



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 20th September 2018, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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

In attendance: Cllr Shellina Prendergast, Cllr Martin Round, PCSO John Boyd, Sue Birch

Cllr Turner opened meeting and welcomed guests

1. Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it: No declarations made.
2. **Apologies** – to receive and accept apologies for absence – Cllr Tony King, Cllr John Collins
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 9th July 2018 were approved
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – none
6. **Commemorative Stone** – On behalf of her Commemorative Stone Committee Sue Birch gave a presentation of photos showing examples of stones/features on public display in different locations elsewhere to show what might be achieved, a provisional location in Church Road has been identified.

It was agreed that the council would consider options once firm proposals were available from the committee. In the meantime Sue was advised to explore the following issues:

- Consult the landowner to ascertain whether they are prepared to donate the land or, if not, the price to be paid to acquire the land at the proposed site
 - Costs of each of the potential options for the commemorative stone
 - Additional costs such as: fencing , gates, installation
 - Maintenance arrangements – who, how and costs
 - Consult KCC Highways regarding any issues such as road access
 - The options for insurance and costs
7. **Gypsy and Traveller sites** – noted the new date for the resumption of the Meadows inspectorate hearing. It was agreed to notify residents via Malherbe Monthly. Cllr Galton will circulate a draft
 8. **Public session** – there were no further contributions from the public
 9. **Maidstone Borough Council/Kent County Council** - Cllr Martin Round requested that the council responds to the South Eastern rail survey and nominate Headcorn and Lenham Stations. Clerk to

complete the survey. Cllr Round reported that MBC are appointing two new Enforcement Officers preferably with legal knowledge. Cllr Round asked that the Council inform Martin of the outcome of their discussion on Coach Road naming. Clerk to arrange. Cllr Shellina Prendergast (KCC) updated the meeting on various issues including bus routes, and the KCC Waste Disposal Consultation. Cllr Prendergast stressed the importance of producing a Highways Improvement Plan and offered to contribute funding if available, in 2019/20.

10. Planning Outcomes since 9th July 2018 - noted

11. Police and Community

11.1 Police/Crime Report - PCSO John Boyd provided a summary of local crimes. Mr Boyd reported that anti-social behaviour believed to be associated with residents of the Meadows site had been dealt with. Following a discussion about speeding vehicles in Grafty Green it was agreed that the Council will inform John if there is a clear pattern to speeding. Clerk to present e-watch statistics to the next meeting

11.2 Community Warden Report - no report

11.3 KFRS Report – no report

11.4 Speedwatch – it was agreed that a notice will be placed in Malherbe Monthly seeking volunteers. Cllr Allum to arrange.

12. Highway and Footway Matters

12.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, pot holes - Clerk to contact KCC Highways regarding overgrown hedging on Liverton Hill. There are four outstanding issues that have been reported to KCC, some as far back as March

12.2 HGV Signage – fallen sign has been reported.

12.3 59 Bus – a written report from Cllr Collins was presented to the meeting providing an update on the new timetable for the early bus service and a new number 14 school service

12.4 Highways Improvement Plan – Cllr Allum reported that a meeting has been arranged with KCC to discuss the results of the speed survey and options for future actions to curb speeding vehicles

13. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended – Cllr Turner reported on meetings with: Highways UK, Helen Whately MP at Popes Hall, KALC Councillors Conference, KCC Highways re: flooding in Woodcock Lane. It was agreed that Cllr Galton would speak to Lenham Parish Council about their Neighbourhood Plan

14. Finance

12.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank on 7th July: Nat West £15,569.95
 Nationwide £25,025.89
 Cambridge and Counties £85,000.00

12.2 Income since the last meeting : noted £209.00 from HMRC for VAT refund

12.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed and signed bank statement and bank reconciliation

12.4 Any cheques to sign: £480 PFK Littlejohn, £126.62 Clerk expenses. Clerk to make representations to KALC about the size of the audit fee. Clerk to replace the faulty printer with a better model

12.5 There were no payments since the last meeting

15. Donation From Quinn Estates – Agreed the following:

(i) 24th November for Christmas Tree lighting

(ii) Cllr Galton and Turner to talk to the landowner regarding the availability of the potential site for a car park and the QE tree site availability

(iii) Regarding lighting at the Kings Head passage – agreed to await further clarity regarding the future ownership/tenancy of the pub before pursuing further

16. Village Green Tree Survey – agreed to seek three quotes to carry out the work outlined in

the survey

17. **Representation from Mrs Savage regarding the naming of "Coach Road"** – it was resolved that as the council had no powers with regard to street naming and that the council had already made representations to MBC on behalf of Mrs Savage there was no more that the Council could do to support Mrs Savage. Clerk to write to Mrs Savage informing her of this decision
18. **Date for Finance/Staffing Committees** – agreed to meet on the 1st October
19. **Correspondence** - none
20. **Further Information** – none

The Meeting closed 9.56pm