



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 8th November 2021, 7.30pm in the village hall

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; B Adams; N. Eastwood; G Kennaird
Clerk Mr Chris Hume
1 member of the public

Cllr Galton opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - none
2. **Apologies** – none
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying** – none declared
 - Any interest in items on the agenda** – Cllr Eastwood regarding the shop
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** - none declared
4. **Approval of Minutes** – approved the Minutes of 6th September and 11th October 2021,
5. **Matters Arising** – it was agreed that the council will not pursue MBC further regarding planning permission breaches at Kitsilano for now in view of failure to secure a response
6. **Public Session** – no comments from the public
7. **Kent County Council and Maidstone Borough Council Reports** – none present
8. **Planning Outcomes since 6th September 2021** – noted that the Hillside application had been rejected
9. **Local Policing/Community**
 - 9.1 Police/Crime Report – noted stats tabled at the meeting
 - 9.2 Speedwatch – agreed to seek volunteers through Malherbe Monthly. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Kennaird volunteered to be involved
10. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 10.1 **Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes** – Clerk to write to Sue Laporte at KCC with examples collected by Cllr Eastwood regarding SE Water. Clerk to report holes in Elmstone Hole Road.
 - 10.2 **59 Bus** – received an update from John Collins
 - 10.3 **Litter** – It was agreed that the Clerk will prepare a specification for a contractor to conduct the following: clear fire hydrants, clear road signs for visibility, collect litter from the roadside, clearing the ditch in Woodcock Lane. Once specification is completed and agreed by the council, then place an advertisement in Malherbe Monthly. It was agreed that the position would be for one half day a month and the cost will be added to the 2022/23 budget. Clerk to check insurance cover for a contractor.
 - 10.4 **Highways Improvement Plan** – agreed to add white lining for the whole of Headcorn Road/Lenham Road from the 30mph zone to the parish boundary to the Plan
 - 10.5 **Footpaths** – it was agreed to commission KCC to replace two stiles on KH 325 to the West of Headcorn Road at a cost of £230 each plus the cost of a KCC contractor to carry out the works. A budget of £700 will be funded from reserves. It was also agreed that the council will ask if KCC and the landowner will contribute to the cost.

- 10.6 Eastwood Road/Headcorn Road junction** – following an update from Cllr Kennaird it was agreed to abandon the plan for a planter for the time being due to practical challenges and keep the situation under review.
- 10.7 Fire Hydrants** – (i) Cllr Adams reported that the gardener he suggested was not interested in the work. Cllr Turner volunteered to clear the hydrants whilst a contractor lengthsman is explored.
(ii) it was agreed that the council will formally support the KFRS/KALC Fire Hydrant initiative
- 10.8 White Lining on Headcorn Road** – following representations received regarding the recent works and it was agreed that the council would raise concerns with KCC
- 11. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Galton reported on a meeting convened by Lenham Parish Council on the garden village and a cluster meeting with MBC and the police on anti-social behaviour
- 12. Finance**
- 12.1 Note the Balance at the Bank:**
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| Nat West | Current | £7,124.42 |
| Nat West | Business Saver | £45,000 |
| Nationwide | | £14,150.58 |
| Cambridge and Counties | | £22,963.65 |
- 12.2 Income since the last meeting :** note receipt of Community Infrastructure Levy from MBC £4357.92
- 12.3 Bank Reconciliation** – agreed statement circulated with the agenda
- 12.4 Any cheques to sign:** none
- 12.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting:** KCC re Footpaths map £2838: Printer Toner £69.99. It was agreed that the Clerk will find out how much it will cost to purchase a notice board to place the spare footpath map by the Church
- 13. Traffic Calming Update** – (i) discussed arrangements for impact assessment. It was agreed that a second series of traffic surveys would be conducted in January or February 2022 and we will approach KCC to fund the surveys. Cllr Kennaird is discussing a few snagging problems with KCC. Agreed to return to the issue of the 30mph signs after the traffic survey. (ii) Representations received from Chris Wheal – it was agreed that Cllr Kennaird will contact KCC regarding the inconsistent white lining. It was agreed that the council will support the placing of bollards on the verge by Wren's Nest and keep this under review
- 14. Christmas Festivities 2021** –following advice from the group of volunteers it was agreed that the council should not organise a public event this year in view of the continuing risks associated with high levels of Covid-19 infections. However, a Christmas Tree will be erected as usual and Cllr Turner will contact Richard Tew to arrange this.
- 15. Queens Jubilee 2022** – in response to a letter from the Lord Lieutenant it was agreed that the council will support plans being developed by the Village Hall committee , including making a grant in principle
- 16. Village Green Trees** – agreed to conduct the three-yearly tree survey on the village green. In accordance with standing orders and financial regulations it was agreed agree to obtain three quotes and delegate to the Chairman and Clerk selection of a contractor. Estimated cost is £540 to be taken from reserves
- 17. Future of the Village Shop** – noted update from Cllr Galton. Noted that the community Shop Committee will hold its first meeting on the 9th November. It was agreed that the council will explore options to purchase land which might potentially assist the project.
- 18. Town & Country Planning Association membership** – it was agreed that the council will join the association the association for a year on a trial basis.
- 19. Community Infrastructure Levy** – noted income received from MBC and agreed that the priority for the use of the funds would be the village shop

- 20. **Correspondence** – letter from KCC Lead Councillor regarding the 59 bus and roadworks
- 21. **Further Information** – it was agreed that an Extraordinary Council meeting will be held on 6 December to discuss a response to the Regulation 19 Local Plan consultation and that a draft will be prepared in advance following discussions with the chairman of Lenham Parish Council

The meeting closed at 10.10pm