



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 7.15pm,
Goat Lees Primary School, Hurst Road, Kennington, TN24 9RR

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Steven Bartholemew
Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Paul Curry

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

13/25. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Resolved: to accept reason for absence from Cllr Fermor-Fox (illness)

14/25. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

15/25. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None present

16/25. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 January 2025 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

17/25. Finance

- i. Resolved: to note income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/1/25.
- ii. Resolved: to agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made. Councillors Pearce and Titmuss to authorise online payments.
- iii. Resolved: to agree overspend on small grants scheme budget by up to £2000 in the current financial year.

18/25

Resolved: to purchase a [lamp light of peace](#) at a cost of £55 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE on May 8 2025. Council to arrange a simple lighting of the lamp at 9.30pm at the war memorial in line with the [National schedule](#).

19/25.

Resolved: to purchase a pair of [Tommy statues](#) (1.47m version) from Royal British Legion Industries at a cost of £for temporary and periodic placement and use around the time of Remembrance and other Commemorations. Options on additional sheet.

20/25.

Resolved: to agree Parish Council newsletter spring delivery at a cost of £135 plus VAT, (with small sections to be delivered by volunteers).

21/25.

Resolved: to award a grant to Challock Youth Club (£500) for sports activity sessions.

22/25.

i. Cricket pavilion build

The project managers reported that the Groundworks Contractor commenced work on 3rd March and had driven a couple of piles on-site. Unfortunately, the screw pile driving machine's drilling unit broke down and needed repair by the supplier. It was assumed that the groundworks would be completed by the end of this week. Modular contractor was expected to commence installation work on 17th February.

ii. Speedwatch

Replacement battery unit received yesterday.

iii. Openreach West side of the Green

Postcodes TN25 4HP, TN25 4HX, TN25 4HT have been logged with a request for updates to be provided to the Parish Council email. As expected however, there are no plans for upgrading the network in the next few years.

Cllr Adrian Coles to look into any further options.

23/25. The Parish Council response to the [government consultation](#) on 'Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England' was agreed. Clerk to submit agreed responses.

24/25. To consider supporting the campaign to improve electrical safety of lithium-ion batteries launched by Lord Foster of Bath and the charity Electrical Safety First.

25/25. The Clerk reported that as Kent was unexpectedly not included in first tranche of conversions to Unitary authorities, Kent County Council elections will take place in May as planned. With regard to devolution plans, KALC will keep us updated.

Councillors Phillips and Titmuss are booked onto the next KALC Chairman's conference.

The next basic councillor training will be held online on 28 April 6.30-8.30pm. Please could any Councillors who have not attended (formerly The Dynamic Councillor) check diaries and let me know if you would like a place.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the KCC webinar about community wardens. But will follow up to see what information (in addition to the summary sheet we already have) is available.

Planning Enforcement training from Ashford Borough Council has moved to the earlier time of 6pm on 5 March.

26/25. 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.

None notified.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Appendix 1

To pay:

Gross	VAT	Supplier
£192.00	£32.00	Unipar
£168.00	£28.00	Kent Association of Local Councils
£190.00	nil	SLCC

Credit Card 2 January:

	£
Card fee	3.00
RWG mobile	3.50