

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup>  
August 2009**

**A MEETING OF BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall**

**PRESENT- Councillors:** Mr R Turner (Chairman)  
Mrs S Close  
Mr R Galton  
Mr M Hitchins  
Mr S Wickens  
Mrs P Anderson (Clerk)

Cllr R Thick  
Cllr Jenny Whittle

PCSO Siobhan de Burca  
PCSO Nicola Morris (Supervisor)

3 Members of the Public

**APOLOGIES:** Jenny Gibson  
PC Paul Kemsley

**TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Jenny Gibson and PC Paul Kemsley.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REGISTER OF INTEREST CHANGES**

There were no declarations of interest on items on the Agenda and no Register of Interest changes.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 were **AGREED** and signed as a true record.

**LOCAL POLICING**

WPCSO Siobhan de Burca began by introducing herself as the new Police Community Officer; she also introduced her Supervisor PCSO Nicola Morris.

Siobhan reported that there had only been 2 reported crimes since the last meeting in May which were:-

May – Tools stolen  
June – No crimes  
July – Furniture damage  
Aug - No crimes

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She told the meeting that she would be having a 'Surgery' in Headcorn Library between 4 & 8pm on 8<sup>th</sup> September and that she would also be setting up one in Grafty Green at some future date. Things like warning people about cold calling could be discussed; any other problems and property marking could be carried out.

The speeding issue was discussed, it was suggested by Siobhan that the first road to go down was for Grafty Green to get involved with Speedwatch which would give Kent Highways more information on speeding motorists giving us more of a case. We are to advertise in the magazine for volunteers to do this at certain times of day, particularly in the morning and evening, the equipment could be borrowed from Headcorn and training would be given by the Police.

### **MATTERS ARISING from Minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

#### **40-30 Mile Speed Limit Changes**

PA reported that Michael Heath at Kent Highways had ordered the blue signs indicating a Police Speed Check Area but like everything else there is a backlog and it could be some time before the signs are installed, he had also agreed to paint 30 signs in the road which he had marked out, but again we are still waiting for that to be done. With regard to an interactive sign this would not be so easy as very few accidents are ever reported and because there have been no fatal crashes we would not be seen as a priority on their system of points. Jenny Whittle suggested that we apply for funding and she would do as much as she could to help us in our quest to reduce the speeding in Grafty Green. She also suggested that it might be a good idea for several Parishes to get together regarding the 'Rat Run' issue. As already discussed in the Police section we are going to see if we have any volunteers who might get involved in Speedwatch. PA reported that she had been in touch with Helen Anderson (Parish Clerk) from Headcorn for any information that she could give as Speedwatch is carried out all the time there.

**ACTION PA**

#### **HGV's Weight Restrictions**

This issue will be put on the back burner for the time being.

**ACTION PA**

#### **No. 59 Bus**

Nothing to report at the moment, all going well, the next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**ACTION PA**

#### **Potholes**

Nothing to report, PA still nagging Kent Highways as more and more appear.

**ACTION PA**

#### **Petsfield**

The ecological survey which had been submitted by the agent for Petsfield had not been carried out correctly and would therefore require re-submitting at the right time of year which is June. RG had contacted Kent Wildlife Trust, they would be happy to carry out a preliminary (scoping) survey but it would be necessary for the public to have this done. The neighbours have been made aware.

Robert and Ron had recently attended a meeting at MBC which was all part of the consultation process to put in place their Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan Document (DPD) with the specific purpose of allocating Gypsy and Traveller sites.

**ACTION RG**

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**Liverton Hill**

Michael Heath has agreed to put up a larger yellow sign warning drivers that the road narrows to a single lane, still awaiting the signs for installation. **ACTION PA**

**Village Telephone Box**

PA had contacted British Telecom again about cleaning but to date it had not been done, she said she would contact them again. **ACTION PA**

**Footway in front of Lynwood House**

Repaired.

**Gully & Carriageway just below Stream Farm**

PA reported that she continues to chase Kent Highways about this issue especially with autumn not too far away it needs sorting sooner rather than later. **ACTION PA**

**Water leak on Liverton Hill (Opposite Pumping Station)**

The leak is becoming worse; PA is to contact Kent Highways again. **ACTION PA**

**Changing Stiles/Kissing Gates**

Ongoing. **ACTION RG**

**Drains Woodcock Lane**

It has been discovered that the water leak is not the responsibility of Kent Highways but that of South East Water. PA is to contact them. **ACTION PA**

**Grass Cutting**

Triangle of grass at the top of Coldbridge Lane has now been cut.

**Footpath next to the Old Chapel**

PROW was contacted and the cutting of the vegetation has been dealt with to everyone's satisfaction.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Nothing to discuss

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Land South East of Elmstone Farm, Elmstone Hole Road – MA/09/0664**

Full Planning permission for retrospective application for change of use to game farm and erection of game rearing pens. Parish Council would not object

**Woodcock Farm, Woodcock Lane, ME17 2AY – MA09/1089**

Full Planning permission for Installation of first floor, erection of new eastern façade with canopy, removal of asbestos roof and replace with profiled metal roof and re-clad all elevations with timber cedar cladding. Although the Parish Council did not object, it was pointed out that there could be extra noise and traffic.

**Woodsden Villa, Lenham Road TN27 9LJ – MA/08/2017**

Erection of a replacement dwelling (Resubmission of MA/08/0392). Application dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009. Several of the Councillors were confused as to how this could have been dismissed, as they recalled

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that a previous application had been approved, PA was asked to find out exactly what had happened. **ACTION PA**

**Yew Tree Farm, Eastwood Road, ME17 2DQ - MA/09/1224**

Demolition of existing garage, shed & greenhouse and erection of detached oak framed double garage and log store.

There would be no objection from the Parish Council.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

MBC – Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1/6/09-30/09/09  
KCC – Kent Minerals & Waste Development Framework  
KALC – Minutes of Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009  
Action with Communities in Rural Kent – Parish Plan Take-up  
MBC – Standards Committee  
MBC – Cabinet Information Bulletin  
KCC – Letter from Jenny Whittle offering help with any issues  
MBC – Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1/7/09-31/10/09  
MBC – Reports for Decision by the Cabinet Member for Environment  
MBC – Overview & Scrutiny Function Review  
MBC – Maidstone Rail Services Review  
Freighter Timetable.  
KCC – Statement of Community Involvement scoping consultation  
MBC – Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1/8/09-30/11/09  
MBC – Response to the Overview & Scrutiny Report-enforcement of planning conditions  
MBC – Standards Committee Annual Report to Council 2008/09  
MBC – KIG Information  
MBC – Rural Liaison Day  
MBC – Enforcement Parish Update  
Kent Archaeological Society – Peopling Past Landscapes  
MBC – Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1/9/09-31/12/09  
MBC – Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan Document-request for information about potential sites  
Medway Valley Countryside Partnership – Annual Report 2008/9  
South East Water Resources Update  
KHS – Speed Limit Review

**FINANCE**

**Balance in Hand** on 12<sup>th</sup> May '09 **£1807.74**

The following cheques have been issued:-

300316	History Society	500.00	
313	“ “ (Cancelled)	(500.00)	
317	KALC	195.24	
318	KALC (Clerk's Info)	69.00	
319	John Collins	40.00	
320	Allianz	318.75	
321	Wine etc.APC	<u>33.86</u>	
			<u>656.85</u>

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1150.89

Plus: Concurrent Receipt

1994.00

**Closing Balance 12<sup>th</sup> May '09**

**£ 3144.89**

PA explained that the Concurrent Receipt this year had been reduced by the underspend for 08/09. She also reported that the Audit Commission had approved the Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 on 18<sup>th</sup> August after she had given them an explanation for a variance of more than 15% between one of last year's and this year's figures. A notice had been posted on the Notice Boards informing the public that the Annual Return was available for inspection.

**Quality Parish & Town Council Scheme**

Nothing to report as PA had still not had time to do anything about it.

**ACTION PA**

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/ARISING**

A letter had been sent to Robert and PA had received a schedule of dates for Training on the Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors. In view of the recent media coverage that Members of Parliament have possibly 'stepped over the line' it was felt that all Councillors should once again be reminded of the rules under which they operate. As no other members could attend it was agreed that RG and PA would attend the training on 16h September and report back.

**ACTION RG/PA**

**Date of the Next Meeting**

17<sup>th</sup> November 2009

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9pm

Signed..... Dated .....