



Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council on Thursday 17th December 2020, 7.30pm held by teleconference

Present: Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; B Adams; N. Eastwood
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

Two members of public

Cllr Galton opened meeting at 7.30pm

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** - none
2. **Apologies** – no apologies for absence received
3. **Declarations:**
 - Any lobbying** – none declared
 - Any interest in items on the Agenda** – none declared
 - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** - none declared
4. **Public Session** - A letter from Mike Hitchins was presented. Mike then made a further contribution which will be circulated to Councillors after the meeting and included in the public record of comments received on traffic calming.
5. **Traffic Calming**
 - (i) Received and noted a report from the Council's Independent Internal Auditor regarding the decision taken on the 14th September 2020
 - (ii) Received and noted a report from the Clerk regarding comments from residents following a request in the November edition of Malherbe Monthly on the cost of the scheme
 - (iii) Received a note from the Clerk of a meeting with KCC Highways held on the 20th November 2020
 - (v) It was agreed to defer further decisions on the traffic calming scheme until January to enable Councillors to carefully consider the comments received from the public. It was further decided to ask KCC whether the road surface would remain level with the granite setts if re-laid. Clerk to ask KCC if we can share a SID scheme with a neighbouring parish. It was resolved that each councillor will send the Clerk their view on the issues that need to be decided at the next Extraordinary meeting and the Clerk to then send round a draft agenda.
 - (vii) It was decided not to pursue the KCC offer to produce posts and stickers
6. **Maidstone Local Plan review** – It was agreed that the council will respond by endorsing the KALC and SOHL responses and comment that (i) the section on the Heathlands Garden Village does not refer to the traffic impact on Grafty Green and (ii) that the draft plan does not identify the need for additional Gypsy and Traveller sites to relieve the pressure on our area. Cllr Galton agreed to draft a response.
7. **Councillors vacancy** – Clerk to advertise the vacancy with a view to choosing a co-optee at the January 25th 2021 meeting
8. **Further Information** – Extraordinary meeting to be held on the 4th January. Clerk to establish by which date the budget must be set by the council

The meeting closed at 8.58pm