

Boughton Malherbe Parish



Minutes of a Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th August 2015 in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R. Turner (Chair); M. Hitchins; T. King; B. Pearce.
Cllr Martin Round MBC; 3 members of public.

Cllr Galton; Cllr J Whittle; PCSO John Boyd; Joan Drury

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it** - None
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Galton (on holiday) whose apologies were received and accepted; Cllr J. Whittle KCC; Mike Davidson; Joan Drury.
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** – the Minutes of 18th May 2015, being previously circulated, were approved and signed.
5. **Public Session**

The hedges need cutting on Liverton Hill and in Platts Heath through to Harrietsham. Also Eastwood Road and Ulcombe. Clerk to report.

Action Clerk

***Item 8 MBC Councillor Report taken here.**

***Item 7 KALC taken here**

6. **Annual Reviews**
 - i. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, employees and other local authorities. *Reviewed and agreed.*
 - ii. Review of the terms of references for committees
Having been amended and agreed at the last Planning and Finance meetings, it was resolved to approve both Planning and Finance Committee Terms of Reference.
 - iii. Receipt of nominations to existing committees – *No nominations received.*
 - iv. Appointment of any new committees, confirmation of the terms of reference, the number of members (including, if appropriate, substitute councillors) and receipt of nominations to them. *No new committees appointed.*

- v. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations –
Having been previously discussed amendments agreed it was resolved to approve the Standing Orders and Finance Regulations.
- vi. Review of arrangements, including any charters, with other local authorities and review of contributions made to expenditure incurred by other local authorities.
Only one Charter from MBC which is still in draft stages.
- vii. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back.
Any meetings attended to be reported on at the BMPC meeting following it.
- viii. Decide who will represent BMPC at KALC meetings
KALC: Cllrs R Galton and R Turner; Police Forum – Cllr R turner
- ix. Review of inventory of land and assets including buildings and office equipment.
Total Assets £5,624 Clerk to update the Asset Register.
- x. Review Risk Assessment and confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks. *The Risk Assessment was discussed at a previous meeting. The Insurance was reviewed and it was resolved cover is adequate cover for all risk.*
- xi. Review of the Council's and/or employees' memberships of other bodies.
KALC, CPRE, SLCC.
- xii. Establishing or reviewing the Council's complaints. *These were reviewed and will be put on the Website.*
- xiii. Establishing or reviewing the Council's procedures for handling requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection Act 1998. *Reviewed and on Website.*
- xiv. Establishing or reviewing the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media.
Reviewed, is covered in Standing Orders
- xv. Establishing or reviewing the Council's Communications policy – *Reviewed, in Standing Orders*
- xvi. Setting the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of the full Council for year ahead – *November and January*

***7. KALC TAKEN AFTER 5**

7.1 To consider and vote to agree the following statement:

It was agreed by KALC representatives at a recent meeting that the attached be issued and all parishes asked if they would place it on their agenda and to formally vote in agreement:

This Council does not believe that 18,560 is a reasonable figure for Objectively Assessed Housing Need and that, if flexibilities in the NPPF/NPPG methodology were properly utilised, a defensible figure would be significantly lower. It could be around 10,000, including windfalls.

This would allow a more balanced level of housing and employment growth, reduce adverse impact on infrastructure and greenfield sites, and allow the Borough to regain control over planning for new housing development by having a five years supply.

RT proposed the KALC motion 7.1 be accepted, BP seconded, all approved.

Boughton Malherbe is half way between 'Supercentres' Lenham/Harrietsham and Headcorn/Staplehurst – there will be an inevitable increase in traffic and it could become a major target being in middle, so sporadic unplanned development could take place without cohesive policy (in the absence of a Local Plan). The Petition for a weight limit on Headcorn Road has been turned down without any consultation with BMPC.

***8. KCC/MBC Reports – taken after item 5**

Cllr Round reported on the state of MBC Planning, the G and T situation and the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting tomorrow evening.

9. Local Policing/Community Warden

9.1 Police Report – no report

9.2 Community Warden Report – no report

9.3 KFRS - Chris Wheal:

1) Fire cover side – a Maidstone appliance now stationed at Lenham every day for the foreseeable future, irrespective of call arrangements, manned by the Maidstone crew. It is on stand-by at Lenham instead of Maidstone to cover east of Maidstone. The situation is about as good as it can get, considering all the cuts, and most is being made of the available resources for best possible cover.

2) Community Safety – Various safety campaigns will be happening, in September it will be Chimney Fire awareness with a website where people can log in and register to receive reminders about getting chimneys swept. Parish magazine editors can register for press releases and choose which to include in their magazines

3) A Volunteer Task Force is now established and will be active this winter.

10. Highway and Footway Matters

10.1 Liverton Hill – HGV and hedges already noted.

10.2 Recent Road works

Church Road – a good job; Elmstone Lane surfaced.

10.3 Ditches, gullies, pot holes.

Gullies on Liverton Hill not cleared, although some red marks have appeared by some now. Clerk to contact Gemma to get done before winter. Rain water ran into Ivy House yard in the recent storm.

There is a pothole on Colebridge Lane on left just before 3 Chimneys from Great Humphrey's. Some areas are patched, and now patches to add to the patches are marked out.

10.4 Speedwatch -

There have been 3 sessions since last meeting: 16th June; 14th and 23rd July 2015. 66 vehicles were reported in total and 15 letters were generated with 50% being over the speed limit or multiple offenders, and 51 new vehicles were added to the Police Register. The highest speed was 58mph. There are 2 new 'recruits' to the Speedwatch team.

10.5 Weight Restriction – a letter will go back to Cllr Whittle. Boughton Malherbe is in middle: Egerton roads have weight limits, Willington Street is attempting to get one so even more traffic will be pushed this way. Extra dwellings in Lenham and Headcorn can only increase traffic and make the situation even worse

11. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

The KALC Councillor Conference was cancelled due to Operation Stack.

59 Bus - Cllr Turner had attended and reported: The Meeting was in Chart Sutton Village Hall chaired by Arriva's Mike Fitzgerald. The biggest complaint was buses not running when they should, being late; leaving children behind and, on one occasion, children were dropped in Ulcombe instead of Grafty Green, the excuse being the bus company did not know whether the roads were open in the spate of road closures. The bus company concerned has apologised profusely and letters of apology have been requested for those affected. The 59 Bus will continue to run and the Saturday service will continue. There is currently a change in the timetable for school holidays.

12. Finance

12.1 Income since the last meeting - None

12.2 Authorisation of any payments since 18th May

8 th June 2015	000012	KALC membership	£208.08
16 th June	000013	R. Turner, Wine for APM	30.00
16 th June	000014	GGVH Cllr Pearce Leaving Do	50.00
16 th June	000015	Came Insurance	291.72
25 th June	000016	R. Galton Emergency Plan Exps.	52.56
30 th June	000017	KALC, Clerks' Conference	72.00
	000018	CANCELLED	
14 th July	000019	R Smith, Care of Green	204.38
	000020	R Turner, Mtg Refreshments	45.10
27 th July	000021	Parkinsons UK (Mrs A. Wickens)	50.00

It was resolved to approve the listed payments.

The Clerk distributed the Bank Reconciliation

12.3 To sign any cheques - None

12.4 To Note the Balance at the Bank:

Nat West: £23,525.00

Santander £500.00

12.5 Finance Committee Report – nothing to add.

13. Correspondence

- Barge Landscape Management
- Clerk and Councils Direct
- Countryside Voice
- Eibe Summer Offers – Outdoor Equipment
- Glasdon – Signage etc
- Realise Futures – Benches etc

14. Further Information - None

15. Date of next meeting -16th November 2015

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm