



## Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 11 June 2025** at Perry Court Tea Room, Canterbury Road, Ashford, TN25 4ES starting at 7.15pm.

**Present:**

Cllr Steven Bartholemew  
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox  
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

**Absent:**

Cllr Peter Burrows  
Cllr Adrian Coles  
Cllr Paul Curry  
Cllr Chelsea Pearce  
Cllr Spencer Phillips

**In attendance:**

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

66/25. Apologies were noted and reasons for absence were accepted from Councillors Coles, Curry, Phillips and Pearce.

**67/25. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

Interests must be re-declared when an item is called.

Councillor Fermor-Fox declared an interest as a nearby resident in respect of planning application 21/01789/AS. Councillors agreed a dispensation for Councillor Fermor-Fox to remain in the meeting in order that the meeting remained quorate. She declared her intention to not comment during the discussion, and take no part in any voting.

**68/25 Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting**

None present

#### 69/25. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2025 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

#### 70/25. Finance

- i. **Resolved:** to note income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/5/25.
- ii. **Resolved:** to agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made. Councillors Titmuss & Pearce (invoices to be supplied) to authorise online payments.

71/25. i. The effectiveness of the system of Internal Control (Annual Internal Control Report, pg 3) was reviewed and approved.

- ii. **Resolved:** to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2024-25, Section 1 of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2025 (pg.4).

iii. **Resolved:** to approve the Accounting Statements for 2024-25, Section 2 (pg.5) of the AGAR for the year ending 31 March 2025, the supporting Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2025 and the explanation of the significant variations from 2023-24 to 2024-25.

- iv. **Resolved:** to note the proposed dates for the Exercise of Public Rights as selected by the Council's Responsible Finance Officer (13 June to 24 July 2025).

v. The options provided by external auditor in the case of an error being identified were reviewed. It was agreed to accept the opportunity that, should the need arise, the opportunity would be taken to amend a reporting error and receive a clean audit report (for which a small fee applies).

72/25. The Clerk reported that permission had been given to Royal British Legion Industries to register their fundraising walkers (finishing the Tommy Trek) on the Green and for the erection of a small gazebo.

The Clerk had attended a Kent Police 'drop-in' for the Ashford Rural North area. She spoke with the local officer about the current issues and made him aware of the Parish Council small grant scheme for community groups.

73/74 . Correspondence had been received from Ashford Borough Council regarding the new Stour Environmental credits company, Stour Environmental Credits Ltd (SEC). It is currently seeking to appoint suitable providers / installers to convert existing septic tanks and private package treatment plants to high efficacy private package treatment plants (PTPs).

A Consultation on Queens Platinum Jubilee park (Chilmington) has been launched, it is accessible on the Ashford Borough Council website for those that may be interested.

#### 74/25 i. **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council is a consultee of Ashford Borough Council, the Local Planning Authority. The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority.

Councillor Fermor-Fox re-declared her interest and her intention to take no part in the discussion (noting the dispensation 67/25) or any voting.

<b>Case Reference:</b>	<a href="#">21/01789/AS</a>
<b>Location:</b>	Apple Tree Cottage, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HY
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of detached two bedroom dwelling with garden space and off-street parking
<b>Reasons:</b>	Amended plans

Comment to Ashford Borough Council to refer to previous comments made regarding the application, as there is no new comment to add to those made in November 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

#### **Appendix 1**

To pay:

Gross	VAT	Supplier
£ 54.00	9.00	RP Wood (mowing)
£ 486.00	81.00	The Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd
£ 175.50	29.25	Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd

Credit Card 2 May:

	£
Card fee	3.00
RWG mobile	3.50
Bilting Self Storage	46.00
The Bell Tent Shop (VE lamp)	28.00