








INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE (KENT)



BOURNE WARD	PILGRIMS WARD	PILGRIMS WARD	BOROUGH GREEN & PLATT	BOROUGH GREEN & PLATT
				
SUE BUTTERFILL **NEW** BGPC Councillor Platinum Jubilee Festival BG Coronation Organiser	SCOTT MILLENER *NEW* BGPC Cllr & Green Adviser	TIM SHAW Vice Chair BGPC, J5 Slips, TMBC BG & Longmill, BG-TAG KALC Exec	WENDY PALMER Chair Platt PC, Chair T&M CPRE TMBC BG & Longmill, JTB, KALC Exec	MIKE TAYLOR Chair BGPC TMBC BG & Longmill

DANGER- BGGC IS STILL LURKING OUT THERE !



BOROUGH GREEN GARDEN CITY
Is a proposal by greedy landowners to fill the greenbelt between Ightham, Wrotham Borough Green and Platt with **3000** houses, turning us into suburbs of a town bigger than Tonbridge itself. Your current Conservative representatives will tell you they opposed it, even voted against it, but after all the wrangling it was adopted by the TMBC Cabinet, and they are both Members of that Cabinet. And another TMBC Cabinet Member lives in Crouch!

This was a crucial part of TMBC's failed 2018 Local Plan, which was thrown out by Planning Inspectors, but before starting a new Local Plan, TMBC extracted this nightmare as a "SAVED POLICY" to be carried forward as part of their new Plan.

And its impact is far wider than just the few villages in the "Drop Zone", imagine the traffic that will be generated with this development sitting right on the crucial A20/A25/A227/M20/M26 confluence, and the impact on all our other local infrastructure

THE PARISH ALLIANCE

One of our proudest achievements has been to develop the alliance of local parishes, initially to fight Borough Green Garden City. 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**, **Moto** and **Borough Green Garden City**. We have our own team of Planners and Legal Advisers on standby funded by Parish contributions.

JUNCTION 5 SLIPS



New slip roads at the junction of the M25/M26 and the A21 would use the M26 as a Bypass around Seal, Borough Green, Platt and Wrotham Heath, finally giving us relief from the never ending through traffic on KCC's "Strategic Trunk Routes"

TRAFFIC SCHEME A25/A227.

Since 2009 we have been successfully campaigning for a suite of Traffic Measures that will slow down through traffic. The scheme includes multiple Traffic Light controlled pedestrian crossings, traffic calming, 20mph limits, extended 30mph limits, Speed Indicator Devices, and much more. Progress has been painfully slow, But watch this space, we haven't given up yet



BUS SUBSIDY CUTS - The fallout from KCC's Catastrophic financial failings will hit vulnerable residents as local bus routes are axed one by one. Alliance is working closely with the Parishes to establish at least once a week shopping and hospital trips through all our villages to Maidstone, possibly funded by grants from those same Parish Council.



SATURDAY BULK FREIGHTER



TMBC have axed this service, which is vital to residents with large items to dispose of, and without sport to get it to one of the distant Tips. As we saw recently, this led to a dramatic increase in pping even in the villages. We pledge to reinstate this service to residents

St GEORGE'S COURT

These 60 odd elderly sheltered flats, under Covenant from the Goring Family, were handed over by TMBC Housing to Clarion's predecessors as part of the privatisation of Social Housing Provision. Clarion are not an SHP, they are a property developer, so they evicted the tenants, and have let them fall into decay hoping to demolish and rebuild Market Housing. TMBC stood on the sidelines doing nothing, when they could have issued a Compulsory Purchase Order, refurbished to modern standards, and rehomed all our elderly residents. This impacts a wide area far beyond Wrotham Parish, because it cares for the elderly, and releases scarce family homes, easing our local housing crisis





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

We are all long serving Parish and Borough Councillors, and we spend a great deal of time talking to our Parishes, attending local meetings and coffee mornings, talking to people on the street, 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.

WHY ARE WE FIELDING FIVE CANDIDATES THIS TIME?

ELECTORAL COMMISSION BOUNDARY REVIEW resulted in Borough Green and Platt losing our historical association with our friends in Plaxtol and Shipbourne, so we promised them that we would field a candidate so they could continue their successful association with Borough Green, Platt and the rest of our Parish Alliance. **Sue Butterfill** joined the Independent Alliance as a candidate in this election, Sue will be able to draw on our experience and knowledge of our area, and her own past experience in Local Government, and as a District & Borough Councillor.

The West Kent Conservatives have been weakened by Westminster fiascos. The **Greens** have made steady progress in Tonbridge, as have the **Lib-Dems** in the east of the Borough. So there is a very strong possibility that even if the Conservatives hold the majority of seats, they may not hold an overall majority, and our position at TMBC becomes very much stronger, possibly as part of a coalition, which is always the best option at a local level..

Borough Green & Platt- Wendy & Mike will stand again, in the heartland of the Parish Alliance. Wendy is Chair of Platt PC, Chair of the TM Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, and a Kent Association of Local Councils Executive Member, Mike is Chair of Borough Green PC, Leader of the Independent Group, and both are current TMBC Members for Borough Green & Longmill.

Bourne Ward-Plaxtol Shipbourne and Hadlow. **Sue** will be standing here, against new Conservatives. Sue organised BGPC's Platinum Jubilee and the 4x4 Santa Trip, and has started planning for the Coronation. She has decades of experience in Local Government at Greenwich, and as a Borough & Town Councillor at Dartford

Pilgrims Ward Wrotham, Ightham, Stansted, Addington & Trottiscliffe. **Tim and Scott** will be standing against the incumbents, who have not had the best term of office. Tim is a long standing Member of Borough Green PC and TMBC, was founder of the Borough Green Traffic Action Group and the J5 Slips Campaign. Scott is our Environmental expert, and stood in Wrotham/Ightham in the last election and came within 17 votes of taking out TMBC Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance

T&M Conservatives have deselected several long serving and experienced councillors, trying to bring in "new blood", but who would you rather have stand for you in the Council Chamber, a learner driver, or someone with years of experience as a Councillor at Parish and Borough Level?

THE INDEPENDENT ETHOS

The key difference between us and the other parties is the word "Independent". We have no Westminster Party telling us what are policies should be, those policies are decided by YOU, the electorate. We don't even have a "whip" at Council, each of us vote as we believe. It does occasionally mean we may vote on different sides of an argument, but because we subscribe largely to the same beliefs, that rarely happens.

The nucleus of the original Parish Alliance worked well from its inception in 2007 but it soon became apparent we had a problem. Our TMBC Councillors seemed to represent TMBC to us, rather than represent our needs at TMBC. It was more important to them to follow Westminster and the Party Line rather than protect our communities.

This resulted in scandals like the building of 170 houses on a contaminated industrial landfill site in Borough Green. and letting Clarion get away with evicting elderly residents from 60 sheltered homes at St George's Court. Clarion will make a shed load of money demolishing sound properties, and building even more market houses that do not fulfil our local needs. TMBC could have issued a Compulsory Purchase Order, refurbished the accommodation to modern specification, and turned it into a self financing asset. Instead they allowed Clarion to get away with this inhumane behaviour because, and I quote "We didn't want to upset a major Social Housing Provider". Our elected TMBC Councillors were working against the people of the Parishes. So starting with Mike in 2014 we began putting our own Alliance members up as TMBC candidates, with Tim added in 2015, and Wendy (and nearly Scott) in 2019. Hopefully 2023 will see five of us elected with Sue and Scott in Bourne and Pilgrims.

A VOTE FOR THE INDEPENDENTS IS A VOTE AGAINST BOROUGH GREEN GARDEN CITY
A VOTE FOR THE CONSERVATIVES IS A VOTE FOR URBANISATION AND 3000 HOUSES

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