



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 21 January 2026 in the Hardy Room, St Christopher's Church, Faversham Road, Boughton Lees, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4EU

Present:

Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Steven Bartholemew
Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Paul Curry
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Spencer Phillips

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

The meeting began at 7.32, following the meeting of the trustees of Playing Fields & Recreation
133/25. Apologies with reasons were approved from Councillors Bartholemew (prior commitment, Coles, Fermor-Fox and Phillips (work commitments).

134/25. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying
Interests must be re-declared when an item is called.

135/25 Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting
None present

136/25. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 December 2025 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Titmuss.

137/25. Finance

i. **Resolved:** to note income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/12/25.

ii. **Resolved:** to agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made.
Councillors Pearce & Titmuss to authorise online payments.

138/25. The receipt of the interim internal audit report as noted and the contents reviewed.

139/25. **Resolved:** to award a grant of £420 to Age UK Hythe, Lyminge and Ashford (registered charity number 1125274) for the Chatty Café scheme running at the Pheasant public house.

140/25. The Clerks report was received (appended). It was reported that since publication

- there had been a Highways Improvement Plan meeting with KCC, who will be progressing options on the plan
- KCC Plan Officers will arrange for the repair of the roundel on Wye Road likely damaged by utilities work
- PC Hopkins supported a speedwatch volunteer session (4 reports logged)

141/25. The death has been announced of Jerry Clarkson CBE, former leader of Ashford Borough Councillor.

142/25. **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council is a *consultee* of Ashford Borough Council, the Local Planning Authority. The Parish Council *is not* the Planning Authority (it does not make planning decisions).

Case Reference: [PA/2025/1571](#)

Location: Shepherds Hut at, Kempes Hall, Harville Road, Wye

Proposal: Change of use of land and siting of a shepherd's hut for use as a holiday let (Retrospective)

No objection

ii. Planning Appeal

To consider whether any further comment is required to the planning inspectorate in addition to that noted in the bundle (November 2021) available to the inspector.

Appellant: Mr N Hanson

Proposal: [Erection of detached two bedroom dwelling with garden space and off-street parking](#)

Location: Apple Tree Cottage, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HY

Appeal Start Date: 02/01/2026

No further comment to be added

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Appendix 1

Gross	VAT		
600.00	0.00		Boughton & Eastwell Cricket Club
269.58	44.93		Mulberry LAS
395.00	0.00		Invicta Arboriculture
54.00	9.00		RP Wood
390.00	0.00		Perry Court Tearoom
252.00	42.00		Mazars LLP
25.00	0.00		A Fuggle t/a Sandyacres

Credit Card December:

Card fee	3.00
RWG mobile	3.50
Bilting Self Storage	46.00

Report of the Clerk to the Parish Council: 21/1/26

Sandyacres Proposed Padel Court

- The Clerk & Chairman met with Winston Michael, chair of trustees, Sandyacres Trust. Sandyacres Trust now proposes to build a padel court, not a tennis court. With regard to Ashford Borough Council's proposed use of the PC to reclaim VAT on s.106 monies, no mechanism has yet been identified or recommended to the Parish Council. If further information is received, advice will be taken to see if any assistance can be given.

Changes to lease at Sandyacres

- The solicitor acting for the Parish Council has received a map showing the area to be used by Battery Box. This appeared to be incorrect, being contrary to information that the Parish Council had received. She will advise when there is further information.

Tree pruning on village green

- A planning permission application for tree works in a conservation area has been submitted for pruning the oak tree as advised by the arborist.

Replacement defibrillator cases

- Payment was made at the end of November, the Clerk has followed up with Community Heartbeat Trust regarding a delivery date for the remaining two lockable cases.

Community Warden update

- KCC are looking at warden availability and allocation for our warden. A reporting mechanism for Parish-funded wardens on their work is under development.