

Minutes of a Meeting of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council on Monday 12th January 2015 in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Turner; Galton; Hitchins; King; Pearce.
Clerk – Christine King

MBC Cllr Martin Round

Members of the Public: 6

Cllr Turner opened the meeting at 7.45pm

1. **Apologies:** PCSO Boyd; Stuart Ellesmere, Community Warden.
2. **Declarations:**
 - I. Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests - none
 - II. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda - none
 - III. Declaration of Lobbying - none
 - IV. Any filming/Recording – none
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on 11th November 2014:** having been previously circulated, the Minutes were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Turner: it is now known that KCC Highways engineer John Reynolds has moved on, hence no response from him re flooding in Crumps Lane.

Woodcock Lane – spoken twice to Highways Steward, no response. Ditch needs digging out.

Last minutes - hadn't heard from John Burr by the last meeting; he has since responded, and stated £30,000 had been spent on resurfacing Liverton Hill!!!!!! Re gullies, he stated that as there had been no reports of flooding on the hill, cleansing had been altered from 6 monthly to annually.

5. Public Session

Points made:

In thick fog it is difficult to drive without white lines, however, white lines, though it is now known that they are not applied to roads less than 5.5 meters wide. It is considered that Crumps corner needs doing on safety grounds.

The surface of Liverton Hill is breaking after frosts and rain and the whole road is looking very bad; Martin Round to pursue this issue with Jenny Whittle, KCC.

10.1 taken here- Cllr Martin Round

Cllr Round gave an MBC update, Community Wardens and the possibility of a regular surgery in Grafty Green.

Martin Round left 20.30

6. Local Policing

6.1 Police Report

05 November 2014 – 09 January 2015:

There were no crimes to report for this period. There were 3 calls to the police involving an abandoned vehicle, a found dog and a suspect person.

Report from Stuart Ellesmere, Community Warden: Here is an update of what I have been up to in the Grafty Green/Boughton Malherbe area:

- I have been working closely with PCSO Boyd on local issues and have provided a visible presence on four occasions. (On foot)
I have also driven around the Village on three occasions.
- Both PCSO Boyd and I have been to see residents on Liverton Hill to help setup a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme there
- I have received no more reports of dangerous driving through the Crumps Lane area.
- I have met up with Cllr Round on a few occasions since my last report. We have also discussed the possibility of using the village Hall as regular surgery venue
- As you were probably made aware via the media – it appears that the Community Warden Service will not be suffering any cuts to the Wardens who are based in their areas There will be changes occurring on the Management front with possible logistical 'movement' of staff as a result. I am hoping that this will not impact the current service levels too much.

6.2 Speedwatch Report

No Speedwatch has been carried out of late, will be resumed when the weather improves.

7. KFRS

Chris Wheal gave a report – there are massive financial cuts and everybody is stretched, not just KFRS.. Prevention and resilience are vitally important. Working with elderly and vulnerable.

8. Highway and Footway Matters

8.1 Liverton Hill

There is a petition about weight restriction which is going well. It will be presented to the JTB in April. The one pothole at the bottom is now four and getting deeper resulting in complaints.

8.2 Pot holes in Colbridge Lane; tarmac around a drain cover – half way up dip towards Great Humphries. (Also streams 'raging torrents' here and at Calcott. .

8.3 Ditches and gullies

Emstone Hole Road - KCC said banks need resolving before road and water sorted. Banks are private.

Church Road slippage repair – will be done in April after lambing - approximate cost £75,000

8.4 HGV Weight Restrictions- covered previously.

9. Resources and Environment Matters

9.1 Emergency Plan – Cllr Galton gave an update

9.2 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr King not progressed to date but will kick-start this year, encouraged by the interest in the earlier application this evening.

9.3 Bus Service 59

Cllr Turner had attended the last meeting in place of John Collins. Buses will continue to run – but they must be supported/used.

10. Matters of Report

10.1 County and Borough Councillors' Reports - above

10.2 The Chairman's Report

Cllr Turner gave a brief report, he has attended many meetings.

11. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

None

12. Correspondence

None

13. Decide on payment to JPG re opposition to M20/Junction8/Waterside Park Development

Cllr Turner proposed a payment of a maximum of £250; Cllr Hitchins seconded, all in favour.

14. Finance

14.1 Income since the last meeting -none

14.2 Authorisation of any payments – The following payments were authorised:

Cheque no 000422 £4,300 cheque to History Society, resolved at last meeting

000423 £153.60 – R Smith, Care of the Green

14.3 Resolve that any cheques be signed - money to Nat West A/C:

Cheque no 000424 £21,386.37

Cllr Turner proposed transferring £21,386.27 to NatWest a/c; Cllr Galton seconded; all in favour.

14.4 To note the balance at the bank - £22,039.97

14.5 Report from Finance Committee – set Finance/Budget meeting date, Clerk to check dates.

15. Parish History Book

Cllr Galton gave an update - just over half the free books have been distributed; International Index has been registered; sales are going well.

16. Approve amended Standing orders – incorporating previously agreed Meeting recording, Electronic Signatures and FOI updates

The amended Standing Orders, having been previously circulated, were approved:

Proposed by Cllr Galton; Seconded by Cllr Hitchins; all in favour.

17. Further Information

Cllr Turner suggested a Litter pick end of March. The Clerk will put a notice in MM for March for help with this.

18. Date of next meeting – Monday 9th March 2015.

The Meeting ended at 21.10