

ON 4th JULY 2017

8.05 Borough Cllr Mike Taylor arrived at the meeting

105/17 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 6th JUNE 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of 6th June 2017 be accepted as a true record.

106/17 MATTERS ARISING

Overhanging Tree A letter had been received from a resident in Lingfield Road stating that there was a large tree around the edge of King Georges Field that was over hanging her garden quite a bit and a lot of the branches were too high for her to cut down. The Groundsman had looked at this and thought that the offending branches had already been cut down. The property faced East so the tree was not affecting light in anyway. The next inspection by a qualified tree surgeon was due in Dec 2018.

107/17 LIAISON WITH COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

County Cllr Rayner informed the Council that he sat on the KCC planning committee dealing with mineral and school applications. He was on the Economic Regeneration committee which dealt with matters relating to land holding and he also served on the Scrutiny committee. Cllr Rayner said that with all the publicity in the media regarding bad practices in some social services, KCC remained untainted.

Cllr Taylor had been late to the meeting as he was accepting an award on BGPC's behalf from the Royal British Legion. BGPC had raised £3,500 for the organization last year.

The new access road on Platt Industrial Estate was to be raised at the area 2 meeting the following evening. Cllr Taylor and Cllr Bonser would be speaking in support of the application as would local residents. Thanks were conveyed to both the Borough and County Councillor for all their support in this matter.

Cllr Rayner said that he had included this matter in his manifesto. He had recently met with the head of planning at KCC and given assurances that the proposed access road would not impede any excavation of sand. He would also be meeting with Mark Simmonds of T&M Highways to discuss funding for the Parish Council should this application be approved.

Cllr Taylor informed the Council that BGPC had formally withdrawn from the Wrotham 3G management committee.

At the BG meeting held the previous evening a vote of "No Confidence" had been agreed in Cllr Perry. It had been agreed to strip Cllr Perry of any and all appointments to outside bodies where he had represented BGPC. It was noted that he is still a TMBC appointee to the Basted Mill Public Open Space Committee.

Cllr Taylor reported that the second phase of the traffic scheme would be implemented in August that included the 30mph speed limit from Askew Bridge. Once the scheme was in place, speed checks would be carried out to ascertain if the work had been a success.

108/17 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

It was discussed whether it was necessary to compile a report for the meeting now that the planning tracker was accessible on the PC website. To be discussed further. Cllr Bonser ran through the month's planning matters listed below: -.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

TM/17/01572/FL LML Crouch, Yew Tree Barn. Alterations to roof & part 2 storey ext.

TM/17/01113/FL Basted Lane, Crouch, Cobb Cottage. Addition of solar panels. No objection but re-iterated our previous concerns

PLANNING APPROVALS (Parish Council's comments to T&MBC set out first)

TM/17/01155/FL Platt Common, Fir Cottage. Rear Landscaping. No objections.
Approved 14/06/17

TM/17/00189/LDE LML Crouch, Middle Orchard. Change land to residential curtilage. No objection but noted concern on future residential development. **Approved 13/06/17**

TM/17/01052/FL Comp Lane, Apple Trees. Triple garage with living/hobbies room above. No objections. **Approved 14/06/17**

PLANNING APPEALS

APP/H2265A/12/2183467/NWF Askew Bridge Site Non-determination & enforcement. Still undecided

109/17 PLATT WOODS REPORT

Volunteer Day – 10th June

5 volunteers.

Path maintenance was undertaken by all.

At the Platt Common entrance some large Cherry Laurel growing out from Platt Common House, over the notice board and across the path had finally become an obstacle and was on the verge of collapse. Mr J. Whale using his chainsaw cut this down at the fence line and into small sections, assisted by Mr M. Cockle. The arisings were returned over the fence and the householders informed of the work [the committee were thanked for their efforts].

Mrs Parkin kindly walked with Betty up to the woods to check on our progress.

Brushcutting

The June display of Foxgloves was beautiful, last years selective brush cutting had helped improve their number, it had also significantly reduced the amount spent on this work last year. The Council had ascertained that Mr Such was available for the current brushcutting at a cost of £300. Clerk to ask Mr Palmer exactly where the brushcutting was needed. An

exact job description for the path widening was also needed from the Woods committee in order to obtain another quotation for the work.

Magnolia Tree

This was planted in January by the woods committee members in memory of Geoff Uffindell. A big thank you to Mrs H. Hickmott for her efforts in watering the tree during its first year, it is doing very well.

Byelaws

New byelaws had been erected in Platt Woods. A bespoke frame had been made.

110/17

BOROUGH GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

BG Primary School had lost £60,000 funding which had been secured for a new roof and complete refurbishment to bring the facility into the 21st century. This funding had been lost at the very last minute due to government funding cuts. BGPC had made a donation of £10,000 and enquired if Platt might consider donating £5,000. He said that this facility could be made available to all local schools and would be approaching other PC's to make a donation.

Clerk had contacted BG Primary School and ascertained that 19 of its students resided in Platt with an additional 2 due to start in September. Cllr Bonser had spoken to the head teacher at Platt who had confirmed that she would be happy to use the BG facility rather than go to Larkfield if the cost was appropriate.

RESOLVED to agree a donation in principle but would like to know the level of charges for Platt to use this facility and if tuition would be included.

8.50pm Cllrs Rayner and Taylor left the meeting.

111/17

STONEHOUSE FIELD CAR PARK

Cllrs Mathieson and Darby had met with KCC drainage specialist who had confirmed that it would repair the collapsed chamber of the drain at SHF and would supply a date when work would be carried out. KCC had asked a number of questions regarding the drainage that needed to be answered. Marchants might be needed to answer some of the questions. However, Cllr Bonser said that he would look at the email to ascertain if he could answer some of the questions.

JD

DEFIBRILLATORS

112/17

The Chairman and Clerk had met with Sevenoaks First Responders and had agreed on the location of both defibrillators. One was to be sited at the back entrance to the Blue Anchor (Grange Road side) and the other to be erected on the front of the changing room building, to the left of the door. Listed Building Consent would not be needed at the Blue Anchor as previously thought. The Sevenoaks First Responders would hold an initial two meetings, one at the Blue Anchor and another in the Memorial Hall. Mr Baker would be erecting the defibrillators by September.

TB

A discussion ensued regarding upgrading of CCTV in SHF. Agreed in principle and Cllrs Bonser, Green and Tillett said they would supply details of contractors.

113/17 **CHEQUES AND FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RESOLVED the following payments were approved.

The following payments were received:

Mr & Mrs Green	Access Road Contribution	£ 91.54	TB/AG/ RT
PJCC	Fees	£230.00	
Scouts	Rent	£110.00	
Nat West	Interest	£0.81	
Total		£ 432.35	

The Council approved the following payments:

Payt	VAT	Total
Cash	Petty Cash	£73.06
Mrs M Beale	Cleaning June 17	£80.00
Mrs J Davies	Salary June 17	£887.80
Wrotham PC	Skatepark Maintenance	£1.65
Kent Pension Fund	Contribution June 17	£262.87
Amenity Weedcare	Pesticide Application	£108.00
Viking	Stationery	£ 15.29
KCC KCB	Pitch Marker	£ 12.30
Memorial Hall	Room Hire	£80.00
Platt PCC	Room Hire	£17.00
PAYE	Tax/NI May	£76.67
Steelway Fensecure	Hard Area Repairs	£523.00
R Morphy	See Saw Repainting	£47.30
D Palmer	Bye Laws Frame PW	£35.00
Total		£660.24
		£5,632.86

114/17 **REVIEW OF S.O'S, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

All documents had been circulated and perused by the Council. **RESOLVED** that the documents remain unchanged.

115/17 **AUGUST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

RESOLVED that a meeting would not be held in August. Notices to be put on the notice boards to advise residents.

116/17 CLERKS REPORT AND ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

Nothing further to report

117/17 REPORTS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Upcoming meetings were: BMPOS, Parish Alliance meeting with Celcon. A meeting between Tom Tugendhat and Platt Primary School on traffic issues was taking place on Friday and Cllrs Rayner and Darby would be meeting to discuss problems on the A25.

JD

118/17 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Palmer said that she had managed to get the website up and running. Clerk to check that she could access it.

Cllr Mathieson said that users of the children's play area were allowing their dogs inside the area. This was not permitted by the Council's byelaws. An article would be put in the Village News. Cllr Darby to report their concerns the Mother and Toddler Group, as the main users of the area, requesting they report any infringement of the byelaws.

Cllr Darby said that the Explorer group had successfully painted the portacabin at KGF. A second coat of paint would be required. The rear of the portacabin was not accessible but it was thought this might not require painting. The uprights were still in need of treatment.

JD

119/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Tuesday September 5th 2017

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The meeting was closed at 9.40pm

