

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 4 December 2000 at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr Mrs S Murray (Chairman), Cllrs. C Brinkley-Willsher, A Dolton, B Hughes, Mrs J Lucas, J McWilliam, M Stone  
Apologies: Cllr D Evans, J Evans, Mrs V Hayman  
There were no members of the public in attendance

Action

98. **Minutes** of the meeting 6 November 2000 were signed as a true record.

99. **Matters Arising**

Public consultation: A227 drainage/flooding problems – Copy correspondence and a letter from a resident were noted. The P.C.'s response to a KCC flooding enquiry was noted.  
85. Cllr Hughes reported on planning application TM/00/1395 adj.1 Annetts Hall.  
92. Chairman and Clerk reported on final grant application which included for 4no additional baskets and brackets, 2no planters and 1no wooden seat. Agreed.  
92. Chairman advised on the T&MBC proposal to combine Borough Green, Platt, Plaxtol and Shipbourne as one ward.  
94. Potters Mede car park: A reply from Wrotham School was noted.

100. **Planning Matters**

**Pre-meeting**

TM/00/1844 Non-illuminated sign – Longmeadow Farm, Crouch Lane. No observations.  
TM/00/1919 Listed Building: Internal alterations & velux windows – 89 Station Road. No observations.  
TM/00/2252 Tree Surgery – 12 Monckton Road. No objections subject to approval by T&MBC Trees Officer.  
TM/00/2359 Dormer window – 7 Station Road. No observations.  
TM/00/2520 Extension – 27 High Street. No observations.  
TM/00/2604 Marley Gable Vent – Fox & Hounds, Maidstone Road. No observations.  
TM/00/2622 Storage extension & warehousing – Unit 14 Bourne Industrial Estate. No observations.

**Meeting**

TM/00/1925 Residential development: amended plans – 21-25 Sevenoaks Road. Agreed that the current plans are more acceptable than previous schemes, however there is still concern about:-  
Noise level readings; inadequate access for large vehicles; treatment and maintenance of triangle of land j/o Sevenoaks Road/Rock Road and disparity between plans regarding length of ramp with guardrail.

TM/00/1960 Extension – Baptist Church, Maidstone Road. Concern about treatment of external finish which should match the existing building. Window to new extension should also match existing.

TM/00/2517 Temporary use of depot for Civil Engineers – Isles & Stangate Quarries. Agreed that comments will be agreed following Quarry Liaison Cttee.meeting 5/12/00.

**Planning decisions**

TM/00/1842 Non-illuminated sign – The Black Horse, Maidstone Road. Permission refused  
TM/00/2178 Signs – Barclays Bank, Station Road. Permission granted.  
TM/00/2302 Tree surgery – Recreation Ground, Maidstone Road. Permission granted  
TM/00/2386 External doors amendment – 5 Tolsey Mead. Permission granted.

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There were no matters for public consultation.

101. **Correspondence**

**Noted:** T&MBC – Street naming, 1-10 Fox Lea  
T&MBC – Christmas closure, Larkfield swimming pool  
T&MBC – Village Design Statements  
Mr A Darby – Letter of thanks for hanging baskets in the village  
Kent Guidance Consortium – Community Network Meeting  
Commonwork Land trust – Information leaflet  
T&MBC – Conservation area advice note  
T&MBC – Draft Register of Electors 2001/2002  
KRCC – AGM 8/12/00 & Autumn magazine  
Kent County Constabulary – Newsletter Nov.2000. Copies to all Cllrs.  
T&MBC – Planning control re. use of land west of Crouch Lane, Platt as travelling showmen's site. Chairman gave further information.  
CPRE – Invitation to the screening of 'Tracks' 9/12/00

101. **Correspondence (Continued)**  
**Correspondence noted (contd.)**  
 Next WPPC meeting 22 January 2001.  
**Correspondence for consideration:**  
 Citizens' Rights for Older People – AGM. Details had been passed to Cllr J Evans  
 Off Licence application – 11B Western Road. The Parish Council welcomed this application. JE  
 T&MBC – Policy Planning Meeting 7 December 2000. Cllr Brinkley-Willsher agreed to attend. CB-W  
 KRCC – Village of the Year Competition 2001. Agreed to enter all 5 categories.  
 T&MBC Summer Playscheme 2001. Agreed that Potters Mede may be used, all as in  
 previous years.
102. **Borough Green & Platt Bypass/Traffic Matters**  
 Chairman advised of a proposed KCC meeting with the Parishes in the new year.
103. **Dates of Future Meetings**  
 PC Meetings: 8 January 2001  
 29 January 2001 for Budget & urgent business only  
 5 March 2001  
 Planning Cttee.Meeting: 26 February 2001
104. **Request for financial Assistance: Borough Green Bowls Club**  
 Further information will be obtained and considered at the Finance Cttee meeting in January.  
 The Club will be requested to adjust the direction of the light currently shining across the  
 field.
105. **Recreation Ground**  
**Boundary Fence & Stream:** A letter from Whitbread was received: a site meeting will now  
 be arranged. Cllr Dolton will attend. Chairman proposed that a quotation for fencing-off the  
 ditch, received from Chestnut Products Ltd in the sum of £225 + VAT be accepted. Agreed. AD  
 Cllr Dolton will discuss the work with the contractor on site. AD  
**Entrance to Playground:** Cllr Dolton reported on a site meeting held and proposed  
 acceptance of a quotation from Steadline Ltd for construction of a pedestrian entrance area  
 in the sum of £621.67 + VAT. Seconded by Cllr Brinkley-Willsher. Agreed.  
**Tree Surgery:** Planning permission has now been received for tree surgery in the  
 Recreation Ground r/o 37 Harrison Road. Chairman proposed that a verbal quotation  
 for this work, from Mr Lawrenson in the sum of £265 + VAT be accepted. Agreed.  
**Tennis Court Floodlights:** A request from the Tennis Club was received. Clerk will  
 seek advice from T&MBC.  
**Mowing:** Cllr McWilliam proposed that a quotation be accepted from KCC in the sum of  
 £25.48 per cut. Seconded by Cllr Dolton. Agreed.
106. **Potters Mede**  
**Mowing:** Cllr McWilliam proposed that a quotation be accepted from KCC in the sum of  
 £48.33 per cut. Seconded by Cllr Dolton. Agreed.  
**Use of Cricket Square:** Chairman proposed that this be discussed under item 109 of the  
 agenda. Agreed.  
**Pond:** Cllr Dolton reported that the pond is overflowing and the drain appears to be blocked.  
 The area also needs to be fenced. After discussion agreed that Cllr Dolton will instruct the  
 Groundsman re. fencing and Cllr Stone will take necessary action re blocked drain. AD  
**Glass Recycling:** T&MBC advised that they have withdrawn the proposal to place  
 recycling banks at Potters Mede. MS
107. **Committee Reports**  
**Highways, Footpaths & St.Lighting:** The traffic island j/o Wye Road/A227 frequently  
 suffers vandalism and needs to be replaced with a more suitable design. Query Basted Lane  
 as a public highway and deteriorating condition. Bridge repairs are required FP behind Tolsey  
 Mede. Lights in Quarry Hill Road and at the zebra crossing still need attention  
**BGVHMC:** No report  
**Men of Trees:** No report.  
**Quarries Liaison:** No report

108. **Cheques for Signature**

£7.06 Baldwin Cooke – Appts. diary, Potters Mede  
£110.45 F P Caine Ltd – Replacement shower valves, Potters Mede  
£75.00 S Murray – Chairman's allowance (Balance)  
£225.00 Cash – Petty cash & telephone rental

**NatWest Auto-Pay**

£164.52 A Gill – Groundsman 1/11 – 30/11/00  
£366.85 R Springett – Asst. Groundsman 1/11– 30/11/00  
£734.93 H Damiral – Clerk November 2000  
£276.27 J Stephens – Caretaker 1/11– 30/11/00  
£54.00 C Simpson – Youth Leader November 2000  
£197.39 Seeboard – Street Lighting maintenance, December 2000  
£151.71 Seeboard – Street Lighting supply, November 2000

Proposed by Cllr McWilliam, seconded by Cllr Dolton that the above cheques be paid. Agreed.

109. **Resolved to enter into committee**

Chairman and Cllr Hughes reported on a meeting with Farningham Cricket Club re. possible future use of Potters Mede. Councillors welcomed this interest. There was some discussion about Borough Green Village Hall and T&MBC grant applications. Clerk reported on land j/o Western road/A25.