

# **Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**

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### MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016, 7.30PM IN GRFTY GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Present:ClIrs R. Galton (vice Chair); A. Allum; J. Collins; T. King.<br/>Clerk:MBC ClIr Shellina Prendergast<br/>MBC Parish Liaison Officer Yasmine Gordine<br/>PCSO John Boyd<br/>1 Member of the Public

- 1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it. None
- 2. Apologies to receive and accept apologies for absence -R. Turner whose apologies were accepted and noted
- 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** to approve the APCM Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Having been previously circulated the Minutes were approved and signed.
- 5. Matters Arising None
- 6. Public Session
  - Defibrillator issues and whether access code should be removed C. Wheal
- 7. KCC/MBC Reports

### Cllr Shellina Prendergast, MBC

I am getting into the swing of the role and am on 3 Committees, including Planning and Strategic Planning and there are 2 meetings this week with big agendas. Junction 8 was refused on landscape and heritage grounds last week. The MBC local plan has been submitted and is with examiner with the Public Hearing and Examination due in September sometime.

Also, the Matrix Scoring System for unauthorised development indicates 3 sites – 1 in Boxley and 2 in Headcorn which scored highly. All have cost implications – Hammer stream and the Meadows were  $2^{nd}$  and  $3^{rd}$ . Action will be taken. Cllrs are taking the problems in rural areas very seriously.

I went to see Mathew Scott, the new Police and Crime Commissioner and we had a positive meeting. A new on-line reporting system will be launched later this month. Also, they are recruiting new PCSOs – another 80. He would like to know what issues affect us here. Clerk to supply list by end of week.

Yasmine Gordine is the MBC Parish Liaison Officer and she is working her way around parishes; working on Matrix; working with KALC, and can help with any problems – chase up the person required within MBC.

### 8. Local Policing/Community

8.1 Police Report from John Boyd:8 calls to policeThere were three crimes to report for this period:

10-1-3 May ELMSTONE LANE copper earthing and tubing stolen from telephone site

11 May ELMSTONE LANE carrying a BB gun in a public place. The gun was confiscated 04 June Headcorn Rd Dog Bite

Including the above there were 8 calls to the police

2 RTC at Liverton Hill, Church Rd, and an abandoned vehicle at woodcock lane - local authority job

- 8.2 Community Warden Report none
- 8.3 KFRS Chris Wheal

1 - good news: Smokey Paws project – 43 stations have them with 60 kits and 12 sets in process of being allocated. First FRS in the country to do that.

2 – with a previous Liverton Hill closure the Fire Brigade wasn't notified. This time, Lenham was not informed although Head Office was. Also, the diversion sign was placed in middle of grass triangle at Eastwood Road directing traffic *to* Grafty Green. Other signage was ok. CW reported this and was assured it would be rectified. Work didn't start work until midday on Monday (the first day) because the signage (to close the road) hadn't arrived.

8.4 Speedwatch – no report

### 9. Highway and Footway Matters

### 9.1 Liverton Hill

During the current closure, workers are resurfacing some areas and refilling others. One diversion sign wrongly placed (8.3

**9.2** Ditches, gullies, potholes - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July – KCC team investigating drains and gullies and put in a new drain at the Woodcock Lane junction side of problem. Problem is under driveway in Fox's Earth and would need jetting. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk write again.

#### **Action Clerk**

The verges have not been cut in the Parish – cutting stops at the boundary at Southernden. This parish not been done at all and it should be twice a year. Clerk to contact KCC.

### **Action Clerk**

## **9.3** HGV signage – Clerk to contact Jenny Whittle (Also chase up the wooden finger post for the Village Green)

### **Action Clerk**

### **9.4** 59 Bus – John Collins

The timetable not changed since February 2014 and he hasn't been notified of any changes. The next Group Meeting will be in September and as 56 days' notice for registration for changes is required, none are expected. Some newer buses are now in service which comply with the Disability Act.

### **10. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** - Cllr Turner's Report on KALC AGM, previously circulated, read by Cllr Galton.

### 11. Finance

11.1	To note the Balance at the Bank:	Nat West	£27,093.41
		Santander	£500.00

**11.2** Income since the last meeting

422.35

- PSS £496.50

**11.3** Bank Reconciliation – seen and signed by Cllr Collins

**11.4** Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting – none.

Authorised and signed tonight:

Cheque No 0037	KALC	£13.29	Councillor Booklets x 5
0038	R Turner	£73.40	APCM Expenses
0039	C. Wheal	£46.80	Replacement Defib pads
0040	R. Smith	£226.87	Care of Green

**11.5** Approve new bank signatories – Council resolved that ClIrs Allum and Collins be new signatories. Clerk to ask ClIr Turner to arrange necessary forms be sent.

Action Clerk/Cllr Turner

12. Community Assets: Resolve which, if any, 'assets' to protect: suggestions included the pub/Green, Village Hall, QE Tree – need to see the Governing Document for the Village Hall. Clerk to contact Richard Pilborough. Clerk to ask KALC advice about procedure.

**Action Clerk** 

13. Litter/Dog waste bins – resolve to purchase (if considered necessary) and if so where to site. This was discussed. Yasmine will investigate MBC – if we get a bin from them will they empty it. The contact is <u>martynjeyns@maidstone.gov.uk</u>. However, it was decided to monitor the situation for a while.

### 14. Correspondence

- Clerk and Councils Direct July edition
- Ashford BC Local Plan Public Consultation Notification
- Barge Play Services
- Kent Trust for Youth Sport
- Notification of Grafty Garden Centre Application going to Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Galton will attend.

### **15.** Further Information:

- The Clerk handed out DPI forms to ClIrs King and Galton. (Although there have been no changes to them in the past 4 years and there is no legal requirement to update them, it is considered 'Best Practise' to do so).
- A date for a Planning Committee was discussed. Clerk to check further availability.

### The Meeting closed 9.10pm