



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Meeting of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in Grafty Green Village Hall at 7.30pm

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Present: Cllrs R Turner (Chair); A Allum; J Collins; R Galton; T King.  
Clerk: Mrs Christine King  
Cllr Shellina Prendergast, MBC  
PCSO John Boyd  
1 member of the public

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - None
2. **Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence:**  
Jenny Whittle KCC; Martin Round MBC; Mike Davidson; Chris Wheal; Stuart Ellesmere Community Warden.
3. **Declarations:**  
**Any lobbying** - none  
**Any interest in items on the Agenda** - none  
**Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** - *none*
4. **Approval of Minutes** – to approve the Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016. – having been previously circulated these were approved and signed
5. **Matters Arising** - none
6. **Public Session**  
Lorries – traffic stopped due to huge lorry on Liverton Hill. Cllr Whittle’s comment read here.  
- Cllr Prendergast entered the Meeting.
7. **KCC/MBC Reports**  
**Jenny Whittle KCC:** (read by the Clerk at item 6)  
*I am meeting with Michael Heath shortly to discuss progress with my highways schemes, including the no HGV signs that you and other parishes have ordered. I will come back to you - this will be done before I stand down next May, you have my word.*  
**MBC – Cllr Shellina Prendergast:**  
There is not a great deal to report: the Local Plan is in and the timetable published; there is currently a recruitment drive for 80 PCSOs for the Maidstone area.  
- PCSO John Boyd entered the Meeting –
8. **Local Policing/Community**  
**8.1 Police Report - PCSO John Boyd.**  
12 July – 06 September 2016 total of crimes  
There was one crime to report for this period:  
10 August Crumps Lane , Criminal damage – Chain to gate cut  
2 RTCs at Colebridge Road and Church Road  
As well as the above there were 5 calls to the police, including the 2 RTC’s.  
- PCSO John Boyd left the Meeting -

## 8.2 Community Warden Report read by the Clerk

*I have been out of the office Thursday and Friday last dealing with quite a few issues in Headcorn. Sadly, I won't be at the meeting tonight as I am on an early shift today full to the brim with meetings.*

*I do not have much to report regarding Grafty Green except the multi-agency liaison that occurred recently with regards to the horse fair that passed with no real issues reported. I have had a couple of local enquiries regarding speeding/unsafe driving.*

*I have stopped off in the village on four occasions in the last two months and have had nothing reported to me.*

*As ever, if there are any issues or concerns – whether it be ASB related or of a welfare nature please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am working quite a lot with PCSO Boyd at the moment in Headcorn as there are some on-going issues here.*

## 8.3 KFRS

- no report. A new door has arrived for the defibrillator which is free of charge as the current one is faulty. which needs replacing (Message from Chris Wheal via Cllr Turner)

## 8.4 Speedwatch

There have been 4 sessions of late, usually a 2-hour stint, and between 10 and 21 speeding cars were logged. More sessions are needed, Cllrs Collins and Galton volunteered to help.

## 9. Highway and Footway Matters

**9.1** Liverton Hill – the fire hydrants were done last week. The bottom of the Hill has been resurfaced and water runs right through the resurfacing. Cllr Turner to ask Sue LaPorte if the whole Hill can be resurfaced as some routes in neighbouring parishes have been done.

**9.2** Ditches, gullies, potholes - the gully outside Homestead is still blocked – so badly that the camera couldn't go through it. Also blocked outside Maples where they overflow when it rains.

UK Power Networks: An electric cable was repaired by them in church Road, outside Ash Tree Farm. They partly backfilled the trench correctly but ran out of the correct material and backfilled about 3 metres with excavated material finished with gravel on top as a temporary measure. This will soon sink and become a rut. Roger Wickens spoke to them and was assured this would be rectified by today but nobody turned up. Clerk to contact them at the end of the week if still not done.

**Action Clerk**

Hedges around the apple orchard have not yet been cut back. Also Millpond Hill. Cllr Turner to contact the land owner.

**Action Cllr Turner**

**9.3** HGV signage – previously covered

**9.4** 59 Bus – Cllr Collins

Nothing new to report, the bus is still running. The next group meeting is on 26<sup>th</sup> September and there are no notifications of any changes so unlikely to be any now.

## 10. Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended

Cllr Turner attended 2 meetings:

KALC AGM and the Police Forum Meeting which is now known as Police and Neighbourhood Watch and takes place in Maidstone Police Station every quarter.

It was decided to place a notice in Malherbe Monthly for a Neighbourhood Watch person in Grafty Green, stressing there is already on in Platts Heath and Liverton Hill.

**Action Clerk**

## 11. Finance

**11.1** To note the Balance at the Bank:

Nat West	26,889.65
Santander	500.00

**11.2** Income since the last meeting - none

**11.3** Bank Reconciliation – seen and signed by Cllr Collins

**11.4** Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting

KALC	2 x New Cllr's Conference	£144.00
C King	10 year Website Domain Name	83.88

**12. Community Assets**

- Cllr Prendergast left the Meeting -

**12.1** Resolve amount to be spent on acquiring Assets - this was discussed and no action taken.

Clerk to find out procedure

**Action Clerk**

GGVH – Cllr Collins has examined the GGVH Deeds and considers there is sufficient safeguarding in place to protect it for the Community.

**13. Correspondence**

Clerk and Councils Direct

Marie Cure Cancer Care

MBC CIL Draft Charging Schedule

Nat West Interest changes notification

CPRE Kent Voice

Countryside Voice



**14. Further Information - None**

**Next meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

The Meeting closed at 9pm.

