



# Boughton Malherbe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.30pm in Grafty Green Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs R Galton (Chair); R Turner; J Collins;  
Clerk Mr Chris Hume

In attendance: 7 members of public

Cllr Galton opened meeting

1. **Anybody filming or recording this meeting to declare it.** None
2. **Apologies – to receive and accept apologies for absence.** PCSO John Boyd and Cllr. Martin Round
3. **Declarations:**
  - Any lobbying** None
  - Any interest in items on the Agenda** - John Collins regarding the Grant to St Nicholas' Church (item 13.5)
  - Any changes to the register of pecuniary interests** None
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 approved
5. **Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising
6. **Public Session** – Mr Roger Cunningham spoke in support of his representation at item 15 on the agenda
7. **KCC/MBC Reports** – Cllr Shellina Prendergast reported on: the Maidstone Highways Strategic Consultation, Highways England abandoning the lorry park idea, Operation Brock has been replaced; Bus pilot launch; Coronavirus – Shellina will provide KCC advice for our website. Cllr Karen Cappell-Tay reported on: Martin Round has returned to council activities; Never End Farm Planning Application rejected but appealed; The Meadows Public Enquiry to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June; Local Plan consultation offer to meet Parish councils
8. **Planning Outcomes since 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019** – none. Noted agricultural building changes on Chantler's Farm.
9. **Points of Interest Stone** – noted presentation received from Sue Burch. Agreed to meet Sue to discuss next steps
10. **Local Policing/Community**
  - 10.1 Police/Crime Report – noted stats previously circulated
  - 10.2 Speedwatch – there was nothing to report
11. **Highway and Footway Matters**
  - 11.1 Liverton Hill, Ditches, gullies, potholes – KCC have repaired potholes on Headcorn Road. Holes on the edge of the road near Park House and in Woodcock Lane to be reported. Cllr Turner to contact KCC regarding landslide on Liverton Hill and why not cleared.
  - 11.2 59 Bus – agreed to support and monitor the pilot

- 11.3 Highways Improvement Plan – noted the outcome of the meeting with KCC Highways on 30<sup>th</sup> January, a revised scheme has been drafted but the plan was not ready for publishing. It was agreed that the plan will be finalised and made available for public viewing in the Village Hall. A note will be circulated to all households notifying residents of progress and inviting to a public meeting to be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm. Noted the amended Highways Improvement Plan and note of meeting with KCC Highways circulated separately
- 11.4 Footpaths – the landowner has agreed to replace the stile on footpath KH483 with a gate. MBC have been asked to install the gate. Clerk to chase and obtain a date from MBC
- 11.5 Noted outcome of the meeting with Simon Jones, KCC Director of Highways and Transportation
- 11.6 Litter – noted pick-up scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March
- 12. **Councillor Reports on any External Meetings attended** – Cllr Galton attended KALC; Cllr Collins attended East of Maidstone Bus Group; Cllr Turner attended SOHL, ASB meeting in Headcorn
- 13. **Finance**
  - 13.1 Noted the Balance at the Bank:
 

Nat West	£5,861.72
Nationwide	£25,230.28
Cambridge and Counties	£ 85,492.65
  - 13.2 Income since the last meeting : None
  - 13.3 Bank Reconciliation – agreed and signed statement
  - 13.4 Cheques signed: St Nichols Church £500; Village Hall Meetings £153; Traffic Calming Plan £31.20
  - 13.5 Authorisation of any payments since the last meeting: Julian Smith Essex £22.68; Tom La Dell (traffic calming base plan)£39.60
  - 13.6 End of Year – Outstanding bills are Clerk’s salary, Christmas Tree event(2<sup>nd</sup> payment) Clerk to chase
  - 13.7 Approved the purchase of a new laptop for the Clerk
- 14. **MBC Survey on Gypsy and Traveller Sites** – agreed a response to the online survey. Clerk to submit
- 15. **Representation Received from a member of the public** – the representation attached to the agenda was noted
- 16. **Date for the Annual General Meeting** – agreed 18th May
- 17. **2020 Parish Council Election** – agreed to place publicity notice on the notice board
- 18. **Recent Purchase of Land to the North of the Parish by Forestry England and Implications for a Possible Lorry Park** – noted recent developments
- 19. **Correspondence** - CPRE request to increase the Council’s contribution – agreed to continue to contribute £36. Air Ambulance Service request for a donation – agreed to donate £200 from the legacy fund
- 20. **Further Information – none**

The meeting closed at  
9.07pm

