

## BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7pm on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
in the committee room of Boughton Monchelsea village hall, pursuant to notice.**

**Present:**

Cllrs        S. Munford  
              A. Humphries  
              R. Garland  
              R. Martin  
              J. Skinner  
              D. Smith

Parish Clerk

4 residents (prospective Parish Councillors)

1.    **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Jessel, Edmans, Redfearn, Brown, Wilde and Date.
2.    **Filming of meetings : Request for notification of whether any person intends to film, photograph or record any item**  
      No intention to film the meeting was expressed.
3.    **Notification of late items for inclusion on the agenda**  
      No late items.
4.    **To decide whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for any item.**  
      No excluded items.
5.    **Declaration of Interest in Items on the agenda / Declaration of changes to the register of interests / requests for dispensation**  
      None.
6.    **Co-option of new Councillors – consider applications and agree co-option of new members**  
      Cllr Munford welcomed the 4 residents to the meeting. Each had applied to be co-opted on to the Parish Council, to fill the 3 current vacancies (2 on south ward and 1 on north ward). Cllr Munford explained the process to be followed, in accordance with the Parish Council's Co-option to Vacancies policy. Each candidate in turn was invited to elaborate on their application and members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The candidates left the meeting at this point.

Members noted the high quality of all 4 applications and voting slips were then handed round by the clerk. Each member ticked the 3 candidates they wished to vote for.

Voting slips were collected by the clerk and Cllr Munford shared the result, with the following candidates being successful in their applications.

Jeremy Green (south ward member)  
Stewart Lane (south ward member)  
Jen McLeod (north ward member)

The clerk advised that she would contact all 4 candidates to advise them of the outcome of their application as well as informing MBC of the names of the 3 new members.  
**CLERK**

**7. Short term loan from Parish Council to BMAT – consider and agree loan :**

The clerk had produced a briefing paper which was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. It was noted that the majority of BMAT's funds were tied up in a 6 month fixed rate account and could not be accessed until the end of the year. A BMAT invoice for £20,432.76 (relating to Campfield) was due therefore Cllr Munford proposed that the Parish Council provide an interest free loan of £21,000 to BMAT for a period of 6 months. Cllr Munford's proposal was seconded by Cllr Smith and a vote taken with 5 for and 1 abstention. Motion carried.

**8. Any other business :**

Cllr Garland stated that he had commenced tree inspections and was recording results.

Cllr Munford stated that residents should be encouraged to respond to the boundary review consultation (deadline 6<sup>th</sup> August). This would be advertised on Facebook and the e-mail circle.  
**CLERK / CLLR DATE**

**9. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next full Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm in the main hall of the village hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm