

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 7 February 2000 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Currie, A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans, C Holwill, B Hughes, Cllr Mrs J Lucas, M Stone 8.15-9.15pm.

Apologies: Mrs V Hayman.

There were two members of the public in attendance

Action

131. Minutes of the meeting 10 January 2000 were signed as a true record.

132. Matters Arising

118. It was further clarified that football posts on the second pitch at Potters Mede must be taken down after play.

123. Cllr D Evans reported and advised that planning permission has been granted for redevelopment of the Fox & Hounds. There is PC concern about the difference in the outline permission granted and the final footprint to be built. A letter will be sent to T&MBC Chief Executive and a meeting requested as there is also cause for concern about the current standard of service received from the Planning department.

133. Planning Matters

TM/99/2555 Change of use to offices – 15/17 Quarry Hill Road. No observations.

TM/99/2369 Alterations & additions – Bowls Club Pavilion, Borough Green Rec.Ground. No observations.

TM/99/2713 Advertisement hoarding – Fox & Hounds site. No objections but agreed that the name 'Fox Grove' is inappropriate. Alternative name of 'Fox Lea' will be suggested.

TM/99/2767 Conservatory – 1 Tolsey Mead. Query need for piling as site is not above an infill area. However, if piling is required this should be undertaken at minimum inconvenience to residents.

TM/00/0004 Change of use to office – 15/17 Quarry Hill Road. No observations.

TM/00/0120 Woodland regeneration, landscape enhancement and nature conservation – Long Wood off Crouch Lane. No observations.

Revised Restoration Scheme for Ightham Sandpits. Observations: 1. Extraction of sand must be done in such a way as to not interfere with the construction of the Borough Green Bypass. 2. The necessary precautions must be taken to prevent dust and noise nuisance.

TM/99/2784 Residential development – 10no units 21/25 Sevenoaks Road.

Objections: 1. Over-intensification of site. 2. Pavements/pedestrian ways must be incorporated into the site. Concern about extremely busy A25 and narrow Rock Road. Access considered extremely poor. 3. Site does not lend itself to family living. 4. No provision for Sulo bins. 5. Site meeting with Borough Councillors requested prior to making a Planning decision.

Chairman reported on enforcement procedures in connection with removal of sign outside the Co-Op, Sevenoaks Road.

There was discussion about the proposed redevelopment of land r/o Borough Green House. Chairman did not participate. It was understood that the matter will be given further consideration by T&MBC Planning Cttee. this week, however, no new plans received by the Parish Council. Agreed to write to T&MBC querying this and reiterating previous comments. Further queried the importance of the illustrative document to the application.

The next PC Planning Cttee. meeting will be held at Potters Mede on Monday 28 February 2000 at 8pm, unless otherwise advised

All Cllrs

Planning decision

TM/82/1138 & TM/94/0579 Temporary variation of working hours to cover Bank Holidays Jan – June 2000. Permission granted.

There were no matters for public consultation.



134. **Correspondence** Action
Noted: Tonbridge & Malling Millennium Celebrations
 Kent County Constabulary Newsletter
 National Spring Clean 2000
 Minutes WPPC 17 Jan.2000
 Kent Police Authority Annual report 1998-1999. Copies to all Cllrs.
 Kent Police Authority News Bulletin December 1999. Copies to all Cllrs.
 'How to Stop & Influence Planning Permission' Book. Agreed to purchase 1 no copy.
 Sports Coaching in Kent
 Minutes of the WPPC meeting 17 Jan. 2000. Copies to Cllrs Hughes & Stone.
Correspondence for consideration
 T&MBC Planning information re. Bar K 49 High Street. Letter read out and noted.
 Public Libraries Seminar 25 March 2000. Cllr Mrs Lucas will attend. JL
 'Here & Now' Distribution. Agreed that distribution in Borough Green is satisfactory.
 Kent Health Authorities' Support Agency – Rurality of area and copy of request from
 Otford Medical Practice noted.
 Chairman reported on T&MBC consultation process with local Parish Councils and
 surveys re. the Indoor Leisure Facility.
135. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**
 Cllr D Evans reported and gave KCC update.
136. **Parish Meeting** SM/BH
 The meeting will be held on Monday 15 May 2000 8pm at Potters Mede.
 Chairman and Cllr Hughes will liaise with COGS re. possible delivery of the Chairman's
 Report with 'The Voice'.
137. **A25 Signing and Lining Review**
 Agreed comments: 1. 'Low bridge 1¼ miles' sign should be re-sited between Dark Hill
 Roundabout and Western Road. 2. Attention is drawn to incorrect position on plan of
 A25 pedestrian crossing. 3. Attention is drawn to planned residential development of
 'Fox & Hounds' public house site.
 Further agreed that the Parish Council supports a 30mph speed limit from the A25
 railway bridge, Platt to the Dark Hill roundabout.
138. **Staff Salaries**
 Clerk reported that a NatWest banking error had occurred and all staff had been credited
 twice with their salary payments December 1999. NatWest repayment procedure was
 noted. The Finance Cttee. recommended that appropriate amounts be deducted from
 individual staff salary payments January-March 2000 incl. in order that all money is
 reclaimed by the end of the current financial year. Cllr Currie proposed that this be
 accepted, seconded by Cllr D Evans. Agreed. A letter of apology was received from
 NatWest and chocolates from same distributed to all Councillors.
 The Finance Cttee recommended that Clerk be paid the Outer Fringe Allowance,
 currently £417p.a. w.e.f 1 April 1999. Chairman proposed that this be accepted.
 Agreed.
139. **Precept 2000/2001**
 All Members had received copies of the prepared budget and this had been considered
 by the Finance Committee. The committee recommended that 1. Additional £1000 be
 allocated to Millennium Fund 99/00 budget. 2. £500 be transferred from PM Storage
 Shed to PM Salaries 99/00 budget. 3. £1000 be transferred from Indoor Leisure Facility
 to RG Master Plan 99/00 budget. 4. A donation of £50 be made to the Millennium
 Auction Appeal in aid of Fire Service Charities 00/01 budget. 5. A precept of £48,285
 for the financial year 2000/2001. Chairman proposed that these recommendations be
 accepted. Agreed.
140. **Recreation Ground**
Sports club charges: Cllr Hughes proposed the following charges for 2000/2001: £100
 BGJFC; £500 Tennis Club. All other charges as current financial year. Seconded by
 Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. Agreed.

Recreation Ground (Continued) Insurance: A quotation from Zurich Municipal was received for insuring the Ball Court and Tennis Courts @ £300 per court. This had been considered by the Finance Cttee and Chairman proposed that this be noted. Agreed.

Playground Equipment Chairman proposed that this be discussed under item 144 of the agenda. Agreed.

141. **Potters Mede**

Korfball: Agreed charges for Korfball Tournament July 2000: £200 for Sunday use only. £300 if overnight stay required. Same conditions as last year will apply.

Cricket: Cllr Currie reported on possible use of Potters Mede for T&M area junior cricketers. Agreed in principle that the Parish Council wishes to encourage this initiative. A quotation for maintenance of the cricket square was received from Landscape Services. Agreed that Groundsmen - Mr Gill and Mr Stephens will be consulted re. possible in-house maintenance.

Skip: Agreed that Cllrs may remove old unwanted kitchen units if required. Cllrs will then assist with removal of unwanted items to local tip rather than hire a skip.

Mowing: A quotation for mowing of grounds was received from Landscape Services. Agreed to seek an alternative quotation.

Mower: Cllr Dolton reported on availability of mowers for purchase from Kidmans.

Football Pitch: Cllr Dolton reported on damp condition of top end of main football pitch. Agreed that when quotation received via T&MBC for verti-draining, this may be referred to Chairman for approval.

Kitchen: Fitting of new kitchen units is nearing completion and looks very good. Cllr J Evans will obtain price for a new, matching table top.

All Cllrs

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142. **Committee Reports**

Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting: Repairs are required to the footway o/s The Manor House, Wrotham Rd and a light in Wye Road. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher proposed that the Seeboard inventory be discussed under item 144 of the agenda, seconded by Chairman. Agreed.

BGVHMC: The floor has been renewed in the main hall. Bookings have increased and a very successful Open Day was held. An extensive redecoration programme has commenced. Cllr Holwill advised of possible future use of the caretaker's flat and the old kitchen. Considerable discussion and concern about additional traffic and potential loss of car parking spaces. BGVHMC is urged to speak with local T&MBC Members re any future Planning applications. Cllr Holwill had a copy of the minutes of the Public Meeting to hand. A meeting was held with T&MBC who are monitoring the flooding at the entrance to the Village Hall and in the High Street.

Chairman will write to BGVHMC re admin. procedures to be followed when applying to the Parish Council for a grant.

Men of Trees: No report.

Quarries Liaison: Stangate – The 'Blue Bag Trial' will shortly commence. Trees are to be planted along the boundary with Mill Lane.

SM

143. **Cheques for Signature**

£849.19	Inland Revenue – PAYE/NI October – December 1999
£192.90	Seeboard – Street Lighting Maintenance February 2000
£154.01	Seeboard – Street Lighting Supply January 2000
£41.13	P Wellard – Repairs to o/s lights, Potters Mede
£59.80	B H Mower Services – Service of mower, Rec.Gd.
NatWest Auto-Pay	
£169.13	A Gill – Groundsman double payment Dec.1999
£386.17	R Springett – Asst. Groundsman double payment Dec.1999
£708.32	H Damiral – Clerk double payment Dec.1999
£498.70	J Stephens – Caretaker/Groundsman double payment Dec.1999
£102.35	A Gill – Groundsman 1/1 – 31/1/00
£220.18	R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/1– 31/1/00
£472.22	H Damiral – Clerk January 2000
£280.72	J Stephens – Caretaker/Groundsman 1/1 – 31/1/00

Proposed by Chairman that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

144. **Resolved to enter into committee**


Chairman reported on a meeting with Wicksteed Leisure to discuss purchase of new playground equipment. Copies of the quotation were examined. Agreed that copies will be sent to all Cllrs for further consideration, together with an alternative price for fencing. Further agreed that the sub-cttee will carry out further negotiations with the supplier.

All Cllrs

SM/AD/
JL/VH

Cllr Brinkley-Willsher reported on discrepancies with the Seeboard street lighting inventory. Agreed that he will prepare comments for submission to Seeboard by 25 February 2000.

CB-W


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