

NEWSLETTER



INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE (KENT)

YOUR VOICE ON LOCAL ISSUES IN ADDINGTON & TROTTISCLIFFE

WROTHAM, IGHAM, STANSTED, ADDINGTON & TROTTISCLIFFE *PILGRIM'S WARD*

BOROUGH GREEN & PLATT

HADLOW, SHIPBOURNE & PLAXTOL, *BOURNE WARD*



SCOTT MILLENER *NEW*****

Borough Green Parish Council
11 years
Past Candidate Wrotham,
Igham & Stansted - came
within 17 votes of being elected.
Dedicated Traffic campaigner.
Scott is our Solar Powered,
Carbon Neutral Eco-Warrior,
and designed and
implemented the Renewable
Energy Systems at Potters Mede

PILGRIM WARD CANDIDATE



TIM SHAW

Elected BG Parish Council
2009, Vice Chairman BG Parish
Council
TMBC Member BG & Longmill 8
years
Executive Member KALC
Founder J5 Slips Campaign,
Leader STOP BGGC Campaign
Leader BG - Traffic Action
Group

PILGRIM WARD CANDIDATE



WENDY PALMER

Platt Parish Council for 9 yrs,
now Chair.
Executive Committee Kent
Assn Local Councils, KALC
Appointee to Joint
Transportation Board.
Deputy Leader STOP BGGC
Campaign, Lead
Campaigner J5 Slips
Campaign. Member T&M
Branch CPRE



MIKE TAYLOR

Borough Green Parish
Council since 2000
Chair BG Parish Council
since 2011
TMBC Member BG &
Longmill 9 years
Past Vice Chair TM KALC
Chair T&M Branch CPRE



SUE BUTTERFILL *NEW*****

Borough Green Parish Council
Organiser Platinum Jubilee
Festival 2022
38 years Manager London
Borough Greenwich, 11 years
Borough & Town Councillor
Dartford. Trustee NW Kent
Volunteers, Secretary Platt
Parochial Church Council

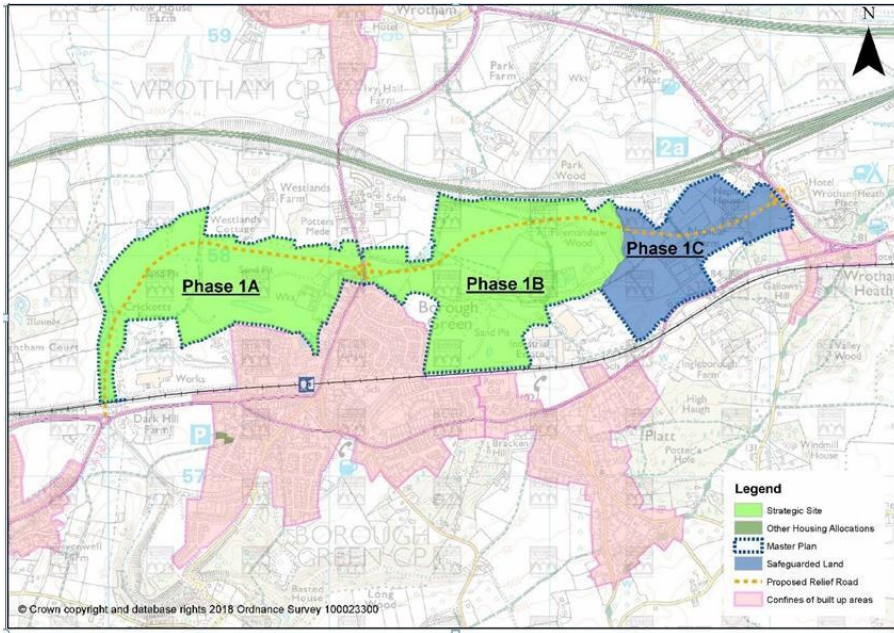
THE INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE - WHAT WE STAND FOR.....

We are all long serving Borough and Parish Councillors, and we spend a great deal of time talking to people, attending Parish meetings and coffee mornings, for one single reason: because our job is to find the local consensus on important issues and develop that into policies. We do not have policies handed down by Government or a Party Machine - **you** draft the policies we fight, we are **your** representatives at Tonbridge & Malling.

THE PARISH ALLIANCE

One of our proudest achievements has been to develop the alliance of local parishes. Our Parishes are all unique with different needs, but a Parish on its own is weak. However, a loose Alliance of up to 8 Parishes is hugely powerful politically and financially. We "mix and match" to challenge different issues, such as **J5 SLIPS, Traffic, Air Pollution and Climate Change, Moto** and **Borough Green Garden City**. We have our own team of Planners and Legal Advisers on standby funded by Parish contributions.

BIG ISSUES ADDINGTON AND TROTTISCLIFE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NOW.....



BOROUGH GREEN GARDEN CITY (see map left) is a proposed development of 3000 houses across Greenbelt from H+H Celcon at Ightham to Nepicar on the A20. This development will destroy the rural way of life in our unique and precious villages, turning the area into a conurbation larger than Tonbridge itself, with the impact felt far beyond the immediate villages.

LOWER THAMES CROSSING plans include a scheme to upgrade the A227 from Tonbridge, through Borough Green and Ightham to the A2 at Gravesend, to act as a feeder highway to the new crossing, diverting traffic away from the Dartford Crossing. This will throw huge amounts of extra traffic onto Vigo Hill, Ford Lane and Trottiscliffe Rd as rat-runners seek to avoid the gridlock caused by BGGC (above).

From our talks with residents, we suspect your current Local TMBC Members may not have been vociferous in alerting you to these dangers, that needs to change, and May next year will be your chance.



BULK FREIGHTER WASTE COLLECTION. This used to be a FREE monthly collection around the villages that collected big items of rubbish, and was initially suspended by Covid and driver shortages. But TMBC are now refusing to fund it on the grounds that the new Household Waste Facility at Maidstone will fulfil the need. So now we have to pay to get it to Maidstone, or pay for a private collection. This hits the most vulnerable AGAIN, and has led to an increase in fly-tipping. The two ironies are that TMBC then have to pay the same contractor to collect the same rubbish, and encouraging people to use their own cars contradicts their own Climate Change Strategy. We will re-introduce the Bulk Freighter Service



KCC BUS SUBSIDY CUTS will remove some routes completely, and cut others so drastically that Bus Companies will be unable to keep them viable. A recent countywide consultation resulted in huge numbers of School Parents, and other residents who depend on public transport, demanding KCC abandoned their cuts. KCC flatly refused, despite the impact on the Climate Change Strategy forcing all these extra cars onto the road. The Alliance is working with the Parishes, Kent Association of Local Councils, and Tom Tugendhat MP, to take the matter over their heads direct to Central Government.

OUR RURAL BUS NETWORK IS ESSENTIAL AND MUST BE MAINTAINED