



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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

In attendance: Cllr Shellina Prendergast, 30 members of public

Cllr Turner opened meeting and welcomed the members of public

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 Martin Round
3. **Declarations:**
  - Any lobbying - none
  - Any interest in items on the Agenda – Cllr Turner with regard to the request from the Village Fete Committee for a donation towards a commemorative stone as Cllr Turner is a member of the fete committee
  - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests – none
4. The minutes of the meetings held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved with the addition of the following statement proposed by Cllr Turner and omitted from the Chairman's address at the annual meeting:  
*I wish to add a profound apology to Ron Galton for omitting to thank him for all the hard work that he has put in on behalf of the Parish Council in the year 2017/18. His knowledge of planning and planning law is exceptional and he is able to put this to great use in the Parish. Thank you Ron for all you do for us.*
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes – none**
6. **Lorry Park Proposal** – Cllr Turner invited Cllr Galton to lead this item explaining that the discussion was for information only. Cllr Galton updated the meeting on developments with regard to Highways England exploration work in the Parish. Cllr Galton outlined the action he had taken, including writing to the MP. This action was taken in a private capacity and Cllr Galton made it clear that the council has yet to agree a course of action. During questions and comments from members of the public it emerged that Highways England are also conducting environmental surveys on adjoining land in Lenham Parish. It was therefore agreed that future action by the Parish Council will be taken following discussion with Lenham Parish Council. The Clerk will inform the Clerk at Lenham Parish. Following an update from Cllr Shellina Prendergast it was agreed that the Parish Council will await the outcome of enquiries being made by Cllr Prendergast before deciding on a course of action.  
Members of the public asked if the council could identify a contact at Highways England they can contact directly. The council undertook to pass on this information if it can be obtained.

Cllr Galton encouraged members of the public to review copies of the Highways England consultation paper available at the meeting and respond to the consultation questionnaire contained within. Cllr Galton also mentioned that views could also be conveyed to the MP.

7. **Gypsy and Traveller Sites** – Cllr Galton updated the meeting on the progress of the current Planning Inspectorate appeals. Neither Acres Place nor The Meadows are resolved.
8. **Public session** – there were no further contributions from the public
9. **Maidstone Borough Council/Kent County Council** - Cllr Shellina Prendergast (KCC) updated the meeting on various issues including bus routes, the Big Conversation and Rights of Way Consultation.
10. **Planning Outcomes since 10th May 2018** - noted
11. **Police and Community**
  - 11.1 Police/Crime Report - No report. Noted crime report on E-Watch
  - 11.2 Community Warden Report - no report
  - 11.3 KFRS Report – no report
  - 11.4 Speedwatch - Cllr Turner reported that discussions with Platts Heath and Ulcombe continue
12. **Highway and Footway Matters**
  - 12.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, pot holes - Cllr Allum reported continuing problems at Millpond Cottages and Woodcock lane with flooding she will continue to raise these with KCC Highways
  - 12.2 HGV Signage – nothing to report
  - 12.4 Highways Improvement Plan – Cllr Allum outlined the proposed measures being discussed with KCC Highways and it was agreed to continue to pursue these through the Highways Improvement Plan. Clerk to circulate the latest version of the Plan
13. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Galton reported back from a joint Parish meeting with MBC on Gypsy and Traveller Issues and a meeting with Helen Whately MP on the government consultation on gypsy and traveller sites. Cllr Collins reported back from the KCC Bus Group.
14. **Finance**
  - 12.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank on 7<sup>th</sup> June: Nat West   £ 19,872.41  
Nationwide   £25,025.89  
Cambridge and Counties   £85,000.00
  - 12.2 Income since the last meeting : noted £274.54 from MBC for PSS
  - 12.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed and signed bank statement and bank reconciliation
  - 12.4 Any cheques to sign: none
  - 12.5 The following payments since the last meeting were approved: Defibrillator battery and pads £316.80, Donation to Platts Heath School £2500
15. **Donation From Quinn Estates** – Agreed the following:
  - (i) provisionally agreed 24<sup>th</sup> November for Christmas Tree lighting
  - (ii) Clerk to find out timescale from MBC regarding registration of the Kings Head as a community asset
  - (iii) Cllr Galton and Turner to talk to the landowner regarding the availability of the potential site for a car park before Cllr Galton seeks clarification on planning issues
  - (iv) Regarding lighting at the Kings Head passage – all councillors to read Cllr Galton’s advice note before further discussion
  - (v) Commemorative stone - Clerk to seek further information from the village fete

committee regarding cost, on-going maintenance, insurance and ownership and report back before the council makes a commitment and also invite a representative of the committee to the next meeting

16. **Village Green Tree Survey** – agreed to award this work to Quaife Woodlands
17. **Date for Finance/Staffing Committees** – Clerk to circulate dates in early October
18. **GDPR** – The Clerk reported back that Hugo Fox have confirmed that our website is already GDPR compliant
19. **Local Plan Consultation** – it was agreed that Cllr King will prepare and submit a response
20. **Correspondence** - none
21. **Further Information** – none

The Meeting closed 9.52pm