



# Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

## PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14 June 2024 at 7.15pm, Perry Court Tearoom, Perry Court Farm, Canterbury Road, Ashford, TN25 4ES

**Present:**

Cllr Peter Burrows  
Cllr Adrian Coles  
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox  
Cllr Spencer Phillips  
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

**Absent:**

Cllr Paul Curry  
Cllr Chelsea Pearce

**In attendance:**

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

**63/24. Apologies and for reasons for absence**

None received.

64/24.

**Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None declared

**65/24. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting**

None in attendance

**66/23. Minutes**

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15 May 2024 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

67/24.

- i. Resolved: to note bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/5/24
- ii. Resolved: to agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made. Councillors Titmuss & Phillips to authorise online payments.
- iii. Resolved: to receive and note the report of the internal auditor.

68/24. i. The effectiveness of the system of Internal Control was reviewed and approved.

ii. Resolved: to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-24, year ending 31 March 2024 (pg.4).

iii. To approve the Accounting Statements for 2023-24, Section 2 (pg.5) of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2024, the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2024 and the explanation of the significant variations from 2022-23 to 2023-24.

iv. To note the proposed dates for the Exercise of Public Rights as selected by the Council's Responsible Finance Officer (17 June to 26 July 2024).

v. Options provided by the external auditor should an error be identified were considered. Council decided to accept an audit report with an exception (comment) rather than take the opportunity to amend the error and receive a clean audit report (for which a small fee applies).

69/24. Resolved: to approve a grant application from All Saints Church, Boughton Aluph to provide £500 towards providing a free to attend community concert by Big Sound Collective.

70/24. Resolved: to approve the updated risk register.

71/24. The Clerk reported that she and Councillor Titmuss had attended a very comprehensive all-day community resilience event hosted by Ashford Borough Council and attended by a diverse range of speakers and agencies. Clerk & Cllr Titmuss to review which elements may be applicable to local need and bring to the council.

72/24. Correspondence for attention of Councillors was noted:

i. a written update from South East water regarding Pilgrims Way Pumping Station had been received (circulated with agenda papers). Borough Councillor Michael had written to the Clerk to advise he had made enquiries of KCC Highways regarding the site and would advise when a meeting would occur. Cllr Burrows noted that he had spoken to a KCC engineer on a site visit (as a neighbour). KCC will ensure as usual, that any relevant ditches adjacent to the site remain cleared by landowners.

ii. correspondence (circulated) had been received from County Councillor Charlie

Simkins following Highways questions raised at the Parish annual meeting.

73/24. Case Reference: NOT/2024/0959

Location: 8 Guernsey Way, Kennington, TN24 9LW

Proposal: Prior Notification received on 22.05.2024 and expiring on 03.07.2024 for a single-storey rear extension with a depth of 3.60m, eaves height of 2.30m and overall height of 3.50m.

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No objection

Case Reference: PA/2024/1007

Location: White Hill Grain Store, White Hill, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent TN25 4HB

Proposal: Erection of new crop store following the demolition of existing building and silos

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No objection

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

## Appendix 1

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£	96.00	16.00	RP Wood Ltd
£	7.00	0.00	Mrs RJ Girt - paper
£	3,878.22	0.00	KCC
£	48.00	8.00	RP Wood Ltd
£	10.00	0.00	Perry Court Farm
£	28.45	0.00	J Hardie

reimburse memorial plants

Credit Card dated 2 May:

£

Card fee 3.00

RWG mobile 3.50 (of which VAT 0.58)