

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council



Minutes of a Meeting of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th November 2014 in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R. Turner; M. Hitchins; B. Pearce.

Clerk: Christine King

3 members of the public

Cllr Martin Round, MBC, from 7.50pm

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs Galton and King whose absence were approved and noted.
2. **Declaration of Lobbying - none**
 - I. Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests - none
 - II. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda - none
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on 12th August 2014.** – having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising - None**
5. **Public Session**

Flooding Crumps Lane was raised – this has been reported to John Reynolds with no response. It was suggested doing the work ourselves but would need John Reynolds say so. Cllr Pearce to write.

Action Cllr Pearce

Community Wardens Consultation - relief was expressed that there will be no cutbacks to this service.

6. **Local Policing**
 - 6.1 Police Report - none
 - 6.2 Speedwatch Report

There has been a request from Ulcombe PC to borrow the Speedwatch Equipment. It was decided a charge of £25/session would be reasonable. The Clerk will forward details to Ulcombe Clerk.

Action CK

The Speedwatch volunteers have been out 4 times of late, each time reporting to the police between 12-14 cars, the highest speed was 52mph one morning. Liz Burgess has joined the team.

7. **KFRS**

Chris Wheal reported that the hydrant at Crumps lane not been done.
Much community work is being carried out, particularly with vulnerable people, talks to groups, and the work is ongoing

8. Highway and Footway Matters

8.1 Liverton Hill

Cllr Turner wrote to Jenny Whittle who passed on his letter to John Burr, but there has been no reply and the problems are ongoing. At bottom near Hammertons, 2 new potholes have appeared in the road, hand-size at moment.

Blue road narrows sign is in Hammerton's field –Highways will deal with this.

Martin Round joined the meeting at 7.50pm, suggested reporting problems to JTB. A petition of 100 signatures would automatically go before the JTB at its February meeting.

8.2 Pot holes – in Elmstone Lane, and at the bottom of Liverton Hill as previously mentioned.

8.3 Ditches and gullies

- The ditch in Woodcock lane between where water runs through and the corner by the footpath is blocked. Do ourselves? Check budget – if not too many then it could be possible. Names of potential contractors required.

- Ditch by the Homestead Barn was reported on 29th August and forwarded to Engineer by Gemma. Apparently there is a huge back log, will get there eventually

8.4 HGV Weight Restrictions

Re the white lines by the Pig and Whistle – a letter from Michael Heath, Traffic Engineer, stated that centre lines are only marked when the carriageway is over 5.5m wide. It is possible in places the road is less than that.

9. Resources and Environment Matters

9.1 Emergency Plan

9.2 Neighbourhood Plan

9.3 Bus Service 59

10. Matters of Report

10.1 County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Martin Round, MBC – reported on the draft Local Plan and its impact on Boughton Malherbe which is a 'settlement' situated between two service centres.

10.2 The Chairman's Report

Cllr Turner reported he attended police forum 21/8, a KALC meeting on 22/ and, with Cllr Pearce, an MBC meeting.

12. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

13. Correspondence

- Countryside Voice
- CPRE Kent Voice
- What's On in Maidstone
- The Clerk Magazine
- Healthwatch Kent

14. Finance

14.1 Income since the last meeting – PSS, £496.50 being second instalment

14.2 Authorisation of any payments

14.3 Resolve that any cheques be signed

14.4 To note the balance at the bank - £26,339.97

14.5 Resolve to transfer monies from Santander Account to new Nat West account

Cllr Hitchings proposed that monies be transferred from Santander to NatWest account; Cllr Pearce seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

Cllr Hitchings to investigate the possibility of a separate account for Henry Town's legacy.

14.6 Report from Finance Committee – Budget meeting, date tba

15. Parish History Book - to ratify informal agreement made at the last meeting to fund the printing and launch of the Parish History Book: £4,300 needed to get book moving,

Cllr Hitchings proposed to give £4,300 to the History Society for the 2nd book under terms already agreed; (that profit will be given to Parish Council) Cllr Pearce seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

16. Freedom of Information regulations

Decide on whether to amend current FOI procedure to conform with the latest requirement

Cllr Hitchins proposed, Cllr Turner seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

17. Recording and filming at meetings

Decide on whether to amend Standing Orders to incorporate new regulations

Cllr Hitchins proposed, Cllr Pearce seconded, all in favour, motion carried.

18. Further Information – It was decided to change meeting days to Mondays.

19. Date of next meeting – Monday, 12th January, 2015.

Meeting closed 9.30pm