

## **ACTION PLAN**

### **4. HOUSING.**

There is a perceived need for affordable housing within Borough Green of all types from 1 Bedroom starter homes up to 3 or 4 Bedroom family homes.

- (a) Infilling on small sites will not gain any affordable houses.
- (b) The only large site available is Isles Quarry West where a suitable mix of housing could be built. This site will only become a realistic possibility on completion of the bypass and the County adopting the Haul Road.

### **5. MEDICAL SERVICES.**

- (a) The Medical Practice is well positioned should Isles Quarry West be developed but will need to be enlarged which may have to happen in any event should the village demographics change to any extent.
- (b) It is perceived that the Dental Practice is unable to accommodate all patients who require NHS treatment. Thus there is a requirement for a dedicated NHS dental practice, not necessarily in Borough Green, but within the general Malling area

### **6. POLICING CRIME AND SAFETY.**

- (a) The Parish Council is actively supporting Kent Police in the Rural Community Warden scheme and would want to be involved in any further schemes of a like nature.
- (b) Speeding through the village is of great concern and the Parish Council would welcome any scheme that would reduce this. Speed Indicator Devices and Pedestrian crossings are being investigated and these coupled with the bypass should alleviate the problem.

### **7. EDUCATION AND LEARNING.**

- (a) With 4(b) in mind and the Primary School's inability to expand on its present site consideration will have to be given to resiting the school. Isles Quarry East would appear to cover this need but the infrastructure does not exist at the present
- (b) Another solution could be Whitegate field, which would have the benefit of proximity to Wrotham School. Here we could build up an educational and recreational campus encompassing Wrotham School, Whitegate field and Potters Mede; the ultimate cooperation of County, Borough and Parish.

## **8. THE ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS**

- (a) The Parish Council appreciates the mix of employment possibilities in the village and would not welcome any concentration in any particular industry and business.
- (b) The Parish Council would support any local initiative for new industries.
- (c) The Parish Council welcomes the industrial units being set up on part of the Arcontrol site.

## **9. COMMUNITY FACILITIES.**

- (a) Borough Green and the surrounding villages have a great need for an indoor sports facility and this should be placed at Whitegate field (7b).
- (b) A skateboard Park has received approval at Whitegate field.
- (c) The Parish Council is in discussions with a local landowner to acquire an area of land for use as a burial ground.
- (d) Recreational facilities for the older generation are virtually non-existent and the Parish would wish to engage with this generation to find out what it needs.
- (e) The Parish Council is looking at the possibility of floodlighting its tennis courts.

## **11. COMMUNITY.**

The Parish Council appreciates the excellent communications it has with both the County and Borough Councils at member and officer levels and would not want to damage these in any way but does acknowledge that, in the past, its communications with the parishioners has left a lot to be desired

- (a) Contact is now made via the medium of "The Voice" (the Parish newsletter) and its two Websites
- (b) A Parish office has been set up in the Village Hall and it is hoped that this will be used by all the authorities to inform the public.

## **12. TRANSPORT.**

The overarching concern of the village is the need for the Borough Green and Platt A25 bypass. Some 10 years ago this bypass was considered by the KCC to be the most environmentally desirable bypass in the whole of Kent.

- (a) The Parish Council will support any initiative be it public or private for the construction of this bypass but not to any perceived detriment to the village. The bypass should accommodate access to the RMC pit.
- (b) The Haul road should be adopted by the KCC in order to complete access to the southwest of the village.
- (c) A footway should be constructed from Fairfield to the center of the village past the railway car park.
- (d) The Station should be refurbished to bring it at least into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

- (e) We would like to see more effort put into controlling the sometimes haphazard parking not only in the center of the village but in the surrounding streets

#### **14. RETAIL AND LEISURE**

- (a) Whilst the spread of types of retail facilities in the village at present is quite comprehensive there is a need to maintain variety and the Parish Council would look to the LPA to assist in maintaining or perhaps extending it.
- (b) The Parish Council would not wish to see retail activity eroded in the central core of the village with change of use permissions.
- (c) It is very clear that the lack of leisure facilities in the village is felt by all age groups, some of these concerns are being addressed, see 9, but there is only so much that a local authority can do apart from providing the. Given the opportunities we could give support to any group wishing to get things moving. Witness the support that we are giving to the initiatives brought forward by the youth in the community.

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