



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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:
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| 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 re[port back.
- Next meeting to be moved to 12<sup>th</sup> March if Village Hall is available – Clerk to confirm

**The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm**

	£	<b>BUDGET 2019/2020</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Precept		5,515
Parish Services Scheme		639
		6,154
VAT Refund (2016-2017)		600
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>6,754</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
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
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>6,680</b>
<b>UNDERSPEND/OVERSPEND (-)</b>		<b>74</b>