

## BOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

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**APPROVED** Minutes of the Meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held in Borough Green Village Hall on Monday 2nd August 2021 starting at 1935. The meeting was recorded to ensure the accuracy of the minutes  
**Present:** Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Cllrs Shaw, Wray, Perry, Redrup, Ramsden, Simpson, Crawley, & the Clerk. Cllr Rayner (KCC) and Cllr Palmer (TMBC) were present, but no Members of the Public in attendance  
**056 Apologies for Absence** Cllrs Millener & Gould

**MEETING OPENED UNDER Part 2 Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item.

Chairman noted 11 Standards complaints against a Councillor, Chairman moved a vote of No confidence in that Councillor and that they should resign, seconded Cllr Crawley Chairman gave the Councillor the right to respond,, which they did. Cllrs Redrup and Crawley left the meeting (1945), Cllrs Wray and Ramsden abstained, Cllr Ramsden left the meeting (1940). Cllr Reading advised he would stay for the Rec Revamp discussion, and then leave (2055). Vote of No Confidence in that Councillor **AGREED** Chairman suggested that in the light of the accusations made, Members could have the opportunity to call a vote of No Confidence in the Chairman. There were no such proposals

Chairman advised that Cllr Gould wanted to resign, but she was granted the privilege of remaining in office until she could attend and resign in person, but would stand down if a request for co-option was received. In view of her length of dedicated service - **AGREED**

Clerk set out the financial implications of the A25 hedge dispute

**2000 hrs CHAIRMAN TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC SESSION** 3 Members of the Public joined

**075 Declarations of Interest:** To receive in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct. **NONE**

**076 Minutes of the Live Meeting: 5th July 2021:** To confirm and sign as a correct record. **AGREED**

**077 Matters arising** from the minutes of the last meeting and not covered by agenda items. **NONE**

### 078 Submissions by County & Borough Councillors

**Cllr Palmer** Spoke about ongoing failures of Waste Collections, the A25 Sewage Works, and The Local Government Boundary review, that many felt had been manipulated by TMBC for political purposes, and that Parishes felt excluded from the process. Chairman noted that the LGBCCE proposals would only be draft, and Parishes would have their second chance to comment.

**Cllr Rayner** spoke about the A25 Sewage works, the impact on KCC of the waste problems. He also advised that WPC and Stansted would be taking JR action against TMBC's decision to licence an event at the Wings of the Morning field at Wrotham Hill. He further advised that KCC Ian Grigor had been moved to Gravesham, and how this might make Highway matters in BG easier to deal with.

Cllr Wray asked if the Parking ban on Western Rd could be made permanent, and it was agreed to consult residents at some later date

### Members of the Public

Chairman move Agenda Item 064 (ii) Rec Revamp to allow Members of the Public to join the discussion

**082 (ii)** Clerk reported on meetings with the Revamp Committee and Eibe. He outlined the current quote after detailed discussions as £110,000. The current fund raising including the Committee's own, the PC and Enover grants added to pledges by Southern Water (£10k) Robert Body (£10k) and Hornet Engineering (£1,000) all totalled £97,000 a shortfall of £17k. There are still other funding streams available, but to allow an immediate order to be placed, and work to commence in October Members were asked if the Parish Council could underwrite that current shortfall - **AGREED** Members of the Public and Cllr Reading left the meeting 2055, and Chairman called a short recess. 2050 - 2100

### 079 Planning matters to hand:

To note planning notices – as circulated. Current applications and responses already circulated.

**TM/21/01585/LDP** 5 The Avenue Extend dropped kerb

**TM/21/01877/RD** 23 The Avenue Details of condition 4 (landscaping) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/19/01616/FL (2 new dwellings) **NO OBSERVATIONS**

**080 Correspondence** – as circulated or incorporated into agenda items.

### 081 Potters Mede Grounds and Pavilion

- (i) To note ground works Main Pitch completed. Quotes sought for top dressing Junior Pitch next season and wildflower seeding on ground between the pitches and the Woodland Walk

**082 Recreation Ground:**

- (i) Rec footpath surfacing snagging - Clerk reported on meetings with Abacus, and that repairs and additions would now be carried out FOC, and the Recreation Ground would be completely closed on 4th August
- (ii) Play Area Revamp progress. see above.
- (iii) Pavilion - refurbishing paving cost quote of £3900 from NTC AGREED
- (iv) CCTV - deferred

**083 Village Enhancements:**

- (i) Cooper & Crest Land transfers. - ongoing
- (ii) A25 gateway legal challenge - Part 2
- (iii) Update on Public Toilet, Staleys Acre and Crowhill transfers. Awaiting TMBC seal, TMBC Leader to present Transfer documents
- (vi) Harrison Rd bench update Chairman noted agreement with Mrs Evans re dedication, T Rothwell refurbishing High St bench at Mrs Evans cost. Both to be dedicated to the late Cllr Evans. Noted Rec benches will be saved and resited - AGREED

**085 Financial Matters, Compliance & Risk**

- (i) Clerk's RFO Report(ii)
  - (ii) Bank Reconciliations as at 31 July 2021.
    - Natwest Current Account 857 - £100.00
    - Natwest BRA1 811 - £81,264.94
    - Unity Trust Bank - £34,946.00
    - CCLA investments - £31,000.00
- Cash reserves as at 31/07/21 £147,310.94.  
Total payments (appendix 1) £28301.34
- (iii) Replacement (Electric) Van will be marginally more expensive but outweighed by Climate Change, energy efficiency and setting a strong example it was recommended we place the order immediately for delivery December, and to investigate battery life, cost of charger installation apx £1500 AGREED.
  - (iv) To approve payments as listed and circulated to all Cllrs (apx 1), as checked by Cllrs Crawley & Redrup - AGREED
  - (v) To note Internal Audit 100% green, congratulations to the Clerk's hard work
  - (vi) To ratify Thursday Lunch Club and foot clinic VH Rentals - AGREED

**089 Website Social Media,:**

BGPC Facebook page generating significant hits. Noted that posts must be factual and not personal

**090 T&MBC**

To note new TMBC Leader Cllr Matt Boughton  
To note LG Boundary Commission Review consultations

**091 Highways and Streetlighting:**

- (i) A25 Sewage update - to note 350 mtrs new liner installed, final section excavation commenced , apx 3-4 weeks
- (ii) To note changes to Waste Service - brown bins suspended again, other collections in chaos

**092 Sandpits Quarries and Landfills:**

- (i) to note commencement of enforcement against BGSP HGV infringements

**093 Councillor's Reports** from outside bodies - None

**094 KALC/PPP representatives**

- (i) defer decision to next meeting - Chairman to circulate example minutes and other information

Future dates:

Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 6th September 2021** BG Village Hall

The Parish Office will not be open Parish Annual Meeting **Deferred**. At other times, appointments can be arranged to meet the Clerk, queries raised or ideas exchanged using the contact details above.

**Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any item.

Part 2 discussions - Lendon Rd properties and Clerk's Annual Appraisal

**BGPC Payments Authorisation Sheet A/C**  
**600857**  
**Month: Aug 2021**

£

**Payments**

**Standard On-Line Payments (Approximate)**

Staff Wages	4033.99
HMRC	1772.4
KCC Pensions	1013.78

**Monthly Direct Debits \***

Zen Internet	10.79
Wex	93.48
Castle Water	40.32
ALD	301.32
E-On	469.14
EDF Energy	338
EDF Energy	13
Bank Charges	15.64

\* Variable

**Online Banking Payments**

Wrotham Parish Council, inv 248	291.35	✓
David Buckett, inv 1270	648.60	✓
Warners, inv 3005269	1512.00	✓
RBLI	21.70	✓
Commercial Services, inv LS200388	142.10	✓
BGVH	456.30	✓
Barry Glew	197.35	✓
Kent Aluminium, inv 13077	13.68	✓
Abacus *	16916.40	✓

**Cheque Payments**

Nil	0
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Aug 2021: Total Payments

**28301.34**

**Authorisation**

Name and Signatures x 2



