

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 3 July 2000 at Potters Mede.

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman.), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, D Evans, J Evans, Mrs V Hayman, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, M Stone.

Apologies: CllrCHolwill

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

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| 28. <u>Minutes</u> of the meeting 5 June 2000 were signed as a true record.  |               |
| 29. <u>Vacancy BGPC</u><br>Members had interviewed three candidates for co-option to the Parish Council. Chairman proposed that Mr John McWilliam be appointed as co-opted member. Agreed. Mr McWilliam signed the acceptance form and took up his position.   |               |
| 30. <u>Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting 5 June 2000</u><br>22. Review of electoral arrangements: Chairman reported on a new T&MBC proposal linking Borough Green with Wrotham and Stansted. After discussion agreed to object to this for reasons already given plus draw attention to comments in T&M Local Plan.<br><br>27. Indoor Leisure Facility: Chairman reported that T&MBC has agreed to make formal representations to KCC to try and secure major funding. New projected costs were noted. Cllr D Evans gave further information: noted that he is not over-optimistic about the outcome. Cllr McWilliam gave information about alternative ways of funding the project: he will seek further details and liaise with T&MBC.   | JMcW          |
| 31. <u>Planning Matters</u><br>TM/00/1130 Revised elevations & provision of velux windows – 10 Western Road . No observations.<br>TM/00/0140 Parking layout & details of change from 1 <sup>st</sup> floor to ground floor – 9 Wrotham Road. No objections to change from 1st to ground floor but extreme concern about inadequate parking arrangements, both current and proposed. Road markings need to be reinstated. Site meetings should be held by T&MBC and the Police to assess this potentially dangerous situation.<br>TM/00/0469 Revised access, amended elevational treatment & schedule of external finishes – redevelopment land r/o Borough Green House and<br>TM/00/0469 Further access details, omission of garage – redevelopment land r/o Borough Green House. Chairman declared an interest and did not participate in the discussions. Cllr Hughes gave updated information. After discussion agreed that to support the application for 9no houses subject to the applicant making a financial contribution towards restoration of the barn adj. Borough Green House. Further agreed that the access strip should be made freely available to any future developer of Borough Green House and not held as a ransom strip.<br>TM/00/1090 Details of materials, dwelling and garage – 37a Tolsey Mead. No observations.<br>TM/00/1211 Extension – 4 Griggs Way. No observations.<br>TM/00/1212 Extension – 3 Griggs Way. No observations.<br>TM/00/1290 Extension, conservatory and garage – 53/55 Maidstone Road. No observations.<br><br>Chairman advised of a forthcoming application re. 1 Annetts Hall. Cllrs will familiarise themselves of the site in advance. | All Cllrs     |



There then followed the period for public consultation.

There is concern about additional traffic congestion in Quarry Hill Road because of the new development off Tilton Road. There is general concern about parking and speeding in the village. Residents were advised that these matters are frequently discussed with the Police and local authorities.

CLlr D Evans will arrange a site meeting re. drains A227.

CLlr D Evans reported on sewers Woodlands Estate. He is writing to residents.

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32. Correspondence

**Noted:** West Kent Police Newsletters – copies to all Cllrs

Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Progress Report & Management Strategy

Kent Downs - Village Design Statement . Passed to Cllr Mrs Lucas.

Invitation to Join KAPC

Orbit – Transport Solutions Around London. For completion by Cllr Hughes.

West Kent Health Authority Newsletter

Surrey Oaklands NHS Trust

KCC – Kentish Fare Chronicle

Kent Trails – Newsletter

Local Heritage Initiative

Seaboard – Business Assist Energy Advice

T&MBC – Advice re Grant Schemes: English Heritage, War Memorial Grants  
Local Heritage Initiative

KCC – Minutes of Pensions Forum

T&MBC – Citizens Panel

King Hill Festival 2000 – copies to all Councillors

WPPC Meeting 5 July 2000 Agenda

West Kent Neighbourhood Watch newsletter. Copies to all Cllrs.

Street Collection – BBC Children in Need 8 July 2000.

Age Concern Malling Preview Day 5 Sept. 2000. Copy has been given to Cllr Holwill for possible attendance.

KCC Highways Leaflet – roadworks July – Sept.2000

Organic Open day – Bore Place, 16 July 2000.

T&MBC Indoor leisure Facility update.

KAPC Councillor's Training Day – 18 July 2000

KAPC Local Heritage Initiative Seminar

Local Environment Agency Plan – First Review for the Kent area.

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Kent Minerals Local Plan Review – Draft Project Report. Comments received from Chairman. Report passed to Cllr McWilliam. Any further comments to be given to the Clerk by 21 July 2000.

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33. Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters

Cllr D Evans reported on imminent road closures, all of which will have an effect on the traffic flow through Borough Green.

Chairman reported on a letter received from the contractor due to carry out works to the A227 underpass, Ivy Hill Farm. Councillors agreed that the A227 should not be closed until Seven Mile Lane reopens following its repair.

Chairman reported on several successful meetings held to discuss highway-related matters. A very constructive and positive Bypass meeting was held with KCC: the Parish Council will be advised of the results of further meetings later this year.

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| 34. | <p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b><br/>                     The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 31 <del>August</del> <sup>July</sup> and a Planning Committee meeting at 8pm on Monday 24 July 2000.</p>  | All Cllrs                          |
| 35. | <p><b><u>Youth Group</u></b><br/>                     Chairman reported that the club is running successfully. Three young people gave a presentation recently, outlining ideas for use of the ladies' changing room. After discussion Cllr Dolton proposed that suggested decorations and electrical works be agreed and that the Council pays for all materials. Club members will redecorate and Cllr J Evans volunteered to carry out electrical works free of charge. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Lucas. Agreed.<br/>                     Chairman will ensure that the club has adequate insurance cover.<br/>                     A paid Youth Leader will be appointed @ £18 per 3hr session: 36 sessions over three terms. Clerk will obtain guideline conditions of contract.</p>  | JE<br>SM                           |
| 36. | <p><b><u>Recreation Ground</u></b><br/> <b>Children's Play Area:</b> Cllr Dolton was thanked for overseeing the installation works. Whilst the new equipment is satisfactory, restoration works to the ground still need attention. Generally, the work of the installers has been most disappointing and the contract overrun by 4 weeks. After discussion Cllr Hughes proposed that a letter be sent to the supplier and that they be advised that a retention of £3,744.45 may be held until the ground has been satisfactorily reinstated. Seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. Agreed. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher proposed that a small mower be purchased (budget price £150) for use in the play area. Seconded by Cllr Mrs Hayman. Agreed.<br/> <b>Footpath:</b> Cllr J Evans has received complaints from residents about uneven and very dusty finish to new path. The contractor will be consulted re. possible stabilising measure.<br/> <b>Opening Ceremony:</b> This will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 31 August 2000.<br/> <b>Stream:</b> A letter from T&amp;MBC was noted re. maintenance of stream. Agreed to liaise with (1) owners of The Black Horse re clearance of stream, and (2) a contractor re shoring up at southern end. Additional fencing will be considered between beech hedge and Black Horse boundary.<br/> <b>Trees:</b> Chairman and Cllr Hughes will meet with the owner of 37 Harrison Road re. her complaint about loss of light from overhanging trees.<br/>                     An oak tree has been donated by the owners of The Red Lion. Cllr Dolton will liaise with Groundsman re suitable place for planting.<br/> <b>Field:</b> Cllr Stone will arrange for weedkilling and fertiliser.</p> | All Cllrs<br><br>SM/BH<br>AD<br>MS |
| 37. | <p><b><u>Potters Mede</u></b><br/> <b>Hire of facilities:</b> A 5-a-side football tournament is to be held. Agreed that the organisers must liaise with BGFC re marking out of pitches.<br/> <b>T&amp;MBC Rates:</b> An invoice has been received from T&amp;MBC. No such demand has been made in previous years. Clerk and Chairman gave further information. Await further details from T&amp;MBC. For discussion at the next meeting.<br/> <b>Field:</b> Cllr Stone will arrange for weedkilling and fertiliser.</p>   | MS                                 |
| 38. | <p><b><u>Committee Reports</u></b><br/> <b>Highways, Footpaths &amp; St.Lighting:</b> Hanging baskets have now been installed in Western Road and the High Street. Chairman reported on funding for next year. Await further advice from T&amp;MBC re a possible special works grant.<br/>                     A tree in Harrison Road needs to be cut back.<br/> <b>BGVHMC:</b> Chairman reported that a grant from Hanson Ltd is unlikely at the moment. There is concern about future funding.<br/> <b>Men of Trees:</b> No report</p>   |                                    |

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**Committee Reports (Continued)**

**Quarries Liaison:** No report.

**Basted Mill Open Space:** Cllr Mrs Hayman reported on proposed works including a bridge across the stream at the north end and a wild flower meadow on the old cricket ground.

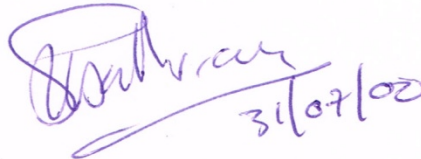
39. **Cheques for Signature**

£37.24 EJP Fire Protection – Refill Fire Appliances, Potters Mede  
£20.55 BGVHMC – Hire of Hall, ByPass Meeting  
£281.12 F P Caine Ltd – Pavilion Roof & Guttering Repairs – Recreation Ground  
£151.71 Seeboard – Street Lighting Supply, June 2000  
£35.19 Seeboard – Repair, Normanhurst Road  
£213.46 Seeboard – Replacement Lantern, o/s 1 Wyatt Close  
£136.39 Kent Aluminium – Maintenance Materials, Potters Mede  
£150.00 Cash – Petty Cash & Telephone Rental  
£17.70 S Murray – Quarry Liaison Expenses  
£500.00 H Damiral – Office Allowance  
£75.00 S Murray – Chairman's Allowance (part payment)  
£2932.99 Zurich Insurance – Annual Insurance  
£197.39 Seeboard – Street Lighting Maintenance July 2000  
£2225.45 Chestnut Products Ltd – Fencing, Recreation Ground

**NatWest Auto-Pay**

£171.32 A Gill – Groundsman 1/6 – 30/6/00  
£592.03 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/6– 30/6/00  
£716.98 H Damiral – Clerk June 2000  
£457.41 J Stephens – Caretaker 1/6– 30/6/00  
Proposed by Cllr McWilliam, seconded by Cllr Mrs Hayman that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

40. There were no matters for discussion in committee.



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