

Environmental Services and Climate Change Committee 27Jan 26
Subject:- Parking Queenborough – Historic detail.

King Edward 3rd married 'Phillipa of Hainault' in 1328

Edward built Queenborough castle in 1361 as a present to his wife Phillipa.
The fishing village known as Byne was then renamed Queenborough and became a Royal Borough with all the honours and advantages of such a title.

Queenborough flourished well over the years, as the main port for the Wool export trade and in the last century several large companies operated here. Settle Speakman, Pilkington glass, Rolling Mill, Bottle Works, Sheppey Chemicals, Abbot laboratories, Plus many other smaller Companies.

'Queenborough in Sheppey' council was formed 1st April 1968, a linkup between Queenborough Town Council, Sheerness Urban District Council, and Sheppey Rural District Council. Queenborough would only agree subject to two conditions written into the Constitution.

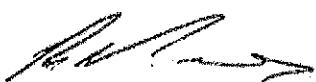
- 1/ The name Queenborough to be in the title and
- 2/ Parking in Queenborough would still be free of charge.

This process also involved the transfer of the Queenborough Mace to the 'Queenborough in Sheppey' council.

In 1974 the 'Queenborough in Sheppey' council merged with Swale Borough Council. The fact that SBC uses the 'Queenborough mace' at Full Council is testament of the linked constitutions. Therefore parking in Queenborough should still be exempt of charges at this time.

When Kent County Council ceases, it will be up to the smaller councils to rewrite their constitutions. That would be the correct time to decide whether or not to charge parking or cover cost within the rates.

Regards



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