



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 2nd November 2020, 7.30pm held by teleconference

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; J Collins; N. Eastwood
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Galton opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - none
2. **Apologies** – Cllr Barry Adams
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying** – none declared
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda** – none declared
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** - none declared
4. **Approval of Minutes** – approved the Minutes of 7th September, 14th September, 20th October 2020
5. **Matters Arising** – none
6. **Planning Outcomes since 7th September** – It was noted that the Pets Field application has been approved and there is no further action the council can take.
7. **Public Session** – one member of the public, Chris Wheal, was in attendance and referred to an email circulated earlier covering two issues:
 - (i) the need for the KCC project on speeding control on the Headcorn Road to cover the whole stretch from the village sign near Wren's Nest to near the junction with Crumps Lane. It was agreed that, the Chairman will discuss a speed limit on the whole length of Headcorn Road with the Chairman of Headcorn Parish Council and report back.
 - (ii) The deteriorating state of Headcorn Road between Foxes earth and Crumps Lane. It was agreed that this will be reported to KCC with a request that they inspect by walking the road rather than driving along it.
8. **Local Policing/Community**
 - 8.1 Police/Crime Report – noted incident previously circulated by PCSO John Boyd
 - 8.2 Speedwatch – no activity due to the pandemic
9. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 9.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – Woodcock Lane near the village breaking up. Road surface, potholes and lifted manhole cover on Eastwood Road near junction with Headcorn Road. Clerk to report these to KCC
 - 9.2 59 Bus – no report. Clerk to contact John Collins in advance of Parish Council meetings for an update
 - 9.3 Litter – no report
 - 9.4 Headcorn Road Speeding – to discuss representations about excess speeding near the Border with Headcorn Parish following a representation from a resident regarding

speeding near the parish boundary this will be included in discussions with Headcorn Parish.

9.5 Highways Improvement Plan – noted the latest version of the plan

10. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllrs Galton and Turner reported on a meeting with Helen Whately regarding Gypsy and Traveller issues in Headcorn

11. **Finance**

11.1 Note the Balance at the Bank:

Nat West	£6467.28
Nationwide	£14,150.58
Cambridge and Counties	£ 86,748.22

11.2 Income since the last meeting : PSS second instalment £255.50

11.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed statement included with the agenda

11.4 Any cheques to sign: None

11.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting: Lap Top and Software £518.99; Virus protection £39.99

11.6 Expenditure compared to budget, year to date – noted the current position showing a projected underspend of £1217.00

12. **Traffic Calming Update** –(i) Update on KCC Scheme – noted representation and suggestion from Grant Kennaird of Glenderry concerning a proposed junction at Woodcock Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact KCC to see if this is viable(ii) Internal Audit Review progress – this is not yet available

13. **Notice Board** – noted that repairs have been satisfactorily completed

14. **Litter Bin Outside the Church** – agreed to pay Mr Colin Clements to empty the bin if MBC does not do so on a temporary basis and keep the situation under review

15. **Christmas Tree** – it was agreed to commission a Christmas Tree but any celebrations would be suspended this year due to the pandemic. Clerk to contact Richard Tew

16. **Resignation of Cllr John Collins** – received Cllr Collins resignation and noted the requirement to post a notice seeking representations to hold an election. It was agreed that it was not necessary to hold a Finance Committee meeting before the 2021 election but Cllr Eastwood agreed to assist the Clerk with the preparation of the 2021/22 budget before submission to the next Council meeting.

17. **Correspondence** - none

18. **Further Information** – the Clerk was asked to arrange an Extraordinary meeting once the Internal auditor's report on traffic calming is available and KCC advises on the proposal from Mr Kennaird

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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