching – free

New Requests for 2000/2001

Malling Area Volunteer Bureau	<i>nil</i>
Bowls Club ground maintenance	<i>nil</i>
D of E Award scheme (at Wrotham School)	<i>£100</i>

Special Works Items 2001/2002

Office Equipment	<i>£500</i>
Youth	<i>£400</i>
Basted Mill Public Open Space	<i>£1400</i>
KAPC membership	<i>£600</i>
Potters Mede rates	<i>£5,000</i>

