MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 7th JUNE 2007

An Extraordinary Meeting of BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL was held on Thursday 7th at 7.00pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

PRESENT: Mr K Alexander Mrs S Close Mr M Hitchins Mr R Turner Mrs P Anderson (Clerk)

Mr J Vyner

APOLOGIES: Mr S Wickens Mr R Thick

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th May 2007, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a correct record.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Land at Elmstone Hole Farm ME17 2AJ - Erection of one dwelling

The plans for the above were looked at by those present and Mr Julian Vyner was invited by the Chairman to address the Parish Council and talk about his proposed building plans, this he did and several questions were put to him, which were answered and explanations given. Kenneth Alexander proposed that a ballot vote be taken, which was seconded by Robert Turner. PA gave each member a Voting Slip, which, after completion, were collected and counted by her; she announced that there was an overwhelming majority in favour of the project going ahead. Mr Vyner then left the meeting.

<u>Gardeners Cottage, Chilston Park, Lenham – Erection ground & 1st floor</u> <u>Extension</u>

The plans for the above were looked at and discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed that no objections would be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Parish Magazine

Mike Hitchins informed everyone that Eddie Brooke was no longer able to print the magazine. MH said that he was willing to do this in the future but would need to purchase a special folding machine that stapled and folded the paper; the cost of this would be around £600. KA proposed that this should be purchased and Sylvia Close seconded this. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Eddie Brooke for all his work and efforts over the past years, which had all been done without charge. The Parish Council also thanked Mike Hitchens for taking on this task and for everything he does to produce the magazine for the Parish.

Skateboard Park

Sylvia Close showed a drawing of a skateboard park, which she had been given by a couple of boys who live in the village who had asked whether it would be possible for an area to be dedicated for the use of skate-boarding. The request was duly noted and if someone within the village was willing to donate a small piece of land then this could be a possibility. Health & safety issues were discussed and it was agreed that Lenham Parish Council should be contacted to find out costs etc. **ACTION PA**

Hole just past Elmstone Hole Lane

It was reported that a massive hole had developed which was extremely dangerous, just past Elmstone Hole Lane. **ACTION PA**

Post Bus

MH told the meeting that he had been advised that the Post Bus that comes to Grafty Green is to be stopped at the end of August, as it is not cost effective. It was suggested that a letter be written to KCC asking them to re-think their decision and help it to continue running by making further subsidies.

It was agreed that all other Matters Arising from the last Minutes would be discussed at the next full Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st August 2007

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