

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 5 December 2005  
at Potters Mede

Present: Cllr B Hughes (Chairman), Cllrs J Bailey, Mrs L Barrow, J Broad, Mrs S Murray (8.30pm),  
S. Perry, J Phillips, Miss L Robinson, C Willsher, Mrs B Woodhams  
Apologies: T&MBCllr D Evans

There were three members of the public in attendance and the Rural Community Warden, Sarah Port.

92. **Planning Matters**

TM/03/2563 Additional supporting information and environmental statement – factory building, Ightham Sandpit. After considerable discussion and consideration of researched evidence, agreed to reiterate concerns about possible health hazards. It is considered that previous objections have not been fully addressed and the KCC suggestion that the plant be relocated is endorsed.

TM/05/2875 Garage – 1 Crowhill. No observations.

Cllr Perry produced some pages of information from the internet showing health hazards of some pollutants, and attempted to make the case that these were present in the steam from the Celcon Plant, and that BG was covered in grey dust. He also suggested Celcon relocate. There was considerable discussion, and these views did not receive broad support.

We later discovered that Cllrs Perry & Hughes altered the letter of support. Cllr Valerie Dagger, whilst opposing the factory plan, felt that what had happened was unfair to the people of Borough Green, and let us know the altered letter had arrived at KCC.

Sue Murray resigned in anger, and Cllr David Evans organised a public protest at the meeting below, and a majority vote agreed a new letter was sent. Cllr Hughes apologised, but refused to allow action against those involved.

Whilst the Celcon Factory was subsequently approved, the Bypass planning permission had lapsed, and the scheme was shelved. From that day, a Parish Alliance began between BG, Wrotham, Platt and Ightham campaigning for J5 Slips, a traffic relief scheme that all parishes could subscribe to.

Minutes of the meeting of Borough Green Parish Council held at 7.30p.m. on Monday 9 January 2006  
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Prior to the meeting PC Vaughan from Kent Police outlined the Speedwatch initiative and answered questions about speed limits. He will campaign for repeater speed restriction signs through Borough Green

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Mrs B Woodhams. T&MBCllr D Evans

Apologies: Cllrs J Bailey, Mrs L Barrow, J Broad, J Phillips  
There were thirty-two members of the public in attendance.

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107. **Speedwatch**

No further report.

Chairman proposed that as T&MBCllr D Evans had to attend another meeting, he be invited to make his report. Agreed. Cllr Evans expressed strong concerns at the Parish Council's response to the planning application for a new factory at Celcon, Ightham Sandpit

There then followed the period for public consultation.  
Residents strongly endorsed the concerns of Cllr Evans.

Noted that the hire company adjacent to Potters Mede is making regular unauthorised use of

108. **Planning Matters**

TM/03/2563 Factory building, Ightham Sandpit – Amended site plan: no observations.

Councillors discussed and clarified their views on the additional supporting information and environmental statement considered at the last meeting. Chairman proposed that a letter of clarification be sent to KCC confirming that the parish council continues to support the application. All members received copies of a proposed draft letter. Agreed.

TM/05/3570 Outline application: residential development 20/22 Wrotham Road –

111. **Vacancy BGPC**

It was with regret that the Parish Council received the resignation of Mrs Sue Murray: formal vacancy procedures will be followed and Chairman will correspond. It was confirmed that no formal resignation had been received from Cllr Bailey.

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