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Minutes of the **BOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at **Borough Green Bowls Club** on **Monday 2nd December 2024** starting at **1930**. The meeting was not recorded. Members are reminded of the importance of Section 10 of Standing Orders regarding confidentiality of Part 2 discussions and documents. Please refer to our Data Privacy, Use and Retention Policy, which is published on our website.

Present: Cllrs Taylor (Chair), Cllrs, Ramsden (Vice Chair), Reid, Heselden, Shaw, Thrush, & the Clerk,
There was one member of the public.

Christmas Lights - Chairman will write to the Lights Committee thanking them for a magnificent Festival, and thanked all the PC members who marshalled and supported the event.

Mrs Gladys Banks - 108th Birthday was celebrated, and the BBC interview was noted - how Gladys was still her old sparky self, a real village character

4x4 Santa is still scheduled to visit Platt & Borough Green on 13th December

145. Apologies for Absence Cllrs Reading, Millener, Butterfill, Cllr Rayner (KCC) and Cllr Palmer (TMBC)

146. Declarations of Interest Chair will abstain from "Cheques" - expenses

147. Minutes of the meeting 4th November 2024 - AGREED as a true record

148. Submissions by County and Borough Members and Members of the Public

Clerk had attended Assn Rural Councils in Kent Archive and collected documents for Platt, Wrotham, Parish Church Hall and Village Hall which were passed on them.

In the absence of Cllr Palmer, Chair updated Members on the progress of the Local Plan Engagement Strategy which this time will ensure all TM Members are involved in the process, and can brief Parishes. The new National Planning Policy Framework should be released in December.

149 Matters Arising -

Two Councillor Vacancies.

Vacancy for Full-time Groundsman to replace Mr Glew on his retirement

150 Planning Matters

(i) To note Planning Notices as circulated

(ii) Current applications and **responses** as circulated,

Moto Appeal update - Appeal hearing date 9th January - our team are geared up. Our Share £1616

Applications 24/01726 50 Sevenoaks Rd Single Storey Rear Extension

24/01875 LDC 41 Western Rd Home Office & Gymnasium

24/01911 8 The Avenue single storey rear extension and external insulation

No Observations on any application

151 Potters Mede

(i) Update -Fibre installation - new order started

(ii) Update power supplier - awaiting fibre installation

(iii) Clerk reported on an uplift in bookings at PM

(iv) HVAC Service - ongoing by Sam at Greencraft, thanks to Scott - new pcbs required - shorted by mice.

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152 Recreation Ground

- (i) Pavilion Refurbishment - Working Group- Cllr Thrush updated members on investigation work being carried out by Honeycombe to establish whether damp proofing could be achieved externally.
- (ii) Paddle tennis enquiry - ongoing, awaiting further information.

153 Community Issues

- (i) Clerk reported on a meeting with PC Dylan McElligott. Next Voice article will highlight the need for residents to report ALL crime, to allow the Police to build an intelligence picture. Police Contacts Appendix 2

154 Village Enhancements & Green Spaces

- (i) Still waiting Planners re surgery carpark lighting
- (ii) KCC MR 251 Diversion - landslip . This is between the Horsefield and Botany Wood, north of Borough Green Sandpit, and has been an ongoing problem for some years.

155 Financial Matters

- (i) Responsible Financial Officer's report - Clerk noted we were in a very healthy position, despite significant amounts spent on projects, and that we are well placed to carry out next years Pavilion refurbishment. Clerk reported on the Finance Committee meeting, and the recommendation to raise the precept by 5%. To Note and Approve budgets and Forecasts as circulated - AGREED
To Approve Precept proposed increase of 5% - Prop Cllr Reid, 2nd Cllr Ramsden AGREED

(ii) Bank Reconciliations & Balance 30 November 2024 Total Bank Balance **£239,373.37**

(iii) To approve Payment List as circulated. Prop-Cllr Shaw, 2nd Cllr Thrush - AGREED, Chair abstained
Invoices checked : Cllrs Shaw & Thrush (Appendix 1)

(iv) Bank Accounts all approaching Financial Services Compensation Scheme limit of £86k.To ratify early payments already made to reduce account balances. - AGREED

New account needed to stay within FSCS limits - Risk Management - AGREED

(v) Skatepark - to ratify Hiscock Ins premium - our share of £1423 - AGREED

(vi) Grant request Kent Community Rail Partnership - £100 - AGREED

(vii) To note KCC are launching another Community Transport Fund round - Clerk to investigate.

156 Website & Social Media

(i) Muriel Rurial - The Editor of the Voice has released one column per year from 2002-2016 of these unique humorous snapshots of life and people in the Village, and it is proposed to add a new "Muriel" page to the website, which will also carry some of "Muriel's" other short stories - there will be a warning that these are historic documents and need to be viewed as of a different time.

157 Neighbourhood & Local Plans

- (i) TMBC Local Plan, NPPF, and Engagement Strategy reported above

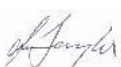
158 Highways & Streetlighting

- (i) Speed Indicator Devices - ongoing
- (ii) Darkhill HGV Parking - ongoing. JTB - KCC will possibly take up the issue on Highway Safety grounds.

159 Quarries & Landfills

160 Councillors Reports from outside Bodies (max 3 min)

- (i) Most recent Standards Complaint against Chair - dismissed.
- (ii) Cllr Shaw requested we investigate Speedwatch again, perhaps engaging with neighbouring parishes of Wrotham, Ightham & Platt. - AGREED
- (iii) Cllr Shaw reported on the KALC AGM, with particular reference to Devolution, but as yet we have no hard information



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161 Future Dates

(i) Date of next meeting 6th January 2025 1930 BOWLS CLUB

At all other times contact the Clerk using the details above

162 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.

Chairman closed the public session at 20.24

Part 2 Confidential

There was a brief discussion of Staff Matters including recruitment of a new Groundsman.

There being no further business, Chairman closed the meeting at 20.34 and wished everyone a Happy Christmas

Appendix 1

BGPC Payments List December 2024	£
Staff Costs	
Staff Salaries	6,280.32
HMRC	2,101.79
KCC Pensions	2,576.00
BACS Payments	
VP C/N Refund 403	48.00
WPC, inv 507	316.97
Nu Venture, inv 3096	833.00
SE 4X4	150.00
SEV Electrical, inv 5249	162.00
MT	433.38
DD Payments	
Zen Internet (monthly charge)	13.79
National Domestic Rates RG	57.00
COGS - The Voice Magazine	300.00
Bank Charges *	17.49
Npower* - streetlighting	255.59
Npower* - public convenience	226.14
EDF (PM)*	443.00
EDF (RG)*	60.00
Castle Water*	78.94
Castle Water*	21.56
Stellantis (formerly Vauxhall Finance)	544.80
Total	14,919.77
NB: Receipts during Oct 24 (exc bank transfers)	1,375.66
TOTAL BANK BALANCES	£239,373.37
Signatures Cllrs Thrush & Shaw	



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