



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 12th March 2019, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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

In attendance: Sue Burch

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – received apologies from Cllr Karen Chappell-Tay
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 22nd January 2019 approved with the dissent of Cllr Allum
5. **Matters Arising** - none
6. **Points of Interest Stone** – Sue Burch provided a brief progress report. The Clerk will arrange a site meeting involving Sue, Cllr Galton and Liz Ilberry to commence the preparation of an agreement between the landowner and the Parish regarding the use of the site and access. It was agreed that Cllr Galton will produce a plan to assist this process. The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of a “kissing” gate.
7. **Public Session** – no other members of the public in attendance
8. **KCC/MBC Reports** - none
9. **Planning Outcomes since 22nd January 2019:** Hop Garden Barn – approved. Rose Mallow - approved
10. **Local Policing/Community**
 - 10.1 Police/Crime Report - noted E-watch crime report
 - 10.2 Speedwatch – no report
11. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 11.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – Cllr Allum updated the council on current problems and action by KCC Highways. Clerk to report potholes on Liverton Hill and leaking drain.
 - 11.2 HGV signage – remove from future agendas
 - 11.3 59 Bus -nothing to report. Awaiting outcome of consultation.
 - 11.4 Highways Improvement Plan – it was agreed to proceed as recommended by MLM Ltd in their draft plans. Clerk to ask MLM to proceed to the next stage. It was agreed to commission MLM Ltd to conduct a review of the completed works at a cost of £750. Cllr Allum will speak to residents of properties adjacent to the proposed traffic calming facilities to ensure they are aware of the plans at an early stage. Once agreed by KCC Cllr Allum will

prepare a piece for Malherbe Monthly explaining the plans and informing residents that they can view the plans on the Parish Council notice board.

12.5 Litter – agreed to arrange a working party for 27th April. Cllr Turner to organise. Cllr Allum to arrange separate party in Liverton Hill

12. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Turner and Galton attended the KALC Maidstone Area Committee. The minutes have been circulated

13. **Finance**

13.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank: Nat West £13,491.91

Nationwide £25025.00

Cambridge and Counties £85, 492.65

13.2 Income since the last meeting : MBC Community Grant £500

13.3 Bank Reconciliation – Agreed statement circulated with the agenda

13.4 Any cheques to sign: C.Hume for printer£239.99, Village Hall £204, JFA Ltd £252.60

13.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting: MHA Ltd – Traffic Consultancy
1st instalment £1,980

13.6 Members' Community Grant – noted purchase of two solar lights from JFA Ltd at a cost of £252.60 plus VAT and installation arrangements

14. **Donation From Quinn Estates** – reviewed progress and agreed the following:

- Christmas tree lighting on Saturday 30th November.
- Agreed to await further advice from the landlord of the Kings Head before proceeding with the purchase of the Village Green. In the mean time the Clerk will review the previous legal advice then, if necessary, obtain legal advice from KALC regarding registration as a village green
- Cllrs Turner and Galton to speak to Mr Clark about the purchase of the QE2 tree

15. **Change of Name Cllr Cathie Davies** – noted change of name to Cathie Brown for council Business

16. **Rail Fare Consultation** – it was agreed that we would not respond to this consultation at this stage

17. **Date for the Annual Meeting of the Council** – 13th May

18. **Correspondence** - none

19. **Further Information** - none

The Meeting closed 8.45pm