

**MINUTES OF BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
6th May 2014, 8.00pm in Grafty Green Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs R.Turner; R.Galton; M. Hitchins; T. King; B. Pearce.
Cllr J Whittle KCC

4 members of the Public

Clerk Christine King

- 1. Refreshments and Chairman's welcome**
- 2. Election of Officers** – to appoint Chairman and vice Chairman

Cllr Turner stepped down for the nominations.

Cllr Galton nominated Cllr Turner for Chairman, Cllr Pearce seconded, all in favour.
There being no further nominations, Cllr. Turner accepted the role.

Cllr King nominated Cllr Galton as vice Chairman, Cllr Pearce seconded; all in favour.

- 3. Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office for coming term**

It was agreed that the Chairman would sign the Acceptance of Office with the Clerk after the meeting.

- 4. Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence:**

Keith Anderson; John Collins; Joan Davidson; Mike Davidson; Stuart Ellesmere; Richard Pilborough;

- 5. Declarations :**

Any interest in items on the Agenda - Cllr Galton, should funding for the History Book be raised.

Any changes to the register of pecuniary interest - None

- 6. Approval of Minutes** – it was agreed that the Chairman sign the Minutes with the Clerk after the meeting.

- 7. Public Session**

Ensure meeting dates don't clash with Garden Club.

Figures on traffic through the village

Flower bed being created beside Village south side.

- 8. Local Policing**

8.1 Policing - covered in the APM

8.2 Speedwatch - covered in the APM

- 9. Highway and Footway Matters**

9.1 Speed Indicator Device - addressed in Public Meeting, it still has not been moved.

9.2 Ditches and Gullies - RT expressed thanks to Shaun Wickens for work done in Woodcock Lane and for the erection of a stile.

9.3 Liverton Hill - water is running down opposite Ivy House.

Action CK

16th May resurfacing is due, 'tar and chippings', Cllr Turner will write to Richard Emmett

Action RT

9.4 Pot holes - the condition of roads in the Parish appear better than many other parishes.

Elmstone Hole Road - This area has been identified for bank stabilisation following the land slide – a works order has been placed with our Contractors and forms part of our emergency repairs programme.

Unfortunately as this is a minor road it is down this list. There may be a chance that works could start in the next two weeks.

10. Resources and Environment Matters

10.1 Emergency Plan

Cllr Galton announced that the drafting of the plan is finished and he now in process of talking to KCC, having agreed with Steve Scully to e-mail him a copy to start proves of scrutiny and vetting. It is hoped that the first part of the Plan, the un-restricted copy, can be released soon and, if that is the case, it will be put in Malherbe Monthly as a pull-out to everyone in parish. We are the only parish in the whole of Kent who has thought of doing this. The Parish Council will be sent a copy for perusal before it is publicised.

10.2 Neighbourhood Plan - covered in the APM.

10.3 Queen Elizabeth Yew Tree - nothing to report.

11. Matters of Report - covered in Annual Parish Meeting

12. Nominate 2 KALC representatives: it was agreed that Cllrs Turner and Galton continue in these roles with Cllr King attending meetings when he is able.

13. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended - none

14. Finance

14.1 Annual End of Year Accounts were approved.

14.2 Income since the last meeting: the Precept of £5,373.00

14.3 Authorisation of any payments since 25th March - None

14.4 To sign any cheques

000414	£122.99	Chris Wheal	AED training and publicity
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000415	36.00	CPRE	Annual Membership
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14.5 To Note the Balance at the Bank - **£20453.78**

14.6 Finance Committee - report given in Annual Parish Meeting

16. Correspondence

Clerk SLCC magazine

MBC Precept

Clerk and Councils Direct

Play Area Booklet 'Online Playgrounds'

17. Further Information

Cllr Galton, in his role as History Society member, asked that the Parish Council lend the Society money for the publication of the next Parish History Book. He suggested £5,240 'draw-down.' The Society has applied for two grants, one of which has not been successful, the outcome of the other is awaited and could provide up to £500. Cllr Galton feels that the Society will be able to cover costs from any grant from the Parish Council and should it provide a draw-down facility; only what is needed would be used until the other grant comes in. He will also talk to Cllr Whittle. An advert inviting orders will be put in the Kent Messenger. The price will be £15, the same as the first book, and one free copy given per household in the Parish. The launch date is 12th December 2014.

This will be put on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting, by which time print numbers, costs and any income from grants will be known and the Parish Council can make an informed decision.

18. Date of next meeting - 12th August 2014

Meeting closed 9.10pm