

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 3 September 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, J McWilliam, M Stone, M Taylor  
County Cllr. Mrs V Dagger

Apologies: Mrs J Lucas

There were five members of the public in attendance

53. **Minutes** of the meeting 30 July 2001 were signed as a true record.

54. **Kent County Councillor**

Chairman welcomed C. Cllr Mrs V Dagger who addressed the Council and answered questions about lorry route signs- with particular reference to Pierce's Farm, Platt; lack of policing in the village and the Borough Green & Platt bypass. A meeting with a senior KCC member will be arranged regarding the latter issue. There was some discussion about more effective advertising of proposed KCC roadwork programmes.

55. **Matters Arising**

43. Police Control Room visit: Cllr Brinkley-Willsher was unable to attend.  
43. Cllr McWilliam has registered the Parish Council's interest in undertaking a Parish Plan. If accepted, a sub-cttee. representing the wider Parish will be required to meet with Countryside Agency advisors.  
46. Chairman reported that two local companies have offered to fund the £1200 cost of the fir tree in front of the Baptist Church.  
47. Jubilee Celebration Picnic 2 June 2002: Chairman had written a letter of invitation to The Queen but regrettably she will be unable to attend. Reply read and noted.  
49. Cllr Stone will check availability of contractor to carry out spraying, worming and fertilising after verti-draining has been carried out.

56. **Planning Matters**

**Pre-Meeting**

- TM/00/2888 Details: Pedestrian Barrier – 'Fox & hounds' redevelopment, Maidstone Road. Barrier should be painted black to match existing barriers at cross roads.  
TM/01/1238 Satellite antenna – NatWest Bank, High Street. No objections.  
TM/01/1828 Mechanical air extraction – 62 High Street. Comments: 1. PC will be guided by expertise of T&MBC. 2. Query whether flue has been reduced in height. 3. Omission of parking arrangements to side of property is welcomed.  
TM/01/1836 Conservatory – 11 Black Horse Mews. No objections.

**Meeting**

- TM/00/1687 Details – Dark Hill Farm Haul Road. Agreed that Chairman will consult with KCC Head of Planning Applications Unit before making the Parish Council's response. However, there are concerns about:- 1. Lack of dropped kerbs 2. Footway not brought up to acceptable standards  
TM/01/1284 Change of use to Children's Home – 108 Maidstone Road./ No objections in Planning terms but concern about:- 1. Unsuitable location on very busy A25. 2. Garden very small, owners should be asked to demonstrate how recreation facilities can be provided without relying on PC facilities at the Recreation Ground. 3. Loss of only remaining B&B facility in the Parish is detrimental to the village.

There then followed the period for public consultation.

Comments were received about Planning application TM/01/1284 – 108 Maidstone Road. There was considerable discussion about loss of public access to Cooper Estates and Croudace land, adj. Recreation Ground. This land has been used by dog walkers for many years. Chairman proposed that 'adjoining land' on item 59 of the agenda be taken, agreed. Further discussion about 'Rights of Command' and 'Rights of Way'. The PC suggested that affected residents pass any evidence of past history re. their use/access to the land, to the Black Horse Residents' Assn. When all the facts are known, the PC will then consider whether to support the residents' campaign. Copy letter from the Land Agent to Cllr Brinkley-Willsher read and noted.

Cllr D Evans left the meeting at 9.15pm.

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**Planning Matters (Continued)**

TM/01/2060 Conversion of residences into 5 no self-contained dwellings. Insertion of 2 no 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows – 36/38 Western Road. Objections: 1. Over-intensification of site. 2. It is likely that residents will park in the veterinary surgery car park thus causing a problem for client parking. 3. Concern about increase in number of vehicles exiting onto busy A227. 4. Danger of in/out routes because of increased number of doors.

TM/01/2175 Extension and replacement garage – 5 Brockway. No objections.

TM/01/2271 Determination re. approval required for One 2 One Personal Communications network – Saab garage, Station Approach. Noted.

**Decisions**

TM/01/1419 Landscaping Details, dwelling adj. 165 Maidstone Road – Approved.

TM/01/1482 Change of use of garage – 10 Crowhill Rd. Permission granted.

TM/01/1484 Dormer window – 19 Hill View. Permission granted.

TM/00/1925 Residential development – 21/25 Sevenoaks Rd. Appeal lodged.

57. **Correspondence**

**Noted:** T&MBC – Financial Arrangements with PCs 2002/2003

Compaid Trust – Progress Report

T&MBC – WPPC Minutes & Next meeting 11 October 2001

CPRE – newsletter

T&M Housing Assn. – Newsletter, Annual Report & Financial Statements

T&MBC – Confirmation re. Review of Borough Electoral Arrangements

SERPA – Newsletter

KAPC – Newsletter & next meeting 20 September 2001

KCC – Local Govt. Pension Scheme Regulations - Amendments

Kent CPRE – AGM & Newsletter

Kent Community Foundation – Children's Fund

KCC/Kent Police – Rural Policing Partnership

KCC – Kent Volunteer Awards 2001

T&MBC – Heritage Open Days

Govt. Office for the SE – Orbit, Transport Solutions Around London, further consultation

Field Fisher Waterhouse – Transfer of Justices' Licence – 68 Western Road

NW Kent Council for Voluntary Service AGM 24 Sept. 2001

KRCC Newsletter

RAISE newsletter

KAPC – Finance Information day 17 October 2001. Chairman proposed that Clerk attends. Agreed.

Community Appraisal presentation/workshop 8 Sept. 2001. Chairman will attend.

West Kent NHS – Proposed new West Kent Mental Health & Social Care NHS Trust. Noted

RAISE – Community Groups & Regionalisation Workshop 6 October 2001. Noted

KRCC – Charity Commission Surgery 16 October 2001. Noted

KCC – Routine Gully Cleansing Schedules. Copies given to all Cllrs. for consideration at the next meeting.

Chairman reported on her correspondence with Kent Police Authority re. Policing in the Community. A Public meeting will be held on Wed. 3 October at 7pm at Wrotham School.

Chairman reported on a T&M Hsg. Assn. Survey of Borough Green and neighbouring parishes re. Affordable Housing.

Cllr Hughes left the meeting at 9.30pm.

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

A reply from KCC was read re. traffic priorities j/o Western Road/High Street. Agreed to invite a KCC representative to meet with the PC 7pm 1 Oct 2001. J/O Western Rd/A25 also discussed.

Lack of disabled access Hill View and Quarry Hill Road will be referred to T&MBC. \*

T&MBC will be reminded of proposed HGV restriction Quarry Hill Rd when haul rd is adopted

Chairman proposed that T&MBC be requested to arrange for an empty duct to be laid along the haul road for possible future lighting. After discussion voting was 6 in favour 1 abstention (Cllr Stone had left the room). The motion was therefore carried.

Concern about damage to footway Conyerd Rd/Staleys Rd by contractors' lorries working r/o BG House. This will be drawn to the attention of the developer and T&MBC.

Cllr Dolton reported one recent traffic accident.

\* awaiting response - Action until next meeting

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All Cllrs

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**Memo to:** All Councillors  
**From:** Clerk  
**Date:** 24 August 2001

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1. **Councillor Records**

Following a discussion at the 2 July 2001 PC meeting, I have now prepared training records for all Parish Councillors and staff.

I should be glad if you would remind me of any training or seminars/workshops that you have attended on behalf of the Parish Council in recent months, with approximate dates if possible, in order that these can be entered on the record sheets.

2. **BG Recreation Ground/Croudace Land**

Further to discussion at the last PC meeting, I have been advised by Mr Gill that the roots of the tree to which the 'Keep Out' sign is affixed, are actually on the land belonging to Croudace.

Whilst the Land Agent has agreed to relocate the sign, if this is not forthcoming the Chairman has agreed that there is no reason to pursue this particular matter.



59. **Recreation Ground**  
**Bowls Club Hedge:** Chairman proposed that two dead areas of privet be replaced. Agreed.  
**Adjoining Land:** As already discussed plus Cllr Brinkley-Willsher reported on line of additional fencing erected by Croudace. Chairman will visit the site.  
**Verti-draining:** Cllr Dolton will meet the contractor on site.  
**Ditch:** Clerk reported on advice received from F P Caine Ltd re shoring up of ditch. Agreed no further action.  
**Playground Inspection:** Chairman proposed that repairs be carried out in accordance with KCC report. Agreed.

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60. **Potters Mede**  
**Verti-draining:** Cllr Dolton will meet the contractor on site.  
**Hire of Facilities:** Letters of thanks from T&MBC and the Equine Trust were received re. recent bookings.  
**Windows:** Chairman proposed that Sevenoaks Glazing be instructed to replace 5no windows damaged by fire, with polycarbonate for the sum of £300.00 + VAT. Agreed.  
**Lights:** Cllr J Evans will check working of outside lights.  
**Storage:** Cllr J McWilliam proposed that a quotation from Boxtainer Ltd for a s/hand 40ft steel storage container be accepted in the sum of £1380 + VAT incl lock, painting and delivery. Seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. Agreed. Surface will be levelled and sleepers laid beforehand.

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61. **Committee Reports**  
**Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting;**  
 Damaged kerbs DrylandRd/Lendon Rd will be reported to T&MBC.  
 Lights in the High St and Quarry Hill Road need attention.  
 Leaking water hydrant j/o Wrotham Rd/Fairfield Rd will be reported.  
**BGVHMC:** No report  
**Men of Trees:** Cllr Brinkley-Willsher reported on a meeting with the representative.  
**Quarries Liaison:** No report  
**Basted Mill Public Open Space: No report**

62. **Cheques for Signature**  
 £375.00 BG Chamber of Commerce Lighting Cttee. – Donation, Christmas Lights  
 £442.38 Sevenoaks Glazing – Replacement glazing, Potters Mede  
 £76.38 J Lawrenson – Removal of dead tree, Potters Mede  
 £30.00 COGS – Insertion of Chairman's Report in 'The Voice'  
 £200.00 Cash – Petty cash & telephone line rental July – Sept.  
 £26.45 Cash – Rec. Gds. Imprest A/C  
 £30.00 KRCC – Membership – 2001/2002  
**Auto-Pay**  
 £831.08 KCC – ½yr Mowing, Potters Mede & Rec.Ground  
 £34.48 Kent Aluminium – Maintenance materials, Rec.Gd. & Potters Mede  
 £164.85 Seeboard – Street Lighting supply, August 2001  
 £204.37 Seeboard – Street Lighting maintenance, August 2001  
 £176.43 Seeboard – Supply, Potters Mede  
 £36.74 Seeboard – Street lighting repair, Fairfield Road  
 £278.40 MKWCo. – Supply, Recreation Ground  
 £53.16 MKWCo. – Supply, Potters Mede  
 £489.00 T&MBC – Rates, Potters Mede September 2001  
 £191.10 A Gill – Groundsman 1/8 – 31/8/01  
 £630.91 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/8– 31/8/01  
 £786.87 H Damiral – Clerk August 2001  
 £517.10 J Stephens – Caretaker 1/8– 31/8/01  
 £42.12 C Simpson – Youth Leader August 2001  
 £204.37 Seeboard – Street Lighting maintenance, September 2001

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

63. There were no matters for discussion in committee.