

Malherbe Monthly

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Front Cover: View from Church Road towards Elmstone Hole

News from St. Nicholas Church

Morning Prayers will not take place at St. Nicholas or All Saints, Ulcombe, on Tuesdays this month. For further information please contact Joan Drury on 01622 853 766. Do continue to leave any prayer requests in the box in the porch at St. Nicholas or in the church in Ulcombe.

Bible Study has begun on Thursdays, 10.30am-12noon, at Wierton Villa, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green. Contact Joan Drury for details on 01622 853766.

Village Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 13th from 10.30am - 12noon in Grafty Green Village Hall Many thanks to Charlie Price for helping out in preparing and serving coffee last month!

At Evensong on Sunday, January 13th, we took time to remember the life of Margaret Hoad with special prayers and an appreciation of all she meant to this community. We had the chance to chat over cake and coffee afterwards. We also remembered Roy Wickens and his family in our prayers.

A special thank you to the new group of friends who have offered to help with the cleaning, flowers and in other ways to make our church a place of welcome to all in the coming year.

Sally Alexander

Homeless Food

On January 23rd I and a member of St Mary's Church Lenham took a large quantity of food to Maidstone Homeless Centre. A good proportion of it came from Grafty Green thanks to Rob Eastwood's provision of boxes for contribution. On behalf of the Homeless THANK YOU to all villagers who put food in the box.

Joan Drury

Grafty Green Short Mat Bowls Club

New Members Always Welcome - Join Us

Every Tuesday at 2.00pm in the Village Hall, Gentle exercise, easy to learn, loan bowls available. Further information - Chris Wheal 01622 858100

Village Hall News

www.graftygreenvillagehall.co.uk

This time last year, we tried a new venture for the village - a communal **Pancake Day**. As first attempts go, I think it went pretty well and so (as is the way of things) we're going to do it again!

According to my Village Calendar, Shrove Tuesday this year falls on **5th March**, so that seemed a good day to hold the event!

We have to fit in between the afternoon Bowls Club session and the evening Gardening Club meeting and so we invite you to drop in to the Hall any time **between 4.45 and 6.45** to enjoy freshly cooked pancakes (sweet or savoury - or why not both?) and a chat with other peckish village folk.

Last year we held a pancake tossing competition but I'm not sure the pancake was up to it! This year a British Standard kite-marked pancake will be used to ensure compliance with international record-breaking requirements, so why not challenge the Aussie world record holder who managed 140 flips in sixty seconds in 2012?

Alternatively, you could go for the pancake eating world record (80 pancakes in 17 mins 26 secs) but I'm not sure our chefs would be able to keep up!

It's a family affair, so all ages are welcome. Fit young things could have a pancake race whilst the rest of us just have a relaxed get-together over traditional Shrove Tuesday fare - all options are open. There's no ticket to buy and no seat to reserve, just drift in when it suits you. We hope as many of you as possible will drop by and make the occasion sizzle!

See you there.

Richard Pilborough,

Hall Committee Chairman

Helen Whately

MP for Faversham and Mid Kent

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Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

Meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall on the following dates:

12th March 2019.

Yoga Classes at Grafty Green Village Hall

Find that spring in your step and increased suppleness, extra energy and less stress

Wednesday evenings at 7 and **Thursday** mornings at 9.30

An occasional Saturday practice will be on 9th February at 10am.

Further details from Sue Burch (British Wheel of Yoga Teacher) 01622 850381,
email – grafatyoga@gmail.com

Sue Burch

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the Highwayman!



Traditional Sunday Lunches

Fresh Fish Fridays
Lunches and Suppers

Booking Advisable
01622 850259

Children's Room Beer Garden

Grafty Gourmet

This is a great comforting dish for these cold Winter nights. A wonderful spicy meal in one pot. Chicken is simmered with onions, green peppers, tomatoes, smoked sausage, rice and seasonings.

Spicy Winter Chicken & Smoked Sausage Jambalaya

Serves 4

600g of boned chicken thighs
225g of smoked sausage, sliced
2 green peppers, diced
1 onion, diced
2 large cloves of garlic, finely chopped
1 400g tin of chopped tomatoes
½ tablespoon of chilli powder
¼ teaspoon of hot pepper sauce
¼ teaspoon of ground cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon of Worcestershire sauce
2 bay leaves
90g of tomato puree
90g of uncooked white rice

1. Place the chicken and sausage in a large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil, then reduce heat and simmer until chicken is cooked and falls from the bone, (approx. 45 minutes). Remove chicken and sausage, reserving the stock. Then shred the chicken using two forks.

2. In a large saucepan over a medium heat, cook the peppers, onions and garlic until onion is translucent, adding a little reserved chicken stock if necessary. Stir in the tomatoes, chilli powder, hot pepper sauce, cayenne, Worcestershire sauce and bay leaves. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes.

3. Stir the shredded chicken, sausage and tomato puree into the spiced vegetables. Continue to simmer until flavour is as spicy as you like, adding reserved liquid as needed to thin.

4. Stir in 125ml reserved liquid with the rice. Simmer 20 minutes, until rice is tender

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Clerk Address: Mrs J Rimmer
16 The Cloisters
Ham Lane
Lenham
Kent
ME17 2PZ

**Village Fete 2019
Mad Hatter's Tea Party – 31st August**

There are plans hatching for the summer fete and I am asking if you would like to contribute your thoughts on the theme 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. We are looking for creative ideas to give a magical feel to the event so if you would like to let me have your thoughts I would be really grateful. This is also an opportunity to use your skills and talents

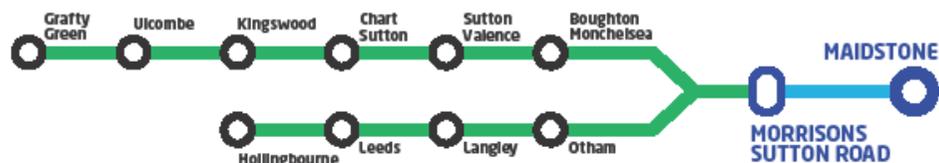
Running a stall or game on the day is another way of being involved and having fun; we need you!

You might have some contacts that would benefit from being part of the attractions (stall holders or entertainment); let me know. I look forward to hearing from you - Sue Burch 850381 or email burch1997@aol.com

Maidstone bus pilot consultation

22 January - 19 February 2019

Proposed changes
to the **13 & 59**
bus services



The consultation document and questionnaire are available online at kent.gov.uk/maidstonebuspilot Printed copies are available in local libraries or can be requested by emailing bigconversation@kent.gov.uk or calling **03000 421553** (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553).

You can also speak to our team at our drop-in events:

10am–1pm
Monday 4 February 2019
St Nicholas Church
Lower Street
Leeds, Maidstone
ME17 1RL

9.30am–12.30pm
Saturday 9 February 2019
Kingswood and
Broomfield Village Hall
Maidstone
ME17 3PX

Have your say!



BUS SERVICE 59 – Big Changes Are Coming!

In last month's Malherbe Monthly I outlined the proposed changes to the 59 route and service level following KCC's decision to select the 59 as one of five pilot schemes in the county as it "explores innovative and sustainable ways of providing transport to rural communities in Kent". The indicative timetable is now available and is shown on the opposite page.

The public consultation on the detailed proposals started on 22nd January and ends on 19th February. Copies of the consultation document and questionnaire are available online at www.kent.gov.uk/maidstonebuspilot and at local libraries, and I am attempting to get some copies so that they can be available at Grafty Green Post Office. The questionnaire can be completed online or a completed paper form sent to FREEPOST: BIG CONVERSATION.

As pointed out last month but worth repeating, the proposed changes to the 59 service only affect Mondays to Fridays off-peak and Saturdays. The existing Monday to Friday schools services, ie the 06.45 from Grafty Green and the return 16.12 from Maidstone will be unchanged, although efforts continue to achieve a later departure and a shorter journey time for the morning service. The service 14 to and from Cornwallis Academy is also not affected by the proposed changes.

The indicative timetable confirms that the intention of the changes to the off-peak service is to replace the current infrequent services which operate to and from Maidstone Town Centre with a more frequent feeder service terminating at Park Wood Morrisons which will connect with the high frequency services from there (at least every 10 minutes) to and from the Town Centre.

Connections will also be possible to Headcorn and Tenterden as well as Maidstone. It will be possible to change buses at Warmlake Crossroads and KCC is investigating whether improvements can be made to the bus stops and crossings there. However, Park Wood Morrisons is the transfer point in the indicative timetable where buses are timed to make good connections and the change of buses should be as easy as getting off one bus and getting on another at the same stop.

The revised service is due to start on 1st June and run for a year, and will be under continuous review. The public consultation is your opportunity to have your say on what is proposed. If you have any questions by all means contact me – I would also be pleased to hear your views to help with the Parish Council's response.

As ever, the message is:-

USE IT OR YOU ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL LOSE IT!

John Collins

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council's representative on the East of Maidstone Bus Group and the Big Conversation Working Group

Grafty Green - Chart Sutton - Morrions, Sutton Road **59**

Mondays to Saturdays	SDO 89	NSD 59	SATS			
Grafty Green	0645	0711	0733	0930	1100	1250 1430 1710
Ulcombe	0652	0719	0740	0938	1108	1258 1438 1718
Kingswood	0702	0726	0745	0945	1115	1305 1445 1715
Warrilake Corner (W-bound)	0708	0732	0751	0951	1121	1311 1451 1721
Chart Sutton	0714	0735	0756	0954	1124	1314 1454 1724
Boughton Monchelsea	0722	0741	0802	0959	1129	1319 1459 1729
Sutton Road, Morrions	-	-	-	1010	1140	1330 1503 1743
Buses to Maidstone (MS 82)	0740/0900			1019/1029	1149/1159	1339/1349 1509/1519 1749/1759
Bus to Maidstone Market (Tues) (Hamma 24)				1037		
Buses to Tonbridge (MS 12)				1032	1202	1342 1545 1821
Maidstone, Oakwood Site	0825	-	-	-	-	-
Maidstone, King Street	-	0804	0820	-	-	1515

Morrions, Sutton Road - Chart Sutton - Grafty Green **59**

Mondays to Saturdays	M-F	SATS	SDO			
Maidstone	0810	0845	-	-	1612	-
Buses from Maidstone (MS 82)			1001/1021	1141/1151	1321/1332	1731/1740
Bus from Maidstone Market (Tues) (Hamma 24)					1337	
Buses from Tonbridge (MS 12)			0952	1141	1311/1341	1724/1750
Sutton Road, Morrions	-	0859	1015	1200	1340	1750
Boughton Monchelsea	-	-	1026	1211	1351	1801
Chart Sutton	0839	-	1032	1217	1358	1807
Warrilake Corner (E-bound)	0842	-	1035	1220	1401	1810
Langley, adj The Plough	-	0904	-	-	-	-
Warrilake Corner (S-bound)	-	0906	-	-	-	-
Kingswood	0848	0914	1045	1230	1407	1649 1816
Ulcombe	0855	0921	1050	1235	1414	1655 1823
Grafty Green	0902	0928	1057	1242	1421	1702 1830

*SDO = School day only journey
 *NSD = Non-school day journey
 *SATS = Saturdays only

Grafty Green Gardening Club

The gardening club generally meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the village hall for talks. Membership is £5 for the year which entitles members to a reduced fee when attending meetings; take advantage of subsidised coach outings (excluding weekend away) and club members will be entitled to discounts at Rumwood Nursery and The Potted Garden.

Programme 2019

Date	Speaker and talk or venue for outing
January 8	AGM and Linda Ford - Sandown Castle community garden
February 5	Tim Ingrams - Snowdrops
March 5	Maureen Rainey Kent Wildlife Trust- Wild about Gardens
April 2	Spring Show, - Jean and Brian Waterman, Wild flowers of Kent
May 4	Plant Sale - village green if weather fine 10 am.
May 7	Outing - Warren Street House
June 4	Outing -Hucking, Sue Blacker- Peonies
June 6 - 9	Weekend, <u>Thurs</u> ; Ulting Wick, <u>Fri</u> , East Ruston Old Vicarage and Fairhaven Woodland and Water Garden, <u>Sat</u> . Oxburgh Hall and a seaside visit for tea. <u>Sun</u> . Harvey's Nursery, Bury St. Edmunds and Fullers Mill Garden.
July 2	Outing - Pheasant Barn, Oare
Aug 3	Coach trip Nymans and High Beeches (lunch at Nymans)
Sept 3	Autumn Show, Mr. Raggett, Hambury's Gardens.
Oct 1	Sue Shaw - Travels in Peru
Nov 5	Andrew - Hops
Dec 3	Coach trip to Wisley for Christmas lights leaving GG at 2pm

On February 5th Tim Ingrams will be back to give us a talk about Snowdrops. It will be good to remind ourselves about how many differing varieties there are and we look forward to seeing as many of you as can possibly make it for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

A reminder that on showing your 2019 membership card you can benefit from discount at the Rumwood Nursery, Langley and also The Potted Garden, Bearsted.

It is not too early to add your name to the list for the Weekend Away which this year will be in Norfolk June 6th - 9th. We will be staying at the Burlington Palm Court Hotel, Great Yarmouth which is right on the sea front - (More details of gardens we will be visiting are on the sheet).

Tip of the month - Yes, there is still work to be done! Spread out well rotted manure or garden compost over the ground, rain and earthworms will do the rest! If conditions allow winter digging can be completed. Hoe winter germinating weeds and aerate lawns to improve drainage. And, it is time to chit those early potatoes.

Carole Frost - Secretary - Grafty Green Gardening Club

Grafty Geeks

2-Step Authentication – adding further password security

Still worried about securing information that you have on the internet. There is an additional step you can take. I recently heard about this and thought I'd share my research with you. It can be especially important to you if you are someone who uses LinkedIn, Twitter, Microsoft, Apple, and Google, or any of the available online storage services to keep personal information and data.

Two-factor authentication, or 2FA as it's commonly abbreviated, adds an extra **step** to your basic log-in procedure. Without 2FA, you enter in your username and password, and then you're done. The password is your single **factor** of authentication. The second **factor** makes your account more secure, in theory.

All the big players offer this two factor authentication, sometimes called two step verification, you can find the instructions on how to set this up online or within the applications help, but here's an example from Microsoft to give you an idea of what is needed.

Step 1: Go to the Account Settings page, and look for both an email address and phone number under the section titled "Security info helps keep your account secure." If either piece of information is missing, click on the **Add security info** link and follow the prompts.

The SMS functionality of 2FA relies on your phone number being connected to your account, so don't skip it. Otherwise you'll need access to your email account to receive your secondary log-in code.

Step 2: Click on the "Set up two-step verification" link.

Step 3: Follow the setup process until you reach the end, then click "Done." You may be asked to provide a verification code, sent to either your phone via SMS or to your alternate email address, before you can complete the two-step setup. Once it's complete, you should receive an email confirmation from Microsoft sent to your alternate email address.

If you need any help, please visit the Egerton Telecottage on Saturday morning between 10am and 12noon <http://www.egerton-kent.co.uk/telecottage>. Advice is free and there is always someone there it help you. If you would like any topics covered in this magazine please email me at carolhulm@gmail.com



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

www.boughtonmalherbe.co.uk

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 22nd January 2019, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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

In attendance: Sue Burch and Angela Thompson

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – to receive and accept apologies for absence – Cllrs Martin Round and Shellina Prendergast
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying - none
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda – none
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
4. **The minutes of the meetings held on the 12th November 2018** were approved
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – none
6. **Points of Interest Stone** – A progress report and presentation were received from Sue Burch and Angela Thompson. It was noted that the landowner had given approval in principle to use the identified location. An estimate of £3000 had been received from The Stone Shop. In response the Council welcomed the progress and agreed to contribute up to £5000 from the Quinn Estates donation to the project. It was agreed that Sue and her group should progress to the next stage. Meanwhile the Clerk will contact MBC and KCC to find out the planning and Highways implications and options. If required, Cllr Galton will produce a sketch plan for the site. Clerk to remind Shellina Prendergast that she agreed to contribute £500
7. **Public session** – no attendees
8. **Maidstone Borough Council/Kent County Council** - no attendees
9. **Planning Outcomes since 9th July 2018** – noted that application ref 17/506017 had been refused
10. **Police and Community**
 - 10.1 Police/Crime Report – no crimes reported on E-Watch
 - 10.2 Community Warden Report - no report. Remove from agenda in future
 - 10.3 KFRS Report – no report. Remove from agenda in future
 - 10.4 Speedwatch – noted that Liz Burgess has completed the training and activity will commence when the weather improves
11. **Highway and Footway Matters**
 - 11.1 **Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, pot holes** – Cllr Allum updated the meeting with regard to progress on issues reported to KCC Highways. Clerk to ask KCC why white markings on Headcorn Road do not meet the criteria.
 - 11.2 **HGV Signage** – no longer an issue. Remove from future agendas
 - 11.3 **59 Bus** – Cllr Collins circulated the proposed pilot timetable. Following discussion it was

agreed that Cllr Collins will draft a response and circulate it to all councillors. Noted closing date for responses is 19th February. Clerk to obtain hard copies of the consultation document and Cllr Collins to arrange availability in the Post Office and inform residents via Malherbe Monthly. Flyer to be placed on the notice boards

- 11.4 Highways Improvement Plan** – (i) noted response from KCC regarding radar speed signs (ii) appointed MLM Group to produce traffic calming proposals in Grafty Green Village centre and act as the Parish Council's consultants
- 12. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllrs Turner and Galton reported back from the Ash Gardens Planning appeal. Cllr Collins reported on the Bus Pilot Implementation Group. The Clerk reported back from a meeting with Quinn Estates regarding the two office units at Boughton Park
- 13. Finance**
- 13.1** Noted the Balances at the Bank:
- | | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Nat West | £13,680.41 |
| Nationwide | £25,025.89 |
| Cambridge and Counties | £85,492.65 |
- 13.2** Income since the last meeting: noted interest £492.65
- 13.3** Bank Reconciliation – agreed statement and signed by Cllr Collins
- 13.4** Any cheques to sign: Rosemary Smith for Village Green maintenance - £188.50
- 13.5** Authorisation of any payment since the last meeting: none
- 13.6** Approved 2019/20 budget – see approved budget below
- 13.7** Approved precept for 2019/20 of £24 (Band D). Clerk to inform MBC
- 13.8** Members Community Grant - Clerk to request funding toward the Points of Interest Stone
- 14. Donation from Quinn Estates** – reviewed progress and agreed the following:
- (i) Village Green Purchase – Cllrs Collins and Davies to talk to the landlord and report back before the Parish Council agrees to contact the freeholder
 - (ii) Car Parking/Parking – as proposed site is not feasible so this option will be abandoned for now
 - (iii) QE Tree – Cllrs Turner and Galton to contact Mr Clark to obtain an estimated price to purchase the land and report back to the March meeting
 - (iv) Lighting beside Kings Head – Cllr Allum and Davies will explore the solar powered option and report back to the March meeting
 - (v) Points of Interest Stone to be included as a full project – green rating
 - (vi) Delete wifi in Village Hall
 - (vii) Cllr Collins to obtain a price for the footpath in the closed churchyard and report back to the March meeting
- 15. Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty** – noted information circulated in advance of the meeting. Agreed not to support the proposal until the boundaries of the AONB were known. Clerk to make enquiries regarding the proposed boundary
- 16. Correspondence** - none
- 17. Further Information** – Cllr Allum updated the council regarding the public meeting in Platts Heath concerning the Lorry park enquiries. Cllr Allum informed that her involvement was in a personal capacity and not as a member of the parish council. Cllr Allum informed the meeting that she will be chairing the event
- The Clerk was asked to explore options for creating unique parish council email addresses for councillors and report back.
- Next meeting to be moved to 12th March if Village Hall is available – Clerk to confirm

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

	BUDGET
£	2019/2020
RECEIPTS	
Precept	5,515
Parish Services Scheme	639
	6,154
VAT Refund (2016-2017)	600
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,754
PAYMENTS	
Staff Costs - Clerks Wages	2,400
Other Costs	
Village Green Maintenance	600
Village Hall Hire	300
Christmas Tree	300
Christmas Functions	700
Litter Collection	100
Churchyard Maintenance	500
Emergency Plan	0
Training Courses	500
Internal Auditor	50
External Auditor	0
Insurance	400
KALC Membership	240
CPRE Membership	40
Chairmans Allowance	100
Stationery	200
Contingency	250
Printer	0
Grit Bin	0
Post Office Sign on Green	0
Defibrillator Battery & Pads	0
Traffic Survey	0
Total Other Costs	4,280
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,680
UNDERSPEND/OVERSPEND (-)	74

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Valentine's Day

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Mother's Day

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February Music Notes

Some good concerts this month, including the return of "The Sixteen" to Rochester Cathedral plus (for a lighter occasion) the not-to-be missed local pantos. Do make an effort to get out on at least one of these Winter evenings to support the performers of these events:

- Friday Feb 1st 7.30pm and Saturday Feb 2nd at 2.30pm and 7.30pm - it's the Leeds village Panto in Leeds & Broomfield Memorial Hall – The Sleeping Beauty in the 50s. Tickets 01622 862467
- Saturday Feb. 2nd 7.30 pm at Mote Hall Maidstone ME15 7RN, The Maidstone Symphony Orchestra's concert includes Richard Strauss - Four Last Songs with soloist April Frederik and Shostakovich - Symphony No.5 Tickets 033 666 3366. Come early to catch the pre-concert talk (6.40-7.10pm).
- Wednesday 13th Feb. to Sat 16th Feb in Hollingbourne Village Hall, 7.45 pm each evening plus 2.30pm on Saturday – The Hollingbourne village pantomime is Rapnzal. Tickets tel 880200.
- Saturday 16th February, 7.30pm at Rochester Cathedral, Harry Christopher and The Sixteen return to perform Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610. Tickets 0333 010 2850
- Sunday 17th Feb. 2.30pm at Groves Hall, Sutton Valence School, Sutton Valence Music Society give an afternoon concert featuring piano soloist Sara Beth Biggs with a programme of works by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms...Tickets at the door include tea with home-made cakes!! Info (only) 01732 843325

Another item from the musicians' alphabet:

W: Wrong notes – A relative term, which only applies to examples performed by someone else.

Brian Hardy

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

The March 2019 meeting of the Parish Council has been moved to **Tuesday 12th March** instead of the published 11th March.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING of the FINANCE and STAFFING COMMITTEE
of BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL held at 6.55pm on
Tuesday 22nd January 2019 in Grafty Green Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: J. Collins; R. Turner, A. Allum, R. Galton, C. Davies

Clerk: Mr Chris Hume

Cllr Collins opened the Meeting at 6.55pm.

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it** - there were no declarations
2. **Apologies** – there were no apologies for absence
3. **Declarations** – there were no declarations with regard to: lobbying, interest in items on the agenda or pecuniary interests
4. **Approve Minutes of 1st October 2018** – The minutes were approved and signed.
6. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising

FINANCE BUSINESS

6. **Estimated Expenditure at Year End 2018/19** – Draft previously circulated approved with one amendment - the training spend to be increased to £500
7. **Draft Budget 2019/20** – Draft previously circulated approved for referral to the full council with the addition of an extra £550 for Christmas activities and an increase in PSS to £639 producing a total budget with receipts of £6,754 and expenditure of £6,680 producing a small surplus of £74
8. **Parish Services Scheme 2019/20** – noted MBC allocation of £639
9. **Precept 2019/20** – agreed the recommend Band D precept of £24 for approval by the full council
10. **Annual List of Delegation to the Clerk** – approved the attached list of items delegated to the Clerk for spending purposes per section 5.6 of the Financial Regulations
11. **Annual record of s. 137 spending** – to noted the attached list of spending under s 137 in 2018/19

STAFFING BUSINESS

12. **Clerk Salary Annual Uplift** – approved the annual uplift in the Clerks salary from £10.09 per hour to 10.301 per hour in line with the NJC for Local Government (2% increase)
13. **Staffing Budget for 2019/20** – noted the staffing budget previously circulated
14. **Clerk Annual Appraisal** – Councillors agreed that they were very satisfied with the Clerk's performance and there were no specific issues mentioned that needed to be addressed
15. **Further information** - there was no further information

The meeting closed at 7.22pm

Appendix 1

Items of expenditure delegated to the Clerk in 2019/20 under section 5.6 of the Financial Regulations

- Stationery
- Postage Stamps
- Postage special delivery
- Printer Ink
- Printer paper
- Village Green Christmas Tree
- Training courses
- KALC subscription
- CPRE subscription
- Internal audit fees
- Annual insurance premium
- Village hall hire

Expenditure under s.137 in 2018/19 to date (ceiling =)

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4	Busy	Line	Queen	
5	Coach	Door	Fright	
6	Call	Copy	Nap	
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8	Hard	House	Soft	
9	Fair	Mark	Union	
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8	Jim _____, The creator of 'The Muppets'
9	___ Brooks, Director of the 1974 comedy western 'Blazing Saddles'
10	Jim _____, Fresh faced actor of 11 Carry On Films

Burns Night

Advance Notice

FASU is holding a traditional Burns Night Supper on Saturday 9th February at Ulcombe Village Hall, starting at 7.00 pm.

There will be Scottish pipe music, welcome bubbly and dram of whisky, smoked salmon, haggis, neeps and tatties, crannachan, Scottish tablet and coffee, as well as the essential traditional entertainment of speeches, singing and Scottish dancing until late – all included in the price

There will be a licensed bar selling wine, whisky and soft drinks. It will be a great evening's fun as well as supporting the village church's fabric. Tartan wear or smart casual. All are most welcome

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Christian Message February 2019 by Pamela Cuerden

When my children were little I took them on holiday to the Lake District with my mother. They had so much fun without a care in the world until one evening when I thought it would be a treat to phone their Daddy so they could tell him all about their holiday. This totally back-fired and before I knew it my mother and I had three wailing, homesick children on our hands because they 'wanted their Daddy!'

Nearly 30 years later the roles were reversed. My son and his fiancée went away on an extended holiday just as my mother became ill so my attention was diverted and I was preoccupied with visits to her in hospital – until after a few days my son sent home an email to reassure us about what a lovely time they were having. It just reminded me how far away they were, what a long time a month is and how concerned I was for their safety. Parting is such sweet sorrow! God tells us quite directly not to worry. I am not very good at heeding this but here it is in black and white:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? (Matthew 6: 25-27).

My son and his girlfriend arrived home safely a month later, full of beans and keen to share all the photographs and news from their trip. I praise God for this. Philippians 4:6-7 reassures us: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

With the continuing cuts in the public sector and the uncertainty of Brexit here in Britain, and war, famine, and the balance of nature being upset through waste products and global warming throughout the world, never was it more important to pray and trust in our Lord

World Prayer Day

Slovenia is becoming a popular holiday destination. It has a fascinating history and in 2004 joined the EU. Find out more by coming to one of the World Prayer Day services in the Len Valley on Friday 1st March. The women of Slovenia have prepared the service which is called, ***Come – Everything is Ready!*** Men and children are welcome to these services which will be at 10.30am in St Mary's Church Lenham and at 7pm in All Saints Church Ulcombe.

The Len Valley Benefice
Lenham & Boughton Malherbe; Harrietsham & Ulcombe
Sunday/Main Services – February 2019

Everyone is always welcome to any of our services or events.

‘Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back;
lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.’ *Isaiah 54:2*

Sunday 3rd February

9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast service
9.30 am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11.00 am Ulcombe: Family Worship
11.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion
3.30 pm Harrietsham: GIFT family worship (followed by optional Holy Communion)

Wednesday 6th February

9.30am Lenham: Holy Communion

Sunday 10th February

8.00 am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30 am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
11.00 am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
11.00 am Lenham: Morning Worship
3.30 pm Boughton Malherbe: Evensong

Sunday 17th February

9.30am Lenham: Breakfast Service
9.30am Harrietsham: Morning Worship
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: Holy Communion
11.00am Ulcombe: Morning Worship
11.00am Lenham: Holy Communion

Wednesday 20th February

11.00am Chippendayle Lodge

Sunday 24th February

8.00am Lenham: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Harrietsham: Holy Communion
9.30am Boughton Malherbe: An Informal Service
9.30am Lenham: The Big Breakfast Service
11.00am Ulcombe: Holy Communion
3.30pm Heart of Kent Hospice:
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Tough Times

This will be the subject of Helen Cooke's talk at the next Focus on Faith session in Ryarsh Village Hall on 20th March from 9.15 to 2.15

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	Word 1	Word 2	Word 3	Answer
1	King	Stroke	Switch	Master
2	Carrier	Person	Towns	People
3	Dance	Owl	Storm	Barn
4	Busy	Line	Queen	Bee
5	Coach	Door	Fright	Stage
6	Call	Copy	Nap	Cat
7	Arm	Bull	Fall	Fit
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