



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council on Monday 11th January 2021, 7.30pm held by teleconference

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; B Adams; N. Eastwood
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

Three members of public

Cllr Galton opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - none
 2. **Apologies** – no apologies for absence received
 3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying** – none declared
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda** – none declared
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests**- none declared
 4. **Public Session** - A representation from Chris Wheal was presented and noted. Comments from Mike Hitchins on traffic calming were noted. Following comments from Mike Hitchins it was agreed that the Council will write to Maidstone Borough Council to ask why our objections to Planning Application 20/504038/FULL were rejected and to ask them to investigate whether a breach of the planning application has occurred.
 5. **Public Comments on Traffic Calming** – Received representations from residents in the Southernden Road/Lane area to consider funding improved broadband rather than traffic calming from the Quinn donation. It was agreed that this was not possible for legal and financial reasons and the Clerk will write to those making representations to explain this. The Clerk was asked to produce a summary of the questions asked by the public with factual answers for the website.
 6. **Traffic Calming**
 - (i) It was unanimously agreed not to proceed with the current scheme as agreed at the Council meeting on the 14th September 2020
 - (ii) It was unanimously agreed not to abandon the traffic calming project
 - (iii) It was unanimously agreed to amend the current scheme as follows:
 - a) To remove all of the granite setts and replace with white painted chicanes (with hatching) on the road surface at all locations
 - b) To jointly apply to KCC for a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in collaboration with Lenham Parish Council to be placed at the location in the centre of the village identified previously by KCC and locations in Platts Heath
- An amendment was moved by Councillor Eastwood to remove all the traffic calming features from the scheme which was rejected by 3 votes to 1.
- It was agreed that the Clerk will inform KCC that this is now the revised scheme and to proceed with implementation and enquire whether the white painted chicanes can be applied with sufficient thickness to create a sensation to drivers when run over.
8. **Further Information** – update on highways problems received from Cllr. Adams

The meeting closed at 8.58pm