

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 8 January 2001 at Potters Mede

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

110. **Minutes** of the meeting 4 December 2000 were signed as a true record.
111. **Matters Arising**  
101. T&MBC – Policy Planning Meeting. All Cllrs. had received copies of a written report from Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. A letter of thanks from T&MBC was received.  
100. TM/00/2517 Temporary use of depot for Civil Engineers – Isles & Stangate Quarries. Submitted comments noted: 2yrs is excessive, application should be treated as retrospective.
112. **Planning Matters**  
TM/00/2696 New roof & dormers – 32 Station Road. No observations.  
TM/87/0346 Results of noise monitoring survey – Celcon Blockworks, Ightham Sandpits. Extreme concern that noise level requirements have been met for considerably less than 100% of the time. Proof re. external noise factors and proposed methods to improve noise control should be requested. Ongoing monitoring of noise levels is welcomed.  
TM/00/2667 Change of use of land into incorporation of residential curtilage – land adj. 16 The Crescent. Object to loss of amenity area within the Tollgate Estate.  
TM/00/2722 Brick wall & associated vehicular access – The Old Manor House, Wrotham Road. No objections subject to proposals being compatible with Listed Building requirements.  
**Planning decisions**  
TM/00/1687 Variation of condition to allow extension of time period – Dark Hill Farm Haul Road. Permission granted  
TM/00/1395 Outline application, detached dwelling – l/adj. 1 Annetts Hall. Permission refused.  
TM/00/2231 New ramp – Barclays Bank, 1 Station Road. Permission granted  
TM/00/2252 Tree Surgery – 12 Monckton Road. Permission granted.  
TM/00/2353 Extension – 19A Hill View. Permission granted  
TM/00/2359 Loft conversion – 7 Station Road. Permission granted.  
TM/00/2520 Extension – 27 High Street. Permission granted  
TM/00/2604 Amendments – Gable Vent, Fox & Hounds, Maidstone Rd. Amendments appd.
113. **Correspondence**  
**Noted:** West Kent Health – Newsletter (copies to all Cllrs)  
DETR – Govt. White Paper – Our Countryside: the future, a fair deal for rural England  
Kent County Constabulary – Letter subsequent to Policing Plan Consultation evening  
SE Regional Play Assn. – newsletter and invitation to join  
Basted Mill Public Open Space Joint Cttee – Minutes of the meeting 7/12/00  
KRCC – Village Shops & Post Offices seminar & Rural News  
Highways Agency – Major Roadworks in Kent leaflet  
Seaboard – The Climate Change Levy  
KCC– Local Govt. Pension scheme, stakeholders pensions amendment  
KCC– Kent Trails newsletter  
T&MBC – Leisure Grants brochure  
T&MBC Guide to Housing & Council Tax Benefit  
T&MBC Energy Efficiency poster  
T&MBC WPPC meeting agenda 22 Jan. 2001  
**Correspondence for consideration**  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Invitation to Presentation evening 30/1/01. Chairman will reply & attend.  
Seaboard annual agreement of public lighting energy charges – passed to Cllr Brinkley-Willsher for checking.  
The Kent Men of the Trees – tree report Aug.2000. Copies will be sent to the primary school and resident, Mrs Chiswell.
114. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**  
Cllr D Evans proposed that the Bypass be discussed under item 122 of the agenda, seconded by Chairman. Agreed. After discussion agreed to request that following adoption of the haul road, a ban be imposed on HGVs in Quarry Hill Rd. (except for access) and that Rock Road be made one-way.

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114.	<b><u>Borough Green &amp; Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters (Contd.)</u></b> A reply from KCC (HMU) re. blocked gullies was read. There is PC concern that the village may not be given priority for cleansing this year: extensive surrounding industries should make the village a priority. Cllr D Evans reported on his discussions/agreement with T&MBC. Two copy letters re. blocked gullies A227 and blocked ditch were noted	
115.	<b><u>Vacancy BGPC</u></b> The vacancy for co-option has been advertised and two applications received. Agreed to interview and make an appointment this month.	
116.	<b><u>Annual Parish Meeting</u></b> The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 May 2001 at Potters Mede. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 8pm on Mon. 14 May 2001 at Potters Mede	All Cllrs All Cllrs
117.	<b><u>Future Role of Parish Councillors</u></b> All Cllrs. had received copies of Modernising Local Govt. Annex J – Town & Parish Councils and T&MBC Briefing notes – Rural White Paper – Our Countryside. All Cllrs were also given copies of Chapter 12 of the White Paper – Local Powers for Country Towns and Villages. Chairman reported. After discussion agreed that Cllrs. Hughes and Stone will give further report subsequent to T&MBC presentation at next WPPC meeting. Further agreed that all Cllrs. will give consideration to the documentation re. the future role of Parish Councils and comment at the Annual Parish Meeting.	BH/SM All Cllrs
118.	<b><u>Recreation Ground</u></b> Chairman will attend a site meeting with a contractor to discuss possible installation of a French Drain. Cllr Dolton & Clerk will meet with a representative from Whitbread Ltd on site to discuss ditch and common boundary. Cllr Dolton will meet fencing contractor on site.	SM AD AD
119.	<b><u>Potters Mede</u></b> A letter from RMC Aggregates was read. Noted that a temporary fence has been installed along the quarry boundary with Potters Mede because of crumbling quarry face. Rectification works will be carried out as soon as ground conditions allow. There is extreme concern about potential flooding of an area of the field: various remedial options were considered. After discussion agreed that Cllr.Stone will seek advise from a Drainage Board Engineer re. pumping out pond. Drainage rods will be purchased at a later date. Noted that the Donkey/Antiques Fayre will be held at Potters Mede on 30 June 2001.	MS
120.	<b><u>Committee Reports</u></b> <b>Highways, Footpaths &amp; St.Lighting:</b> Clerk advised that T&MBC is unable to provide a street lighting column numbering record (KCC lights) and Seeboard do not use a column numbering system for PC owned lights. Noted that the PC would be able to introduce its own numbering system if desired. Agreed that 3no directional lights would be beneficial if installed on the north side of the zebra crossing A25. <b>BGVHMC:</b> Chairman reported on grant applications. <b>Men of Trees:</b> No report. <b>Quarries Liaison:</b> Cllr Hughes reported on two recent meetings.	
121.	<b><u>Cheques for Signature</u></b> £60.16 EJP Fire Protection – Fire appliances, Potters Mede £828.97 Landscape Services – Mowing 2000(Balance) Potters Mede & Rec.Gd. £3744.45 Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Playground equipment, Rec.Gd.(Balance) £69.00 Riverhead Glaass – Replacement glazing, Potters Mede £399.50 J Lawrenson – Cutting of Beech Hedge, Rec.Ground. £13.39 Kent Aluminium – Maintenance materials, Potters Mede £27.31 J Evans – reimbursement of expenses, electrical fittings, Potters Mede <b>NatWest Auto-Pay</b> £160.79 A Gill – Groundsman 1/12 – 31/12/00 £405.32 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/12– 31/12/00 £734.70 H Damiral – Clerk December 2000 £463.25 J Stephens – Caretaker 1/12– 31/12/00 £54.00 C Simpson –Youth Leader December 2000 £191.68 Seeboard – Supply, Potters Mede £151.71 Seeboard – Street Lighting supply, December 2000 £197.39 Seeboard – Street Lighting Maintenance, January 2001 Proposed by Cllr Dolton, seconded by Cllr McWilliam that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.	

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122. **Resolved to enter into committee**  
Cllr D Evans reported on a recent meeting to discuss the proposed Borough Green bypass.  
Arrangements for interviewing applicants for PC vacancy were agreed (7.45pm 15 Jan.)  
Caretaker advised of specific maintenance tasks to be undertaken during the Spring.  
Agreed.  
Caretaker advised of damage caused to pavilion by Youth Club. Chairman gave further  
information and will liaise further with Youth Leader.

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