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Minutes of the Meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held in Borough Green Village Hall on Monday 1st November 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, Millener, & the Clerk.

Cllr Rayner (KCC) & Cllr Palmer (TMBC) were present, and no Members of the Public.

129 **Apologies for Absence** Cllrs Simpson, Reading & Crawley

Notice of Vacancy Clerk has received one application for co-option.

Period for calling an election expires 15th Nov 2021

130 **Declarations of Interest** None

131 **Minutes of the meeting 11th October 2021 AGREED**

126 (i) alter 10 members to 9-12 members - amendment agreed

132 **Matters Arising** from those minutes

124 (v) Landway light. Chair has contacted developer and resident - suggest annual power payment of £40+timer cost- awaiting resident response, but Cllr Wray reports light has been on.

116 MA Hazelbourne Gate awaiting Crest response

133 **Submissions by County and Borough Members**

Cllr Rayner (1) Update on Arcus Solar Farm meeting. Confirmed no more Stangate inert fill. Section 106 wish list needs to be lodged before large authorities appropriate the funding

(2) KCC Full Council - unlikely to support Parliamentary Green Bill.

(3) Confirmed Red Route taking over 306/308 route, and will circulate time table. Complaints from residents about all buses failing to comply with timetables

(4) A25 Darkhill resurfacing - in program but not soon - suggest multiple Highway complaints. Link on all PC websites - <https://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/ReportAFault.aspx>

Cllr Palmer (1) TMBC announce freeze on Member expenses

(2) Tonbridge Wards' attempts to get Town Toilets and Christmas Lights charged to the whole Borough rejected.

(3) New Leader seems to be sticking to his commitment to make Parish Partnership Panel more Parish orientated

(4) Green Party attempt to get support for Parliamentary Green Bill rejected as too political

134 **Planning Matters** to hand

(i) To note Planning Notices as circulated

(ii) Current applications and responses circulated

TM/21/02693/PDVLR Rhoslan 103 Maidstone Rd Prior Notification for Residential Extension (Part 1 Class A): Single storey rear extension to a depth of 4m, maximum roof height of 3m, and eaves height of **2.6m**

TM/21/02623/PDVLR Rhoslan 103 Maidstone Rd Prior Notification for Residential Extension (Part 1 Class A): Single storey rear extension to a depth of 4m, maximum roof height of 3m, and eaves height of **2.41m**

TM/21/02407/FL 161 Maidstone Road Proposed det garage/store front garden. New front boundary wall with splayed entrance

TM/21/02348/FL The Paddock 12 Quarry Hill Road Single storey side extension

TM/21/02669/FL 12 Blackhorse Mews Single storey front & rear extension and internal alterations

No Observations on any application

135 **Potters Mede**

- (i) Quote for wild flower seeding rejected- buy small amount & let nature take its course
- (ii) Mower - upgrade. Chairman and Groundsman met John Deere (approved supplier) An upgraded ride-on would cost £28k, but a 4wd Compact tractor with a 6ft mid mount rotary deck, plus 3 point linkages and PTOs would £25k basic, possibility of flail attachment. recommend Operating Lease with on-site maintenance repair Future proof - tow hitch, gritter, plough bucket etc. Noted recent large land acquisitions requiring maintenance would exceed current machine's capabilities. Chairman & Clerk to explore options with JD, and report back with a view to commencing in the new Financial Year - AFFIRMED
- (iii) blocked drain gents - Karl Burrluck called - resolved
- (iv) There was considerable discussion about teenage party hire, and recent anti-social incidents & Police attendance at PM. Whilst Members were not comfortable with an outright ban, it was agreed to give the Clerk far more discretion with security deposits and scrutiny of hirers. There were concerns expressed about staff safety closing the hall at midnight in these circumstances, and hired security guards were considered as a future option, to be charged to the hirer.

136 **Recreation Ground**

- (i) Play Area Revamp - update - construction has commenced. Clerk detailed two CCTV quotes, and Cllrs Ramsden, Perry and Millener offered to review the technical aspects. CCTV to be installed during the Revamp, with cameras monitoring the Play Area, Entrance and Pavilion/Pitch. It was decided that the Grand Opening should not be offered to a political person, as the whole project had been managed within the Community. The Choice of Celebrity would be referred to the Revamp Group.
- (ii) Note - Heras, timber, fencing & posts moved to PM & WPC thanks to Barry & Bernie

137 **Village Enhancements**

- (i) Remembrance Sunday - wreath laying **14 Nov 10am** War Memorial Cherry trees - planted
 - (ii) Planters - Permit progress - Chairman noted how helpful KCC/TMBC had been with permits. The groundsman will be building 4 planters
 - (iii) Christmas Lights **27th November** - full program
 - (iv) Bulb Planting - update on progress - volunteer session **2pm Sat 6th Nov**
 - (v) To note Griggs Way/Maidstone Rd culvert works in progress - Chairman progressing with Landowners
 - (vi) Salt cage purchase angle, Chair & Groundsman to construct AGREED
 - Gritter Reserves - too late - defer to next year - 2x 1t Dumpy bags AGREED
 - (vii) Social prescribing changes Involve gone, Imago plus bereavement. Foot Clinic pending
- Chairman called a short break - 2110 - 2120

138 **Financial Matters**

- (i) Clerk's RFO report 7mth outturn, cash flow. Clerk gave a detailed appraisal of cash flow, which will be circulated, but noted we should act with caution until the start of the new Financial Year. Chairman advised that BGPC had rarely dipped into reserves, but unforeseen expenses were the very reason we carried reserves. Chairman asked for affirmation that the Clerk could access reserves if required - AFFIRMED
- (ii) Bank Reconciliations 31 October to follow. Total Balances @ 31 Oct - £244,666
- (iii) Electric Van / Charger - Installation booked, van deposit paid, delivery December
- (iv) To approve Payment List - tabled but to be circulated. (Appendix 1)
 - Invoices checked by Cllrs Redrup & Taylor
 - Prop Chair, Sec Cllr Shaw - AGREED
- (v) Finance Committee meeting **10th Nov 2021**

139 **Website & Social Media**

- (i) Progress on website - to note extensive alterations, but no meeting as yet

140 **TMBC Local Plan & Policies** (i) No report

141 **Highways & Streetlighting**

- (i) Update on Waste Services - Steady slow improvements
- (ii) Retailers request to consider pedestrianising north end of High St from Village Hall. Pedestrianisation survey carried out by TMBC some years ago. Consultation first, & consult Highways
- (iii) Streetlight Station Rd alleyway - completed, Nisa in progress

(iv) To note meeting with Highways 11 Nov re road closure signage and ongoing traffic issues, Parish Highway Improvement Plan.

142 **Quarries & Landfills** (i) No Report

143 **Councillors Reports from outside Bodies** (max 3 min)

- (i) Facilities & Green Spaces Review Group - No Report
- (ii) Welcome Back - Village Hall - Cllr Redrup, car park lining in progress
- (iii) Welcome Back VH noticeboard £250 agreed
("Welcome Back" is a TMBC distributed grant being accessed by BGPC and the Village Hall Committee)
- (vi) Cllr Perry reported Anti Gatwick meeting 9 Nov Penshurst Church 8pm Tom Tugendhat MP

144 **Future Dates**

- (i) Date of next meeting **Monday 6th December 2021**
REMEMBER Bulb Planting Harrison Rd 2pm Sat 6th, **BASH THE TRASH** Sunday 7th Vill Hall 11am
At all other times contact the Clerk using the details above

145 **Exclusion of Public and Press:** Pursuant to Section1(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.

Members are reminded that any release of information from a Part 2 discussion is contrary to the Standards Code and an offence under the above Public Bodies Act.

No Part 2 - Standards Matters Awaiting Monitoring Officer's Report There being no other business, Chairman closed the meeting at 22.05hrs

(APPENDIX 1)

Payments Schedule	
Month: November 2021	
	£
Standard On-Line Payments	
Staff Salaries	4301.97
HMRC	2031.13
KCC Pensions	1013.78
Online Banking Payments	
Commercial Services	142.1
Margaret VIC on behalf of BGVH	253
K G Clarke	432
T Rothwell	150
Andrew Bennett	250
Expenses - Bernie Galopin	26
Expenses - Rob Springett	34.4
Monthly Direct Debits	
Zen Internet	10.79
Bank Charges *	20
ALD*	301.32
TMBC	57
Wex *	5.4
* DD amounts may vary on a monthly basis	
Total Payments	9028.89
Signatures M Taylor	
G Redrup	