

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8th April 2014
In the committee room of Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall pursuant to notice,
commencing at 7.00pm**

Present:

Cllrs S. Munford (Chairman)
I. Ellis
J. Gershon
D. Smith
S. Evans
B. Brown
A. Whybrow
C. Bracking
L. Date
K. Williams

Parish Clerk

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllrs Clarke, Bray and Herrin

2. Notification of late items for inclusion on the agenda

The following late items were agreed :

- 5.5 Friday's land option agreement
- 5.6 KALC subscription for 2014/15

3. Standing Order 61: To decide whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for any item.

It was agreed that for commercial reasons item 5.3 should be an exempt item

4. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda / Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests / Requests for Dispensations :

None

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1 Co-option of new Councillors :

The three applications that had been received were discussed. It was noted that following a concerted effort to recruit potential Councillors from north ward, only Mrs Slater had applied. Members were impressed with Mrs Slater's application and Cllr Munford proposed that she be co-opted onto the Council. Seconded by Cllr Ellis and agreed by all members. Cllr Slater signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and took her place at the meeting. The clerk presented Cllr Slater with a copy of the Council's Standing Orders and information pack. Clerk to inform MBC accordingly.

CLERK

The remaining two applications from south ward candidates were discussed at length by members and it was noted that both applicants would be assets to the

Parish Council. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed that Ms Skinner be co-opted onto the Council. Clerk to inform Ms Skinner accordingly and arrange for the relevant paperwork to be signed and MBC informed. **CLERK**

It was agreed that item 5.5 should be brought forward on the agenda

- 5.5 Friday's land option agreement : Cllr Ellis stated that if the development site yielded the developer £6M or more then the option agreement could be exercised. He added that BMAT would have 7 years to exercise the option. It was noted that both the Parish Council and BMAT would need to agree this revised option agreement as the Parish Council would openly support the site and include it in the Boughton Monchelsea Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Gershon asked what type of housing was being proposed. Cllr Ellis stated that the Parish Council would have an influence on this and that it would be low density, farmstead type development. Cllr Munford noted that affordable housing would be included and hoped that this would be local needs affordable housing.

Cllr Ellis proposed going ahead with the revised option agreement relating to this land. Seconded by Cllr Smith and agreed by all members. **CLLR ELLIS**

The meeting was adjourned at this point (at 7.30pm) to enable a Neighbourhood Plan meeting to take place with the Parish Council's consultant, Clare Wright, who was unable to stay until later on in the evening. The Parish Council meeting resumed at 9.05pm

- 5.2 Black & Veatch invoice for Panel Engineers services : Cllr Munford noted that the Gold Commander had asked for the Panel Engineer's reports to be carried out. He stated that the Parish Council would have had to carry out the inundation mapping anyway but not the dam integrity work. It was agreed that the Parish Council should pay the £3360 fee that Black & Veatch had charged for confirming the dam integrity and to submit a further 'Bellwin' claim via MBC in relation to this. **CLERK**

5.3 Exempt item

- 5.4 Parish Services Scheme end of year certificate for 2013/14 : The end of year certificate prepared by the clerk was agreed by all members. The certificate was signed by the clerk and Chairman. Clerk to return to MBC. **CLERK**

- 5.6 KALC subscription for 2014/15 : It was agreed to continue subscribing to membership of KALC and to pay the membership fee of £806.76 + VAT for 2014/15. **CLERK**

6. Any Other Business

None

Meeting closed at 9.30pm