



BOROUGH GREEN TOWN COUNCIL



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The Borough Green Annual Community Meeting took place at 1900hrs in the COGS Annexe on 5th May 2026. The Members are reminded of the importance of Section 10 of Standing Orders regarding confidentiality of Part 2 discussions and documents. Please refer to our Data Privacy, Use and Retention Policy, which is published on our website

Yours faithfully

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chair), Ramsden (Vice Chair) Reid, Butterfill, Reading, Thrush, Millener, Shaw, Proto and Heselden. Cllr Rayner attended the Community Meeting and presented his report there, and left at 1930, Apologies - TMBC Cllr Palmer

1. Chairman's Annual Report

After over 90 years as a Parish Council, we formally became a Town in January, which it is hoped will give us some protection against the loss of Greenbelt land to Developers and Planners.

We welcomed Cllr Nikki Proto in July who will apply her expertise in Building Control to the Recreation Ground Pavilion refurbishment. The major damp proofing and roof replacement have been completed, but further work has been deferred through lack of funds, but should start again this year.

We recently lost Tony Woolven, our Architect for Potters Mede and the Skatepark, and Les Chown a long serving Parish Councillor.

My thanks to Bernie our Clerk for his usual exemplary management of our Accounts, and the coming External Audit should again give us green lights across the board. Bernie has also had a huge amount of extra work as we adopt Town Status.

Our long serving Groundsman Barry Glew retired in June, replaced by Ken McKittrick who will be working with our Rob Springett. They cover everything from formal areas like the War Memorial and Potters Mede, to the wild areas like Isles Quarry and Crowhill. It is unlikely we will ever be able to get our hanging baskets again, so there will be extra concentration on our planters and flower beds.

The mountain bike area at Isles Quarry East has finally been accepted as legal by TMBC Planners, and Tony Byrne and Graham Taft have put a lot of voluntary labour into opening new paths and keeping the old ones clear and safe. Cllr Lisa Reid has taken on the role as Wildlife Warden for the area to ensure people and wildlife can exist together in peace. We recently installed a bench to allow you to sit and enjoy the tranquillity of this beautiful wild place.

The Scouts have settled in at Potters Mede and have now produced plans for a new Scout Hut to be built at the northern edge of the carpark.

The Skatepark is nearing completion of a year-long change from plywood to steel sheet surfacing - this will reduce maintenance costs dramatically in the years to come. Surprisingly the structural frames are unblemished after over 20 years hard use and weather. The last phase is the Shelter where the plywood cladding has suffered from old age and vandalism.

Cllr Sue Butterfill has headed a Joint Borough Green & Platt Resilience Plan to ensure our villages can survive should we ever be struck by any disaster from water outages to floods and everything in between.

During the year the Parish Alliance lost the fight against the Moto Truckstop at Nepicar, but we continue to fight the TMBC threat of 3000 houses at Borough Green Garden City. Ironically, the Moto traffic and roundabout will now severely impact the A20/M26 junction, and may be the final nail in the BGGC coffin.

This year will see the culmination of the TMBC Local Plan, but the final outcome may have to change drastically because of water supply stress, and by this time next year TMBC may also be gone in the Local Government Reorganisation.

The world may change around us but Borough Green prevails, we will still be here.

Cllr Mike Taylor
Chairman, Borough Green Parish Council

2. Clerk and RFO's Annual Financial report

Borough Green Council
Annual General Meeting 05/05/2026
Clerk/RFO - Financial Summary FY 31/03/26 (FY26)

Main Points

1. **Income and Expenditure Account Y/E 31/03/26** - £12,286.06 deficit (FY 31/03/25 £8,189.95 surplus).
 - Income (all sources) - £308,671.62
 - Expenditure (all costs) - £320,957.68
2. **Precept** for the FY26 - £259,850/FY27 - £272,843 (+5%).
3. **Bank Balances** (total cash reserves) as at 31/03/26 - £139,236.26
4. **Fixed Assets** (valued at cost) - £1,007,584.75.
5. BGPC has no **loans**. The only finance liability is the lease on our electric van.
6. **Capital Projects FY26**
 - Recreation Ground – Construction work on the pavilion.
7. **Capital Projects FY27**
 - Recreation Ground – Continued construction work on the pavilion. The Council intends to fund this work by optimising match funding opportunities.

Notes:

The deficit for FY26 was a result of the following unexpected and unbudgeted expenditure:

- The purchase of a second-hand electric van for the Council, as it was not possible to secure a competitive leasing option.
- The installation of a new heating system at Potters Mede, following the failure of the existing system and it being uneconomic to repair the old system.
- Additional legal costs incurred for opposing the MOTO planning application.

Bernie Galopin

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Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31/03/26

	£	£
Income		
Precept		259850.00
Grants		4571.00
Other Operating Income		24873.87
VAT Reclaim		19376.75
Total Income		308671.62

Expenditure

Recreation Ground	67129.85
Administration	127595.37
Potters Mede	60203.91
Open Spaces	30145.35
Skate Park	16506.45
VAT	19376.75

Total Expenditure	320957.68
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Deficit for the Year	-12286.06
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3. Presentations from Community Groups

Borough Green Junior Football Club - Report from Cllr Reading - Sports Liaison -
A successful season for BGJFC with teams achieving the following honours;

- *U7 Athletic* - Winter Festival Winners
- *U8 Rovers* - Winter Festival Runners Up
- *U8 Athletic* - League Cup Winners
- *U9 Rovers* - League Cup Runners Up
- *U10 Youth* - League Cup Winners
- *U11 Athletic* - League Cup Winners
- U18 - League Runners Up

The format for grassroots football changes next year with team starting off in a 3 aside format. Due to this the grad pitches will be utilised in a different way than before with different size pitches needing to be marked out. Thanks are given to both Borough Green Town Council and Platt Parish Council for their continued support of the club and youth football.

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4. Questions from the Public.

Report from KCC Cllr Rayner - to follow