

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Borough Green Parish held at 8pm on Friday 28 April 2017 in Borough Green Village Hall

The Chairman, Mr Mike Taylor, welcomed 16 people

Apologies were received from Kent County Cllr Mrs V Dagger, Mr A Hickmott, Mr H Willard and Liberty Church

Minutes of the meeting 29 April 2016 were read. Mr Perry proposed that they be accepted, seconded by Mrs Dawson. The minutes were agreed and duly signed.

Matters Arising.

None

Chairman's Report

Mr Taylor, Chairman of Borough Green Parish Council read his report on the work of the council during the past year, as attached, particularly mentioning the projects of building the War Memorial, the Quarry Hill planter and tree, the new woodland walk at Potters Mede and the provision of defibrillators.

Crest Nicholson have applied for planning permission to build 10no houses on the Hanson site and, if this materialises, land at Quarry Hill East will be transferred to the parish council as public amenity land. Additional land may be transferred for the possible extension of the doctors' surgery.

KCC traffic schemes were outlined: work has commenced.

There are concerns about extensive proposed residential development of Greenbelt and AONB land and the proposed further extraction of sand by H+H Celcon.

He expressed thanks to fellow councillors, staff and the community for their support.

Financial Report

All present received copies of the unaudited statement of accounts for the financial year 2016/2017.

Clerk presented the financial report and highlighted key items of income and expenditure.

It was particularly noted that because of an Inland Revenue credit, staff salary costs were lower. However, as this credit cannot be reconciled by BGPC, the amount of £4327.45 will be set aside for a period of 7 years to allow for any future adjustments required.

A grant of £7,500 was received from T&MBC towards the building of the War Memorial.

As well as the projects referred to in the Chairman's report above, there was particular expenditure on improvements to the electrical and drainage supplies of the Recreation ground and playground repairs.

The accounts will be audited by the council's independent auditor and will then be sent to the External Auditor for verification as required under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

There being no questions, Mr Perry proposed that the report be adopted, seconded by Mr Leonard. Agreed.

Reports from Local Organisations

Borough Green Junior Football Club: The club has approximately 300 players from very young to the under 18s team. They have had a successful season winning a tournament and reaching cup finals. More pitches are required, preferably at Potters Mede.

Potters FC: As attached report

Borough Green Bowls Club: The club is known for its sportsmanship, competitiveness and friendliness. Many compliments are received on the quality of the green and facilities. From the club, 11 ladies and 10 men have represented Kent and 1 lady and 3 men have represented England. Two Open days are planned for this year.

Borodara: The club meets once a month and has 126 members. They have a variety of speakers and entertainers. Other activities includes short mat bowls and outings. They are part of Kentara which has 83 associations and 28,000 members.

Kent Air Ambulance: The service is a charity, relying entirely on public donations. Highly skilled professionals can land anywhere; give A&E on board; carry out blood transfusions and give anaesthetic. It costs £6.5 million/yr to run the service. Local groups are encouraged to request a 40minute talk by the Kent Air Ambulance to raise awareness.

Kent County Council: No report

Borough Green Baptist Church: Services are held on Sundays plus prayer meetings, Bible study, Womens' Fellowship and Messy Church. Assemblies are held at the Primary school and there is regular contact with Westbank Care Home. Harvest goods are distributed and the 'Carols around the Christmas tree' was well attended. The meeting expressed congratulations to the group who took part in the Annual Litter Pick as they have been nominated for an Environmental Champions Award 2017. World-wide and UK projects continue to be supported.

Dementia Friends: Week commencing 15 May 2017 is Dementure Awareness Week. All residents are invited to attend a 45 minute interactive Dementia informative session at 4pm on Thursday 18 May 2017 in Borough Green Village Hall.

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church: Problems with the builder have delayed the completion of the new church. Hopefully, it will open later this year and an Open day will be held. The new Priest is Father David Gibbons. Thanks were expressed to Borough Green Primary School for allowing them to use their facilities during the rebuild

Other Matters

The parish council has installed two defibrillators, one outside Potters Mede and one outside Borough Green Village Hall. Sevenoaks First Responders will be installing others at the Fire Station and the Drs Surgery, both of which will be publicly accessible.

Recycling bins will be located in the railway station yard when Network Rail sign the lease with T&MBC.

There being no other matters for discussion Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 20.57 hrs.