

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30th March 2010

A MEETING OF BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD ON Tuesday 30th March 2010 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 Jenny Gibson

4 Members of the Public

1. TO ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Richard Thick, Cllr Jenny Whittle, PC Paul Kemsley, & PCSO Siobhan de Burca.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REGISTER OF INTEREST CHANGES

Ron Galton declared an interest on item 11 – Boughton Malherbe History Society. There were no Register of Interest changes.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2010 plus the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 9th March having previously been distributed were unanimously **Agreed** and the official copies were signed as a true record by the Chairman.

4. LOCAL POLICING

PCSO Siobhan had informed the Clerk that there had been 2 crimes since the last meeting – 1 Theft of Motor Vehicle parts and 1 Theft of a Tractor & trailer.

PCSO de Burca had also reported that there would be another low flying exercise between 22nd March and 1st April in our area.

4.1 Speedwatch

PA reported that The Kings Head and Masons Farm had been approved for Speedwatch. There are 9 volunteers the next step is to arrange training. **ACTION PA**

5. MATTERS ARISING from Minutes of 26th January 2010

5.1 40-30 Mile Speed Limit Changes

The Police Speed Check Area signs have now been sited.

5.2 HGV's Weight Restrictions

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

5.3 No. 59 Bus

After attending a recent meeting in place of John Collins MH reported that both Arriva (Mon-Fri) and Nu-Venture (Sat) have renewed their contracts for the next 4 years with the same services. Service should improve with the new drop down platform buses. **ACTION PA**

5.4 Potholes

PA reported that as of 1st April there will be funds available for pothole repairing which will be carried out on a 'Find & Fix' basis, she said that new potholes are reported constantly with more appearing everyday.

ACTION PA

5.5 Petsfield

Robert Turner and Ron Galton had attended the Planning Meeting held on 25th February. Permission was granted, both RT & RG felt that the Planning Officer had not been prepared to listen to any objections and with regard to the shed that had been erected without permission, the Case Officer advised that a retrospective application should be submitted. It was **Agreed** that RT is to write a letter expressing his concerns with the way in which this application was handled. PA was asked to find out if all the documentation was published and whether the meeting was recorded.

ACTION RT/PA

5.6 Liverton Hill-Improvement to Warning Signs

PA reported that she was constantly in touch with Michael Heath, he was waiting for the results of a Safety Audit which had been carried out. Jenny Whittle had written to KCC with regard to the issue of site meetings being held without anyone from the Parish Council being present – thank you for that Jenny.

ACTION PA

5.7 Gully & Carriageway just below Stream Farm

As we all know nothing is being done about this problem. PA reported that again she was in constant touch with the KCC Liaison Officer, there are problems with drainage saying they can't do anything until the potholes are filled and vice versa and the issue ends up going around in circles. A meeting is due to be held on 21st April with all Team leaders from all departments to decide on a policy going forward, hopefully after this, something will be done.

ACTION PA

5.7 Water leak on Liverton Hill (Opposite Pumping Station)

Still nothing done - ditto above.

ACTION PA

5.8 Blocked Gully/Pothole/Subsidence opposite Ivy House Farm

PA had reported this problem to Kent Highways, to date nothing has been done, hopefully after the meeting on 21st April this will be sorted out. Mike Davidson was asked to email PA with his thoughts on how this matter can be resolved, which she in turn would send to Kent Highways. She was also asked to let Mike know the telephone number for Kent Highways and the website address where members of the public can report problems themselves.

ACTION PA

5.9 Water Leak opposite Crumps Lane

This problem had been reported to Kent Highways to date nothing has been done. PA would chase.

ACTION PA

6. PUBLIC SESSION

A resident from the bungalows in Woodcock Lane reported on the problems they were having when it had rained heavily. The road floods, water had flowed down the driveways and under the bungalows. One of the major factors is a drain at the bottom of Church Road, the gully has been marked out for 6 months is still blocked nothing has been done about it because Kent Highways are saying it's on private property. After the road had been re-surfaced this had made things worse as the road was 2 inches higher, Kent Highways had put a tarmac hump???? across 2 of the driveways which in turn was sending the water into the end bungalow. It was **Agreed** that the Clerk should contact Kent Highways urgently and arrange for a site meeting before the road is actually washed away and further damage caused to the properties. **ACTION PA**

It was reported that the Chinook had been flying low over the Parish during the last week and also on 29th March around midday.

Litter Picking was discussed, as there is plenty of it around the village. PA is to find out from MBC whether they might provide litter picking tools and if not it was **Agreed** that the Parish Council would buy some.

ACTION PA

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Petsfield, Eastwood Road, Boughton Malherbe ME17 2DQ – MA/09/1891

Change of use from grazing to residential for Gypsy family, stationing of 2 mobile homes, 1 touring caravan, hard standing and associated works – Since approved (see Item 5.5 above).

7.1 Planning Decisions Taken

Broadstone House, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, ME17 2AT- 10/217

Application for a non- material amendment following a grant of planning permission MA/08/09/0681 (Erection of a single storey rear extension(amendment to MA/08/2078) being reduction in size to fit into the corrected party line as shown on Drawing No BSH - Refused

8. CORRESPONDENCE

MBC Changes to Concessionary Travel Entitlement & Organisation
 KALC – Minutes of Meeting 4th February 2010-04-24
 Kent Wildlife Trust – Updated Kent schedules
 MBC – Adoption of Model Conditions 2008 for Residential Caravan Sites
 Kent Highway Services – Winter damage pothole repairs
 Royal Air Force – Low Flying complaint
 Protect Kent – A View from the Villages
 Highways Agency – Controlled Motorway M20 Junctions 4-7 Response to Consultation

9. FINANCE

9.1 Finance Meeting

The Minutes and results of the Finance Meeting held on 9th March 2010 were **Noted**

9.2 Confirmation of Payments already made

It was proposed by Councillor Hitchins and seconded by Councillor Close **'that the Council approve the payments made at the Finance Meeting totalling £4201.75'**. This was **Agreed**

9.3 Cheques for Signature

After having produced an invoice detailing hours and expenses, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Councillor Wickens **'that the Council approve the following payment'**. This was **Agreed** and the cheque was signed.

000333 – Mrs Pat Anderson – Gross Salary and Expenses	£ 924.74
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9.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance in Hand b/fwd 26th January '10	£5172.03
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The following cheques have been issued:-

300326-300332	Detail as per Finance Minutes 9/3	4201.75
300333	P. Anderson	924.74

Closing Balance 30th March '10	<u>£ 45.54</u>
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The Members perused the Cash Book and **Approved** the year end balance of £45.54 to be carried forward.

10. Financial Regulations

Having been previously circulated to the Members, it was **Resolved** that the Financial Regulations be adopted.

11. Boughton Malherbe History Society

Councillor Galton reported that they are still in the process of seeking approval from those mentioned in the book. Businesses within the Parish are also being contacted to see if they would like to advertise in the publication and because of the good response this offer would not be expanded to businesses outside of the Parish

12. ANY OTHER INFORMATION ITEMS/ARISING

Members discussed the recent arrival of new Travellers at The Meadows site on Headcorn Road . A High Court Injunction was taken out on 29th March to remove them.

The Social Housing in the Parish is now owned by a company called Golding Homes.

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The Clerk informed the Members that she had received a copy of an email from Hugh Hammerton which he had written to the Footpath Officer in reply to his communication regarding the Oil Tank that had been placed on Footpath KH427. The letter was read out by the Clerk.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

18th May 2010 Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed. Dated