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Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held **Online** on Friday 21st August 2020 with the authority of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels Regulations 2020 No.392. The meeting was not recorded.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chairman), Shaw, Wray, Perry, Redrup, Millener & Clerk.

There were no members of the public, but Cllrs Rayner & Palmer were present online.

Chairman Proposed Cllr Mrs Gould be granted sick leave for 3 months. She will continue monitoring finances and signing off invoices **AGREED**

Chairman confirmed resigned Councillor's boroughgreen.gov.uk email deleted, and the Monitoring Officer has confirmed we can co-opt, vacancy posted in the Voice and websites

102. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Mrs Gould, Green, Simpson, & Reading

Action

103. Declarations of Interest: None

104. Period for KCC & TMBC Councillors reports and Public Consultation:
Cllr Rayner advised members how to apply for KCC Member Grant money for their Highway Projects,
Cllr Palmer Requested Platt PC be kept advised about developments on Highway Drainage.

105. Planning:

(i) Weekly lists of TMBC Decisions and confidential enforcement information (*copies to all Cllrs*).

(ii) **TM/20/01485** 35 Annetts Hall LDC Dropped Kerb **No observations**

(iii) **TM/20/01569/FL** 15 Annetts Hall Demolish existing rear extension and the current side garage. Replaced with the construction of a 6m double storey rear extension, with a pitched roof. The garage will be re-instated on a similar footprint, while the volume on top will be expanded to create a plant room under the new side roof **Object, Bulk and Mass, loss of neighbours visual amenity**

106. Highways and Streetlighting

(I) After intense and detailed discussion about BGPC Highway Projects below - **AGREED:**

1. A25 Darkhill 40mph signage
2. Quarry Hill / Rock Rd 7.5 tonne signage
3. High St 20mph (erect signs, apply for TRO)
4. Station Rd 20mph (erect signs, apply for TRO)
5. Station Rd ancillaries "Shared Space" and 20mph repeaters
6. Maidstone Rd, Sevenoaks Rd Wrotham Rd 30mph repeaters
7. Village Wide contract Gully Cleaning
8. A25 Darkhill 30 to Crossroads contract resurfacing

9. Rec Crossing timing Chairman advised this would revert to KCC

10 Quarry Hill roundabout one-way signs will be KCC Small Works scheme - in hand

(ii) All quotes will be obtained from KCC approved contractors
There were no current tenders to examine.

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(iii) Chairman has begun obtaining quotes and estimates, and will work with the Clerk to complete Members Grant application to Cllr Rayner - AGREED

(iv) That Borough Green Parish Council will contribute up to £3000 to these works dependent on final figures, a nominal 10% in the first instance - AGREED

(v) Update on A25 Hedges

Chairman has contacted 4 companies for hedging quotes, and has asked Kent Men of Trees and Treeability will provide reports on the advisability of planting mature rootballed hedging plants.

(vi) SC Fencing will return to adjust fence ends as per landowner request

(vii) Cllr Shaw advised that a resident on A227 has complained about light pollution from a nearby lamppost.

107 Draft Annual Internal Audit

(i) Clerk will be meeting the Internal Auditor on the 27th August to discuss the final details prior to presentation to the Council's next meeting on 7th September

(ii) Chairman advised that we were not allowed to hold more than £85k with any single bank, or we risked losing Government support if that bank should go bust, and asked the Council for permission for the Chairman and Clerk to explore alternatives, and set up a new bank account - AGREED

(iii) It was also proposed that the Public will now be able to receive the Zoom link to enable them to attend meetings. It is not felt safe to simply publish the link on the website, but it will be emailed to any resident of the Parish providing their name and a valid email & address

108 - SEWAGE FLOODING UPDATES

(i) Chairman advised that Southern Water have twice power washed the Rec carpark and contaminated areas, and we intend to allow a couple more days for the weather to remove the last traces of contamination. Harrison Rd entrance is open, so the Public can access the open part of the field, but the carpark remains closed.

SW are being difficult about carpark repairs, and we will not accept a tarmac repair until proper investigation and repairs are carried out on the underground high-pressure main that ruptured. Noted the danger to the nearby designated Watercourse. EA advised.

(ii) Cllr Shaw outlined the measures SW had taken at the 10 houses on Sevenoaks Rd, and those on Hillview, who all suffered sewage flooding.

(iii) Chairman and Cllr Perry explained the local sewage system to those new members, high lighting the dangers posed to an already decrepit system before over 200 houses were added at Hazelbourne and A-Z. SW continue to try and patch the existing system. Chairman has written to other Authorities for assistance in bringing SW into the 20th Century, but we may have to consider a formal complaint to Ofwat.

(iv) **Blocked Gullies.** Members were of the opinion that the recent storm flooding was aggravated by blocked gullies throughout the Village. Cllr Rayner has contacted a Senior KCC Officer who has asked for a list of blocked gullies, which we will assemble over the next few days. Notices have been posted on the websites and social media.

109. Future Dates

(i) Date of next Meeting: Monday **September 7th 2020** to be held online. Members of the public can email comments and questions for inclusion to clerk@boroughgreen.gov.uk. This will be an ordinary meeting, not the Annual Parish Council meeting.

(ii) The Parish Office, in Borough Green Village Hall, will not be open on 5th Sept. Chairman closed the Meeting at **2107**

110. Exclusion of Public and Press: There were no items for Part 2