

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 4 October 2004 at Potters Mede.

Present: Cllr J McWilliam (Chairman), Cllrs J Bailey, J Broad, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, J Phillips, C Willsher, Mrs B Woodhams

Apologies: Cllrs Mrs L Barrow, Mrs S Murray, C Palmer, T&MB Cllr D Evans.

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

There were no declarations of interest.

80. **Minutes** of the meeting 6 September 2004.

63.61 Add 'Delete' Cllr Taylor. The amended minutes were signed as a true record.

81. **Matters Arising**

65.51 Gratings, gullies and manholes generally need attention. Agreed that each councillor will become responsible for inspecting and reporting highway matters in different areas of the parish: Cllr Willsher will advise of allocation.

65.49.40 Footway repairs A25/Quarry Hill Rd: partial repairs have been undertaken.

82. **Planning Matters to Hand:-**

Pre-Meeting

TM/93/0305 Wheelwash material testing bays & secure compound - Borough Green Sandpit. No objection to proposal but continuing concern about close proximity of access to schools. If KCC is mindful to approve - access should be from proposed BG bypass. After further consideration at the PC meeting the additional comment was made:- There should be more obvious signage to ensure that vehicles exiting the quarry turn left away from the village.

TM/04/0045 Block recycling plant (revision) - Celcon, Ightham Sandpit. No observations

TM/04/3107 Replacement of window with door for disabled access - 49 Fairfield Rd. No objection to adaptation for disabled but any approval should be conditional on continued use of property for disabled residents - to avoid setting a precedent.

TM/04/3189 Extensions and roof conversion - 80 Western Road. Objections:

1. Concern about extra traffic at already complicated junction. Application premature until greater certainty about bypass 2. Closer proximity to railway will incur greater noise levels 3. Concerns exacerbated by proposal to develop 'Red Lion' nearby.

Meeting

TM/04/2705 Ightham Sandpit - Retention of temporary shell house as demonstration area. No observations on additional information received

Decisions

TM/04/1723 Extension + garage - 25 Tilton Road. Permission granted.

TM/04/2155 & 2156 1no dwelling + alterations to access - land south of Orchard House, & Sevenoaks Road. Permission granted

TM/04/2311 Residential development r/o 2 Maidstone Road. Permission granted

TM/04/2331 Change of use to residential - 108 Maidstone Road. Permission granted.

TM/04/2631 Loft conversion with dormer - 26 Crowhurst Rd. Permission granted.

TM/04/2903 Remove trees and construct brick wall - 74 Western Rd. Permission granted.

TM/03/3364 Residential development 24-28 Western Road. Appeal dismissed.

TM/04/1515 Change of use of part ground floor to hairdressing salon - 19 High Street. Appeal lodged.

83. **Oral Reports from Members and Clerk**

Chairman and Cllr Broad have spoken to representatives of BGJFC and BGFC respectively, about their requests to switch grounds. However, no written supporting information has been received. Agreed to await this before giving the matter further consideration.

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83. **Oral Reports from Members and Clerk (Continued)**

There is concern about frequent incidents of under-age drinking in the village: the Police are aware. It is hoped that the licensing authority will take appropriate action.

Seaboard will be asked to reinstate footway around replacement street lighting column, Lendon Road.

Noted that meetings of BMPOS cttee will be held in the afternoons for the immediate future. Financial contributions from the participating councils will remain the same for the forthcoming financial year with the proviso that proportionate refunds will be made if the money is not spent on maintenance. A resident of Basted Mill is to be co-opted to the committee. It is planned to promote use of the Open Space through the village magazines.

Parish and Borough representatives will meet with Celcon on 18 October to discuss the proposed block recycling plant.

There then followed the period for public consultation.

It was confirmed that BMPOS cttee has agreed not to de-silt the Mill Pond.

Mr M Taylor advised that following a presentation by him, a youth centre is to be opened in Meopham and run in a similar way to 'The Joint'.

84. **Planning for Minerals in Kent 2004/2021 - consultation paper**

Chairman reported. He will produce a draft response which he will circulate to all members for agreement.

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85. **Licensing: 2003 Act - Draft T&MBC Policy**

Cllr Willsher reported on the proposed changes. Details will be displayed on notice boards and relevant local organisations advised.

Black Horse PH: transfer of licence to Borough Green & Dartford applicants noted. An acknowledgement will be sent to the licensing authority pointing out the important role that 'The Black Horse' plays in the social fabric of the village.

86. **Civic Image**

Cllr Willsher advised that he has designed a badge for BGJFC. Possible adaptation for use by the Parish Council and village generally was discussed. Agreed in principle. Cllr Willsher will produce drawings.

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87. **Memorial to Borough Green Victims of 1st World War**

Chairman reported on his recent visit to France to participate in the opening of the Somme Visitor Centre. After discussion agreed that possible local commemoration of Borough Green victims will be considered.

88. **Policing in Borough Green - re: proposal to combine Police Stations/Post Offices**

Current proposal to combine these services in rural areas was discussed.

89. **Correspondence received**

Kent Police 'Country Eye' Scheme: Cllr Willsher advised that this extends the Neighbourhood Watch scheme into rural areas.

Kent Transport Board: Cllr Willsher reported information from KAPC and referred to a letter, report and news release from KCC re. 'Kent Highways Partnership': all councillors were given copies.

Kent Waste Forum: Changes to T&MBC refuse collection arrangements noted.

90. **Parish Council Office**
The quotation for internal alterations has been accepted and the work is likely to commence towards the end of the month. Chairman outlined proposed external works and his discussions with BGVHMC.
91. **Youth Group Management Committee**
Chairman reported on a recent meeting. The committee has proposed that Potters Mede be used as a junior (11+) 'Activity Centre' and run in conjunction with the Skate Park and Drop-In Centre. It is envisaged that a Youth Worker would be employed to co-ordinate and manage the centres. Youth & Community Area Officer is researching funding possibilities. Proposal agreed in principle.
92. **Skate Park**
Chairman advised that all participating parishes have appointed their lawyers. Cripps Harries Hall is acting on behalf of all three to finalise negotiations on the terms of the lease.
93. **T&MBC Financial Arrangements with Parish Councils 2005/2006**
Chairman advised that Hall & Co have agreed to release an area of land adj. Potters Mede for use as a burial ground. After discussion agreed to make a Special Works grant application in this connection. Chairman will obtain written confirmation re. land and produce a costed sketch scheme. For further consideration at the Planning meeting 26 October 2004.
94. **Recreation Grounds:**
Tree Surgery - Rec Gd: A quotation in the total sum of £540 was received from J Lawrenson for work to west boundary and front beech hedge. Cllr Hughes proposed that this be accepted, seconded by Cllr Mrs Woodhams. Agreed.
Water supply: MKW Co has advised that Parish Council supply at the Recreation Ground is serving the Bowls Club. Chairman will discuss this with the Bowls Club.
Water Fountain: MKW Co will advise.
95. **Cheques for Signature**
Auto-Pay
£843.65 R Springett - Asst. Groundsman 1/9 - 30/9/04
£954.94 H Damiral - Clerk September 2004
£618.62 W Austin - Caretaker/Groundsman 1/9 - 30/9/04
£244.00 T&MBC - Rates, Potters Mede October 2004
£37.09 Seeboard - Street lighting repair - 2/4 Dryland Road
£204.64 Seeboard - Street lighting maintenance - October 2004

£84.60 Peter Wellard Electrical Services - Electrical repair, o/s light Potters Mede
£206.25 Cash - Petty Cash & telephone rental July - Sept - .2004
£1434.39 Inland Revenue - PAYE/NI contributions July - Sept. 2004
£1642.09 KCC - Superannuation contributions April - Sept. 2004
£20.59 Kidmans - Maintenance materials, Potters Mede/Rec. Gd.
£21.73 Neale Dataday Ltd - Office diary 2005
£723.32 Wrotham Parish Council - Skate Park contribution on payments to date
£185.00 J Lawrenson - Tree/hedge cutting - west boundary tennis courts

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Lucas, seconded by Cllr. Willsher that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.
96. There were no matters for discussion in committee.

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