

## BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the main hall of Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall pursuant to notice, commencing at 7.00pm

#### Present:

Cllrs S. Munford  
I. Ellis  
P. Herrin  
J. Skinner  
R. Martin  
N. Wilde  
A. Humphryes  
R. Edmans  
D. Redfearn  
J. Gershon  
A. Whybrow  
L. Date

Parish Clerk  
KCC Warden, Liz Lovatt  
MBC Councillors – Cllr Matt Burton and Cllr Daniel Rose  
4 x residents

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Brown and Smith.
2. **Filming of meetings : Request for notification of whether any person intends to film, photograph or record any item**  
No person expressed any intention of filming, photographing or recording any item.
3. **Notification of late items for inclusion on the agenda**  
No late items.
4. **Standing Order 61: To decide whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for any item.**  
No excluded items.
5. **Reports from Maidstone Police / PCSO and KCC Rural Community Warden**  
PCSO Pete Gardner was not present at the meeting. A Police report had been compiled by the clerk using the E-watch.co website. During July and August there had been 2 crimes in south ward (attempted dog theft and roadside bush set alight). There had been no reported crimes in north ward.

KCC Warden, Liz Lovatt, had provided a written report which was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Liz expanded on this as follows :

- The Police are investigating an attempted dog theft in which a man was sprayed with a noxious substance. They have released a computer

generated image of a man they would like to speak to in connection with this incident.

- Reports have been received from residents regarding anti-social behaviour on the Joywood recreation ground. Liz advised that any concerns of this nature should be reported to the Police via 101

Cllr Munford noted that the attempted dog theft had taken place in Loose, not Boughton Monchelsea and that the Police were treating the incident as a targeted attack. It was agreed that Cllr Skinner would research official advice on what to do in a similar situation and only official Police advice would be publicised.

## **6. Open Quarter :**

All members of the public were in attendance at the meeting to speak about specific agenda items therefore there was nothing to discuss during the open quarter.

It was agreed to bring forward items 12.1, 12.4, 15.3 and 15.4 on the agenda.

## **12. Correspondence:**

### **12.1 Resident – Footpath KM103 The Quarries :**

It was noted that public right of way KM103 runs through the garden of a property in The Quarries. The resident had written to ask whether the Parish Council would be supportive of an application to extinguish this path. He expressed concern regarding toys being stolen from his garden, dogs not on leads, safety of his young grandchildren and a potential increase in people using the path when the Lyewood Farm houses are built and occupied.

Cllr Munford noted that the Parish Council would be a consultee if any application were to be made and that it would be appropriate for members to debate the subject at that time. Cllr Gershon asked whether the path could be fenced off. The resident explained that KCC require a 2m path width and stated that fencing would be intrusive and costly. Cllr Munford stated that MBC had refused planning permission for this house due to the public right of way but that it had been allowed, on appeal.

Cllr Ellis expressed sympathy for the resident however Cllr Munford confirmed that this would be discussed fully as and when an application is received from KCC.

### **12.4 Litter Quitters – request for signage :**

Mrs Caroline Lewis from Boughton Monchelsea Litter Quitters had written to the Parish Council requesting support for signage at prominent locations within the parish, to discourage people from dropping litter. Suggested wording was along the lines of 'Boughton Monchelsea welcomes you but not your litter'. Mrs Lewis stated that the group were willing to crowd fund but were looking for approval in principle from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this was a good idea however any permanent signs on the highway verge would require approval from KCC highways. Cllr Munford added that the Parish Council would not support any signage at the Heath Road / Church Street junction as this could detract driver attention from the pedestrian crossing.

Cllrs Redfearn, Edmans and Skinner agreed to take this forward as a sub-group, with assistance from Mrs Lewis. **CLLRS REDFEARN, EDMANS & SKINNER**

Cllr Munford thanked Mrs Lewis for all her hard work running the Litter Quitters group.

## **15. Items for Discussion:**

15.3 North Ward update : A resident leading the Friends of Furfield Park Open Space group spoke as follows :

- 20 bags of litter had been collected by the group recently and this had been disposed of by Maidstone Borough Council. Since then an armchair and further fly tipping had appeared
- A site meeting had been arranged with the Kent Wildlife Trust to discuss how best to improve the open space
- Following a request by the group, KCC had written to relevant landowners regarding clearing rubbish from the stream. The resident had also spoken to the owner of Parkwood Farm and would be speaking to the farm manager to request assistance
- People with sleeping bags had been seen in the open space and evidence of human waste had been reported. KCC Warden, Liz Lovatt, agreed to investigate.

**KCC WARDEN**

Further north ward issues were discussed as follows :

- Cllr Munford proposed that the £200 north ward grant carried over from previous years should be used by the Friends of Furfield Park for improvements to the open space, eg purchase of wildflower seeds. Seconded by Cllr Edmans and agreed by all members. The clerk advised that invoices / receipts would be required in order to reclaim monies from the Parish Council. Cllrs Burton and Rose advised that their member fund would soon be open for 'you decide' type applications, of between £100 and £300. Clerk to pass details on to the group, when available.

**CLLR BURTON / CLERK**

- A number of residents had contacted the Parish Council to report anti-social behaviour taking place on the Joywood recreation ground. The Parish Council had made a request to MBC for CCTV to be reinstated at this location. Cllr Burton advised that Matt Roberts from MBC's Community Safety Partnership was looking into this. He also stated that he has asked for the area to be included in PCSO Neil Denney's regular walkabout. KCC Warden, Liz Lovatt, stated that she was also monitoring the area as regularly as possible.
- The clerk noted continued problems with fly tipping on Brishing Road, close to the entrance to the Furfield Park open space. Cllr Burton advised that he was investigating whether covert CCTV could be used at this location.

**CLLR BURTON**

- Residents had reported continued problems with off road motorbikes on Brishing Road, Parkwood rec and the Furfield Park open space. KCC Warden, Liz Lovatt, advised that she could send intelligence reports through

to the Police but residents must report incidents via 101, as they happen. Cllr Wilde noted that incidents can be reported to 101 either by phone or online. Clerk to add online 101 reporting link to website. **CLERK**

Cllr Munford thanked the resident leading the Furfield Park open space group, for all her hard work over the last few months.

15.4 Furfield Park open space – dog waste bins, log seats, staggered barrier :

- Two dog waste bins were requested. Cllr Burton noted that the Borough Council may be willing to supply these from their stock of co-mingled bins and agreed to pursue with John Edwards. If MBC are unable to assist, members agreed to fund the supply and installation of two bins to a maximum cost of £1000. Proposed by Cllr Munford, seconded by Cllr Wilde and agreed by all members. **CLLR BURTON / CLERK**
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would approach local tree surgeons regarding supply of a log seat **CLERK**
- It was agreed not to pursue installation of a staggered barrier as it was felt that it would probably not stop fly tippers from gaining access to the open space

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

As BMAT trustees (except Cllr Munford), all members were given dispensation to discuss and vote on any items relating to Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust.

As a trustee of the adjacent Skiner Trust land, Cllr Skinner declared an interest in any item relating to Furfield Park open space.

**8. Matters outstanding from minutes (3<sup>rd</sup> July) not included in agenda:**

Item 6 : War memorial. Cllr Brown was not present at the meeting but was understood to be arranging a meeting with the resident. **CLLR BROWN**

Item 12.1 : New Speedwatch site on Brishing Road. Outstanding. **CLLR DATE**

Item 8 / 17.8 : Risk assessment and maintenance inspection of BMAT land. Sub-group of Cllrs Ellis, Martin and Humphries to meet for further discussion.

**CLLRS ELLIS / MARTIN / HUMPHRIES**

Item 8 / 17.11 : Rural litter bins. Cllr Munford to set up a meeting with MBC's John Edwards to take this forward. **CLLR EDMANS / CLLR MUNFORD**

Item 12.6 : KCC consultation on rural transport. Cllr Munford advised that he had attended the 'Big Conversation' meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> July

Item 12.7 : Maidstone local plan stakeholder survey : Cllr Munford and the clerk had responded to this on behalf of the Parish Council

Item 12.9 : Consultation on Marden Neighbourhood Plan. No response had been returned due to lack of time

Item 13.1 : Additional mobile homes on Church Hill. Cllr Munford to report to MBC **CLLR MUNFORD**

Item 15.3 : Lorry Watch. This would be discussed with KCC at the next highways meeting

Item 15.4.4 : Damage to grass verges on Church Hill. Cllr Munford advised that no further action could be taken by the Parish Council or KCC. It was agreed to

contact the primary school regarding the possibility of introducing a 'walking bus' for children to get to and from the primary school

**CLERK**

Item 17.1 : KCC draft right of way improvement plan. Cllr Skinner advised that she had responded to this consultation on behalf of the Parish Council

**9. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. Agreement of and signature by Chairman of the Parish Council :**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July were agreed as correct. Proposed by Cllr Ellis, seconded by Cllr Skinner and agreed by all members.

**10. Clerk's report**

The contents of the clerk's report were noted. The clerk advised that, following complaints from residents, cars with no tax or MOT in the village had been reported to MBC as abandoned vehicles.

**11. Finance Report:**

**Payments since last meeting ( incl VAT ) :**

Mole Ember Ltd	NHP consultants fees	8,760.00
Parish Clerk	Clerk's salary by standing order (June)	817.24
Parish Clerk	Clerk's expenses (June)	53.33
RIP Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying (June)	57.60
Gill Turner Tucker	BMAT legal fees	1,020.00
HMRC	Employer / Employee NI + PAYE (June)	160.95
S. Munford	Hole augering for Gandys Lane sign	20.00
Parish Clerk	Clerk's salary, remainder by cheque (June)	189.38
Village hall committee	Hall hire (June)	12.00
K. Filmer	Flowers for gateway planters	15.00
Zurich	Parish Council insurance premium	1,335.66
Kent County Council	Traffic speed surveys on Haste Hill Road	380.00
Information Commissioner	Data protection fee	40.00
Churchill Security Systems Ltd	Village hall CCTV installation	2,640.00
Parish Clerk	Clerk's salary by standing order (July)	817.24
Parish Clerk	Clerk's expenses (July)	82.75
HMRC	Employer / Employee NI + PAYE (July)	131.95
Parish Clerk	Clerk's salary, remainder by cheque (July)	28.80
Parish Clerk	Clerk's salary, remainder by cheque (July)	189.58
RIP Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying (July)	57.60
Water Choice	Allotment water bill	92.00
Village hall committee	Hall hire (July)	48.00
<b>** Unipar Services LLP **</b>	Tuning fork for Speedwatch equipment	73.20
Boughton Monchelsea PCC	Replacement grant cheque for Regency Dancers / Baby & Toddler group (to replace chq no's 3500 and 3503, lost by	450.00

<b>** Sovereign Business Equip Ltd **</b>	church) Printer and cartridges	985.20
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**Receipts:**

Allotment leaseholders / book purchasers	Allotment rent £54.40 Book sale £5	59.50
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**Balances as at 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 :**

Current Account	93,785.62
Business Reserve	424.89
National Savings	301.14
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>94,511.65</b>

Note : Bold / asterisked items indicate payments made prior to authorisation by the Council but certified as to correctness and urgency by the Chairman and Clerk.

11.1 Finance report - Agreement of payments made and income received since last meeting : The above financial statement was accepted. Proposed by Cllr Martin, seconded by Cllr Ellis and agreed by all members.

11.2 Budget monitoring report : The budget monitoring report to 28/8/18 was included in the agenda papers and was agreed by all members.

As agreed under agenda item 15.6, the Parish Council would match fund the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order application for the Heath Road speed limit reduction, with KCC funding the remainder. The money for this would be taken from the 'Twenty's plenty' budget head. It was agreed that the name of this budget head should be changed to 'Highway projects'

**CLERK**

**12. Correspondence:**

12.1 Covered above.

12.2 MBC – Community Right to Bid : The clerk advised that, on the strength of information provided, the applications that had been submitted would be rejected. It was agreed that a sub-group of members should take this forward. Cllrs Martin, Date and Whybrow agreed to this. **CLLRS MARTIN / DATE / WHYBROW**

12.3 MBC – Statement of Community Involvement consultation : It was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Munford should respond to this on behalf of the Parish Council.

**CLERK / CLLR MUNFORD**

12.4 Covered above

13. **Planning Report:**

The following applications had been considered by the Planning and Licensing Committee:

		<b>MBC notified</b>
18/503001	Boxmend Industrial Estate, Cavallino Building, Bircholt Road, Maidstone Proposed infill extension to existing automotive repair facility <b>DECISION :</b> No objection / comment	17/7/18
16/508513	Lewis Court Cottage, Green Lane, Boughton Monchelsea Demolition of existing lean to garage and erection of 2 no detached dwellings with parking and landscaping (APPEAL) <b>DECISION :</b> Respond to Planning Inspectorate by reiterating the original comments made on the application	17/7/18
18/502831	River Farm, Chart Hill Road, Staplehurst Lawful development certificate for the existing use of the land and buildings for the grading, packing, storage and distribution of fruit <b>DECISION :</b> It was noted that the documents were extremely complex and confused and that more time was needed to respond to the application. Members agreed that an extension of time should be requested.	17/7/18

An extension of time was requested however this had not been responded to by the application deadline (20<sup>th</sup> July) therefore the following response was returned, as agreed by members at the meeting :

1. It is clear from the attached aerial photo from 2008 that the scale and size of the facility was appropriate for a fruit farm and only had the capacity to handle fruit from River Farm and 3 or 4 neighbouring farms. It did not have the capacity to pack, store (refrigerate) and distribute fruit other than on a very local scale and in the immediate vicinity of River Farm itself. The attached aerial photo from 2018 shows a significantly expanded operation
2. The application information was provided at a very late stage by Maidstone Borough Council and so the Parish Council and residents have not been given a proper opportunity to consider, contest and respond to the data
3. River Farm has no planning consent to permit the grading, packing, storage and distribution of vegetables
4. The scale of the operation at River Farm only

began after the creation of the new loading bays and hard standings in early 2017

5. The statutory declaration made by Mr Nigel Bardsley has not been signed, dated or witnessed and is therefore not a legally valid document
6. Local residents have direct experience of the activities over the last 10 years and are prepared to sign statutory declarations to suit. The Parish Council is of the same belief as the residents but we do not have the benefit of proximity to the facility to be able to make categorical statements and sign statutory declarations

18/503389	Motorline, Bircholt Road, Maidstone Advertisement consent for 1 x overhead panel flex face (fascia), 1 x Renault totem, 1 x directional sign, 1 x pro + arch, 1 x set of 3 flags, 1 x panel poster display unit, 1 x test drive mast, 1 x ZE mast, 1 x Renault PRO mast and 9 x lighting for display areas <b>DECISION :</b> No objection / comment	17/7/18
18/503404	The Yard, Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea Amendment to the design and size of the 4 no. cottages approved under planning permission 17/504933 for the demolition of the existing mixed use residential / commercial building and removal of the existing hard surface areas. Erection of 4 no. cottages with amenity space, parking, landscaping and access <b>DECISION :</b> No objection / comment	17/7/18
18/503534	T Mex House, Bircholt Road, Maidstone Change of use from class B8/B2 to sui generis (car sales). Refurbishment of building including replacement mezzanine floor for customer refreshment area and office accommodation. New façade to front elevation. Workshop building to be demolished and site at front of existing building to be levelled off removing existing ramps to create a levelled platform for parking and car display. Two new canopies across front of building <b>DECISION :</b> No objection / comment	17/7/18
18/503633	Gable Ends, 24 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea Erection of ground and first floor extension <b>DECISION :</b> The Parish Council would like to comment on the application as follows : <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The design and access statement states that the proposal is for a 'single storey side extension with room in the roof'. It is clear from the drawings and steep roof pitch that this is effectively a two storey extension to</li></ul>	14/8/18

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>match the existing house</li> <li>• MBC should ensure that there is no impact on the amenity of adjacent Fir Tree Cottage</li> <li>• We note that the existing property was granted planning permission on appeal in 1987. MBC should ensure that all conditions of the appeal decision are taken into consideration when deciding on this application</li> <li>• We note the existence of adjacent public right of way KM103. This footpath route must not be impacted by this proposal</li> </ul>	
18/503668	<p>The Mulberry Tree, Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea  Conversion of existing first floor dwelling to 4 no. en-suite guest rooms (C1). Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to provide 1 no. dwelling with parking and landscaping. Reconfiguration of restaurant car park layout (Re-submission of 15/507427)</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  No objection / comment</p>	14/8/18
18/503628	<p>Land at Langley Park, Sutton Road, Maidstone  Placement of a link road between land at Langley Park (Phase 3b/4) and Site Allocation H1(10) Land South of Sutton Road, Langley and necessary ecological mitigation and drainage works</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  No objection / comment</p>	14/8/18
18/504058	<p>11 Lockham Farm Avenue, Boughton Monchelsea  Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor front extension, with alterations to fenestration to the front elevation and conversion of the hipped roof ends into gabled (Re-submission of 18/502155)</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  No response returned</p>	--
18/504032	<p>Land at Nuthatch, Back Lane, Boughton Monchelsea  Proposed all weather riding surface</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  No response returned</p>	--
18/503534	<p>T Mex House, Bircholt Road, Maidstone  Change of use from class B8/B2 to sui generis (car sales)  REVISED DETAILS ONLY</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  No response returned</p>	--
18/503972	<p>47 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea  Detached cart lodge</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  Not yet decided</p>	--
18/504246	<p>Langley Park Centre, Laight Road, Maidstone  Advertisement consent for 4 no. non illuminated graphic vinyls</p> <p><b>DECISION :</b>  Not yet decided</p>	--

**The following applications have been APPROVED by MBC:**

- 18/502486 26 Furfield Chase, Boughton Monchelsea  
Erection of a single storey rear extension
- 18/502423 Toby Carvery Restaurant, Langley Park Centre, Laight Road, Maidstone  
Advertisement consent for 5 no. internally illuminated fascia signs, 2 no. internally illuminated double sided totem signs, 2 no. externally illuminated post mounted signs, 2 no. wall writing signs and associated lighting
- 18/502393 96 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea  
Erection of a single storey rear extension and internal alterations
- 18/501338 8 Cock Cottages, Green Lane, Boughton Monchelsea  
Demolition of existing porch and erection of a single storey front extension
- 18/501269 Wierton Hall Farm, East Hall Hill, Boughton Monchelsea  
Erection of annex to back garden (retrospective)
- 18/503389 Motorline, Bircholt Road, Maidstone  
Advertisement consent for 1 x overhead panel flex face (fascia), 1 x Renault totem, 1 x directional sign, 1 x pro+arch, 1 x set of 3 flags, 1 x panel poster display unit, 1 x test drive mast, 1 x ZE mast, 1 x Renault PRO mast and 9 x lighting for display areas
- 17/503852 Wierton Place, Wierton Road, Boughton Monchelsea  
Proposed development of 4 new dwellings and associated external works
- 17/501564 Lime House, Old Tree Lane, Boughton Monchelsea  
Listed building consent for renovation of external façade front elevation together with associated works in conjunction with replacement oak sole plate to internal supporting wall

**The following applications have been REFUSED by MBC:**

- 18/502989 47 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea  
Lawful development certificate for demolition of existing garage and erect a detached cart lodge / car port
- 18/502155 11 Lockham Farm Avenue, Boughton Monchelsea  
Proposed rear loft conversion, front and rear extensions and partial remodelling to the front elevation
- 18/502177 1 Boughton Bottom Cottages, Lower Farm Road, Boughton Monchelsea  
Demolition of existing front and side extension and erection of two storey front, side and rear extension, including additional accommodation on second floor

**The following applications have been notified as WITHDRAWN :**

None

**The following APPEALS have been notified:**

None

**The following APPEAL DECISIONS have been notified:**

None

**The following APPEALS have been notified as WITHDRAWN:**

None

13.1 Neighbourhood Plan : Cllr Smith was not present at the meeting however it was noted that a further meeting would be arranged in the coming weeks.

13.2 Cllr Munford noted that the Lyewood Farm planning application had recently been approved by MBC. He added that the site would include 34 local needs affordable homes. The clerk and Cllr Munford were meeting with MBC on 8<sup>th</sup> September to discuss this in detail and information would be added to the Parish Council website in the coming weeks. On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Ellis thanked Cllrs Munford and Smith for their work on this. **CLERK**

**14. Representatives' Reports:**

14.1 KALC: Cllr Ellis had nothing to report.

14.2 Allotments :

14.2.1 Allotment rent for 2018/19 : Cllr Martin proposed that allotment rent should remain the same for 2018/19, ie £30 per year for a full plot and £17.50 for a half. Seconded by Cllr Edmans and agreed by all members. Clerk to remind plot holders that rent is due on 1<sup>st</sup> October. **CLERK**

14.2.2 Complaints regarding overgrown plots : It was agreed that the clerk should write to plot holders reminding them of the terms and conditions of their lease agreement and the need to keep plots worked and free of weeds. It was agreed that if plot holders do not take action then leases may be terminated. **CLERK**

14.3 Village Hall & Recreation Ground : Cllr Edmans advised that he would be attending the next village hall and rec ground committee meeting in September and would advise further at the next full Council meeting.

14.4 Neighbourhood Watch : Nothing to report.

14.5 Police Liaison : Cllr Date advised that there had been no recent police liaison meetings.

Cllr Date advised that the Parish Council had purchased a tuning fork recently for calibration of Speedwatch equipment. He added that new volunteers would need to register online. Information on this would be added to the website and sent round on the e-mail circle. New Speedwatch sites on Heath Road had been agreed with the Police, one of these being next to the primary school.

**CLLR DATE / CLERK**

14.6 Bus group : Cllr Whybrow advised that there had been no recently bus group meetings.

The clerk advised that she had contacted Arriva recently (as a resident) regarding the poor bus service. The number 59 bus at 7.30am has now merged with the Coxheath 89 service and leaves the Albion at 7.22am. It then travels into Coxheath before returning to Linton crossroads and on into Maidstone. The bus is often late or doesn't arrive at all on occasion, affecting children getting to school on time.

**15. Items for Discussion:**

15.1 Health and Safety Issues : Nothing to report.

15.2 Parkwood Farm reservoir update : Cllrs Edmans advised that he had met with the Environment Agency recently and the next steps were to make sure the reservoir risk designation and calculations are correct. **CLLR EDMANS**

15.3 North Ward update : Covered above

15.4 Furfield Park open space : Covered above

15.5 Fernham Homes site – new road names :

Cllr Brown was not present at the meeting but had contacted members in advance to express his view that the new road names should represent fallen soldiers, as at Langley Park. Other ideas were suggested by members however Councillors agreed that the soldier theme should be continued. Clerk to contact Fernham Homes with suggested names taken from the war memorial plaque in the village hall. **CLERK**

15.6 Heath Road / Church Hill speed limit :

Cllr Munford explained that he and the clerk had met with Cllr Eric Hotson and officers on 24<sup>th</sup> July where he had urged KCC to put in a speed limit reduction on Heath Road, from 40 to 30mph. A further meeting with Cllr Hotson and the Police had taken place in August where the Police stated that they could not support this proposal. Cllr Hotson remained supportive however and indicated that he would progress this with his officers.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would match fund the cost of the Traffic Regulation Order application for a Heath Road speed limit reduction, with KCC funding the remainder. The money for this would be taken from the 'Twenty's plenty' budget head which would be renamed 'Highway projects'.

Cllr Munford confirmed that the puffin crossing will be installed by Fernham Homes prior to occupancy of the first new home. This was expected to be early in 2019.

Cllr Ellis thanked Cllr Munford and the clerk for their hard work in hopefully achieving a speed limit reduction on Heath Road.

Cllr Date noted that if a speed limit reduction were put in place, a period of 6 months must be given before carrying out Speedwatch checks in the area, to allow people time to adjust to the new limit.

Cllr Ellis queried the interactive sign that was to be installed as a condition of planning relating to construction of the Linton Park School. Cllr Munford stated that he would update members on this outside of the meeting. **CLLR MUNFORD**

- 15.7 Remembrance statue : Cllr Munford suggested purchasing a 6 foot aluminium 'tommy' statue to commemorate the centenary of the end of WWI. The cost of this would be £625 + VAT to the charity 'Remembered'. He added that this could be erected in the Church Street play area and moved to the open space at the corner of the Fernham Homes site, once complete. Cllr Edmans expressed his support and felt that it would be educational for children using the play area. Cllr Gershon expressed concern that the statue could be stolen for scrap and queried how it would be secured.

Following lengthy discussion, Cllr Munford proposed that the statue be purchased and erected in the play area and then moved to the open space, when complete. Seconded by Cllr Edmans. A vote was taken with 8 for and 4 against. Motion carried. Clerk to arrange purchase and installation. **CLERK**

- 15.8 Village gateway flower planters : Cllr Humphryes stated that he and his wife would be happy to take over planting and maintenance of the two flower planters on Heath Road.

#### **16. Deferred items schedule :**

- 16.1 The annual Furfield Quarry methane monitoring meeting with MBC and John Taylor took place in June, attended by Cllrs Ellis and Martin. It was agreed that BMAT should write to Maidstone Borough Council requesting a discounted cash flow analysis relating to the methane monitoring plant. Borough Cllrs Burton and Rose were asked to assist with obtaining this information. **BMAT SECRETARY**

- 16.2 Members discussed the replacement tree to be planted on the green, following removal of trees earlier in the year. Cllr Munford noted that permission has been obtained from MBC to plant a walnut tree. Following lengthy discussion, Cllr Edmans proposed that the tree choice and planting be deferred in order to tie in with completion of the Neighbourhood Plan / Landscape Management Master Plan. This was seconded by Cllr Humphryes and a vote was taken with 6 in favour and 6 abstaining. Motion carried. Clerk to write to MBC accordingly. **CLERK**

#### **17. Any Other Business :**

- 17.1 Cllr Date noted that the next newsletter would be sent out to residents during late November. Copy required by early November. **ALL CLLRS**

Cllr Munford thanked Cllr Humphryes for painting the old Gandys Lane sign post. This would be re-erected in the coming weeks.

The clerk advised that MBC had provided details of public open space in the parish but this was incomplete and she had advised MBC of all the land maintained by the Parish Council. This information would be used by MBC to determine the level of Parish Services Scheme funding for 2019/20.

**18. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm in the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

## MINUTE 16 (Parish Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

### SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

BMPC DATE :	ITEM:	ACTION:	POSITION AS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 3 July 2018
16.1.07	Furfield Quarry	Methane monitoring	<p>Update reports obtained &amp; passed to Cllr Fuller / meeting of Custodian Trustees. Need to write to planning authority asking whether methane is being monitored (4.3.08, 6.5.08, 15.7.08). Up to date report received. Ensure reports requested annually (2.9.08). Clerk to request latest report (6/7/11, 6/9/11). Latest report requested. Page &amp; Wells to set up meeting with relevant parties to discuss (1/11/11). Meeting took place 9/12/11. Next meeting due December 2012. Clerk to request financial information from MBC (3/7/12). Correspondence received 23/7/12. Cllr Ellis to arrange further meeting with relevant parties (4/9/12, 6/11/12). Clerk to arrange further meeting (8/1/13). Meeting with MBC arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> June. Cllrs Ellis and Evans to attend (7/5/13). Further meeting to be arranged (2/7/13). Meeting arranged for 5<sup>th</sup> September. Cllrs Ellis and Evans to attend (3.9.13). Cllr Ellis and Evans attended meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept (5.11.13). Clerk to arrange further meeting (6/5/14, 1/7/14). Contacted MBC's Duncan Haynes 12/8/14 to arrange meeting. My Haynes has advised that he will be meeting with the consultant who manages the methane monitoring system on site in September and will arrange a meeting following this (2/9/14). Meeting with Duncan Haynes arranged for Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am. Cllrs Ellis and Evans to attend (4/11/14). Cllrs Ellis and Evans attended meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Borough Council officer, Duncan Haynes is now arranging an annual meeting between MBC, the Parish Council and trustees of the Skinner Trust. Awaiting confirmation of date (13/1/15, 3/3/15, 5/5/15). Clerk to write requesting financial information on cost of maintaining facility compared to capital sum available (12/1/16, 1/3/16, 3/5/16, 5/7/16). Meeting with John Taylor has now taken place. Further information on whether the funds will meet anticipated future costs is expected at the end of 2018 (6/9/16). Annual meeting with John Taylor now due (4/7/17). Meeting will be held in June, awaiting confirmation of date from Duncan Hayes (6/3/18). Meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> June, attended by Cllrs Ellis and Martin (3.7.18). BMAT to write to MBC's Duncan Hayes requesting further information (4.9.18)</p>
3.5.18	The Green	Replacement trees	<p>To agree replacement trees to be planted in place of the beech tree that was felled earlier in the year. MBC have approved a walnut tree at present. To be discussed further in October 2018. Discussed at PC meeting 4.9.18 where it was agreed to defer tree choice and planting until completion of the Neighbourhood Plan and Landscape Management Master Plan (4.9.18)</p>