

# Minutes of a Meeting of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

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Present: Cllrs R. Turner (Chair); R Galton; M Hitchins; T King; B Pearce.  
Clerk Mrs Christine King

4 Members of the Public

1. **Apologies** PCSO John Boyd; Stuart Ellesmere; Martin Round; Chris Wheal; Jenny Whittle.
2. **Declarations:**
  - I. Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests - none
  - II. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda –Cllr Turner as GGVH Treasurer (re payment)
  - III. Declaration of Lobbying - none
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> and Extraordinary Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015 –**  
(Cllr Hitchins read those of 12<sup>th</sup> January); both sets of Minutes having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.
4. **Matters Arising** - None
5. **Public Session**  
- A request that Planning Applications are published in Malherbe Monthly: Clerk agreed to send to Editor Cllr Hitchins for inclusion.
6. **Local Policing**
  - 6.1 Police Report from PCSO John Boyd read by the Clerk:  
  
Grafty Green Crime Figures 09 January - 07 March 2015  
  
There were 4 crimes to report for this period:

22.02.2015	HEADCORN ROAD	THEFT - MISCELLANEOUS - INCLUDING THEFT BY 'FINDING'
18.02.2015	EASTWOOD ROAD	BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING – THEFT
19.02.2015	EASTWOOD ROAD	BURGLARY OTHER THAN DWELLING - THEFT
13.02.2015	WOODCOCK LANE	THEFT - MISCELLANEOUS - INCLUDING THEFT BY 'FINDING'

  
Patrols around this area have been increased to provide more of a visible presence.  
There were no ASB calls to the police for this period.
  - 6.2 Speedwatch Report  
No SW activity to report.
7. **KFRS** No report
8. **Highway and Footway Matters**
  - 8.1 Liverton Hill:  
The temporary repairs by Blenberry Farm need re-repair.  
Cllr Pearce received a complaint from member of public re grit on village pavements
  - 8.2 Pot holes:  
There is one by Woodcock Farm; one Headcorn Road by Park House Farm.  
Gully repairs to take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March. The new reporting system is via Parish Portal and not the Highways Stewards.

### 8.3 Ditches and gullies

E-mail received from a resident about the blocked gully outside the Homestead – which is apparently on the list to be done but there is a large back log.

### 8.4 HGV Weight Restrictions

Meetings have been going on about this; Cllrs Turner and Galton met with the Chair and vice Chair of Lenham Parish Council. Cllr Whittle will help with this.

## 9. Resources and Environment Matters

### 9.1 Emergency Plan – any thoughts on latest draft.

Cllr Turner thanked Cllr Galton for his noble effort in preparing this document. Cllr Galton stated that Emergency booklets distributed to every household. The final reading of Public'' edition is complete with just the restricted copy schedules for MBC and coordinators remaining to be finished. Cllr Hitchins can print them when required, for distribution with Malherbe Monthly

### 9.2 Neighbourhood Plan –

No further progress, although Cllr King considers it vital. Cllrs King and Galton will be attending the KALC NP Workshop on March 20th.

### 9.3 Bus Service 59 - nothing to report.

## 10. Matters of Report

### 10.1 County and Borough Councillors' Reports

Martin Round, MBC:

Sent his apologies, he is at an Emergency Cabinet Meeting this evening. He brought Helen Whately (Hugh Robertson's replacement) to visit Grafty Green to see the area. They didn't go up Liverton Hill although he explained its various problems. They visited the Brewery. He highlighted the issues that small villages/rural communities are having, struggling to survive.

Community Warden's Report:

Both John Boyd and I attended the start of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Liverton Hill recently – It was an excellent turnout – it should forge a solid partnership with the impending Grafty Green Neighbourhood Watch Scheme which is currently being championed by Colin Bunting and Richard Pilborough. Both John Boyd and I have offered our services to re-launch this and look forward to any future communications.

In the last report I spoke of starting up a monthly surgery in the Village where John and I would be available to meet residents on a regular basis and would be glad of ideas. *Stuart Ellesmere*

It was suggested that the monthly coffee mornings in GGVH might be a good venue if Stuart's hours match up. The Clerk to investigate.

**Action Clerk**

Also suggested was that the Parish Council subsidize rental if the above is not suitable. This was agreed, to be on the Agenda for approval at the next meeting

### 10.2 The Chairman's Report

Cllr Turner attended a Drainage Meeting – work will start in the Parish on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Cllrs Galton and Turner attended a KALC meeting, where Neighbourhood Plans; housing numbers; Leeds bypass/spur, clerks' pension scheme and the PSS were amongst items discussed. Cllrs Turner and Pearce will attend a SMART meeting later this week. 21<sup>st</sup> March – KALC parish conference in Headcorn.

- 12. Correspondence** – on the Table:
- Action Play and Leisure
  - Wicksteed Playgrounds
  - Clerks and Councils Direct
  - The Clerk magazine
  - Amethyst Horticulture

**13. Parish History Book - progress report**

Cllr Galton gave a brief update: all free copies have been distributed (using Electoral Role as a guide so those not on it may have been omitted, this will be checked.) Quite a few copies have been sold and there is a backlog of orders to fulfil.

**14. Finance**

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

**14.2** Authorisation of any payments – none

**14.3** Resolve that the following cheques be signed:

Cheque No (NW)	000001	PKF Littlejohn, Audit	£120.00
	002	KCC Salt Bin	£268.44
	003	CPRE Membership	36.00
	004	R Tew, Christmas Tree	90.00
	005	St. Nicolas' Church, Churchyard Mntnce	£500.00
	006	Grafty Green Village Hall, Rental	£500.00

**14.4** To note the balance at the bank:

- Santander: £500.00
- NatWest: £21,386.37

**14.5** Agree and approve Precept and Budget for 2015/16

Having been discussed and approved at the Finance Committee Meeting earlier this evening and needing full Parish Council ratification:

Cllr Galton proposed accept Precept and Budget for 2015/16; Cllr Hitchins seconded; approval unanimous.

**15. Further Information**

Cllr Turner presented some options concerning the QE1 Yew Tree.

**16. Date of next meeting** – future dates to be set.

It was decided to hold future Parish Council Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every 3 months – subject to GGVH availability: May APM and APCM – 18 May; 17<sup>th</sup> August; 16<sup>th</sup> November. **Action Clerk**

The Meeting finished 20.40pm.