

**Minutes of a Boughton Malherbe Parish Council
Finance Committee Meeting
in Grafty Green Village Hall, 7.30pm,
Monday 10th June 2103**

Present: Mike Hitchins, Chairman
Ron Galton
Robert Turner
Tony King, Parishioner, took minutes.

Apologies: Christine King, Clerk

- 1) The Minutes of the last meeting, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Point raised by Clerk – read out by Chairman:

Cllr Hitchins was elected as Finance Committee Chairman at the end of the first Finance Committee Meeting and is minuted at the end to reflect this, as he had not chaired this meeting.

- 2) Precept:

£5,168 has been received as Precept. Bank balance is £24,953.93 and includes the Town legacy. The Chairman suggested that when budget is discussed it ought to be without the legacy.

At present there is only one bank account and it was suggested we look to have another interest bearing one for the legacy. It is not known how much interest a Parish Council get, if any, and what might be tax implications. Are we a registered Charity and can we be one? Clerk to find out.

Action CK

Parish Services Scheme:

The 1st instalment of the Parish Services Scheme has been received.

The Chairman asked if there was any activity not planned for in the Parish Services Scheme list sent to MBC? No was the reply. The Churchyard Grass is being mowed. The Parish Council is paying the Church £500 for Churchyard Maintenance and will continue until/if there is any change in circumstance.

What, from the list, has already been paid:

- Insurance paid, less than budgeted for.
- KALC subscription
- John Collins for Annual Audit
- Speedwatch estimate. Not required now as we have our own £250
- (£500 was pledged by Jenny Whittle. Are we still going to get it? Ask her at next Parish meeting)

The general consensus is that we are doing ok financially.

3) Budget and the year ahead

The invoice for the balance of the cost for the Interactive Speed Limit sign still has not been received, £1,300. The Chairman considers we should seek to pay for it and that it needs chasing up.

Action CK

New Speedwatch equipment: The possibility of hiring out the Speedwatch system was discussed. Ulcombe will be interested when they resurrect their Speedwatch group. The Clerk will be asked to ask the Lenham and Headcorn clerks if they would be interested in hire, to have speed checkers at either end of their villages. Egerton and East Sutton will be approached to see if they would be interested in hiring, and a fee of £30 was suggested.

Action RT

Regarding maintenance, it will need re-calibrating every few years, for which it will be returned to the manufacturer. Other than that no maintenance required. Insurance was asked about. It is to be kept at Keith Anderson's for now. The Clerk has checked with our insurer.

Litter Pick - we may buy black bags.

Emergency Plan – Cllr Galton has no costs as yet, but it is progressing more quickly than expected. The next step is to check the work and then send it to KCC for comment. After that it will be published, which may incur some costs.

Neighbourhood Plan - no costs envisaged so far.

Courses - none booked yet.

VAT refund received, £155.

Signatory forms for bank account have been sent off.

A cheque for Robert Turner's expenses was signed by Cllrs Galton and Turner, to be approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Further Information:

Cllr. Turner asked whether money could be set aside for Yew Tree. As this is a matter for the full council it will be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed 8.35pm