



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 4th September 2019, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; A Allum; J Collins; C Brown
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: Cllr. Shellina Prendergast; members of public

Cllr Galton opened meeting

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** None
2. **Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence.** Cllrs Karen Chappell-Tay and Martin Round from MBC
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying** None
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda** None
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** None
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of 9th September 2019 approved
5. **Matters Arising** – None
6. **Public Session** – 15 members of the public were present. It was reported that the 30mph sign in Church lane had been knocked down. Clerk to report this to KCC.
7. **KCC/MBC Reports** – Cllr Shellina Prendergast reported on:
 - KCC Leadership
 - KCC Budget Consultation
 - Meeting with Helen Whately and the Police and Crime Commissioner
 - Gypsy and Traveller sites
 - MBC call for sites – Lenham Heath Scheme
 - Lorry Park
8. **Planning Outcomes since 9th September 2019** – Kitsilano application withdrawn and new application submitted
9. **Points of Interest Stone** – in the light of response from the landowners of the proposed site, it was agreed to await the outcome of Sue Burch's current search for a new site before deciding on next steps
10. **Local Policing/Community**
 - 10.1 Police/Crime Report - E-watch report was circulated and noted. Cllr Robert Turner emphasised the need to report any police matters, and details of reporting arrangements will be in the next edition of Malherbe monthly
 - 10.2 Speedwatch – no report
11. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 11.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – noted gullies blocked near top of Liverton Hill, Church Road near the entrance to Mr Clark's field, and in Church Road/ Headcorn

- Road. Clerk to report to KCC
- 11.2 59 Bus – Cllr John Collins reported that pilot still delayed and no date fixed as yet for start
- 11.3 Highways Improvement Plan –
- (i) Noted response from KCC received at the meeting held on the 12th September – previously circulated, including clarification to point raised by Chris Wheal
 - (ii) Noted comments and suggestions received from residents following the update article in the October edition of Malherbe Monthly circulated previously
 - (iii) Traffic Calming proposal - A number of comments were made by members of the public including the need for further consultation, the potential impact on the shop and alternative proposals for the southern end of the village. Some members of the public criticised the process adopted so far. Several members of the public expressed support for the proposed scheme and asked the council to proceed with implementation. Cllr Shellina Prendergast(KCC) explained that the scheme was owned by the Parish Council and it was their decision, but the process followed to date was appropriate as far as KCC was concerned. All comments will be considered carefully by the Council and it was agreed that an Extraordinary meeting of the council will be held in December to consider all the comments received in writing and at the various meetings of the Council/public meeting and decide on next steps
- 11.4 Litter – A representation from Charlotte Harris regarding the need for litter picking on Headcorn Road near Crumps Lane junction. It was agreed that the Clerk will explore whether the Parish Council can erect signs as suggested by Charlotte.
- 12. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Galton – KALC, Lenham Heath Campaign, MBC Planning Training, Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Turner - KALC, Lenham Heath Campaign, Police and Crime Commissioner. Cllr Collins – East of Maidstone Transport Group.
- 13. Finance**
- 13.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank:
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| Nat West | £10,354.26 |
| Nationwide | £25,230.28 |
| Cambridge and Counties | £ 85,492.65 |
- 13.2 Noted income since the last meeting : VAT rebate £858.61; PSS 2nd payment £319.50
- 13.3 Bank Reconciliation – Agreed statement circulated with the agenda
- 13.4 Signed a cheque for £617.39 for the Christmas Tree Lighting Event. Noted that Christmas Tree lighting event may overrun budget by up to a maximum of £100, and an increase in the budget was requested
- 13.5 Authorised payment for Rosemary Smith for Village Green
£171.97
- 14. Village Hall improvements** – approved request for funding of £11,307.39 for Village Hall Improvements
- 15. Donation From Quinn Estates** – reviewed progress to date. Noted agreement to grant of £11,307.39 to Village Hall leaving a balance of £80,042.61.
- 16. MBC Call for Sites/Garden Village** – agreed to meet with Kate Hammond. Clerk to arrange a date
- 17. VE Day 75th Anniversary Commemoration** – it was agreed to ask the Village Hall Committee to consider whether to organise an event. Cllr Turner to arrange
- 18. Correspondence** – CPRE Kent AGM papers
- 19. Further Information** – there was no further information

The meeting closed at 9.34

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