



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell
PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th JUNE
2019 IN THE IRON ROOM, BOUGHTON LEES AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips (Chairman)

Cllr Nigel Bunker (Vice-chair)

Cllr Adrian Coles

Cllr Jane Hart

Cllr Ken Newman

Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

Action
by:

Three members of the public were present.

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 14th May 2019 be approved and confirmed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

None

5. Adjournment for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

A local resident addressed the Parish Council to outline his proposals to build an additional detached house on his site, and answered a question about the proposed position. The Chairman thanked him for attending and noted that until a planning application was submitted and notified by Ashford Borough Council no comment could be made by the Parish Council.

6. Financial Reports

6.1. The Statement of Account at 31/5/2018 was reviewed and accepted.

6.2. The authorisation of accounts

Resolved: That the following payments be made by cheque.

Chq	Payable to	Description	Gross	VAT	Net
1575	Dunn Virtually	Compilation of NP response data ready for Tony Fullwood	100.00	0.00	100.00
1576	Satswana	DPO & GDPR services	180.00	30.00	150.00
1577	R Girt	Reimburse ink & postage	37.80	5.91	31.89
1578	R Girt	May salary, April overtime and office allowance	699.00	0.00	699.00
1579	Boughton Aluph Pleasure Fayre	PA system - replacement unbanked cheque from 2018	137.99	0.00	137.99
1580	Kent Association of Local Councils	Dynamic Councillor Course for J Hart	60.00	10.00	50.00

Cheque 1575 was authorised for payment by the Clerk prior to the meeting, as per financial regulations (items already budgeted for and necessary for business function).

6.3. The Statement of Internal Control (signed by the auditor) was reviewed by the Council and noted.

6.4. Annual Governance Statements 1-9 were reviewed by the Council, agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

6.5. The Accounting Statements 2018/2019 were agreed by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

6.6. The audit took place on 21st May, the written internal audit report had not yet been received from the Internal Auditor.

7.Co-option of Parish Councillors

Jenny Li

Proposer: Cllr Phillips

Seconder: Cllr Bunker

Jenny Li was duly elected to the Parish Council.

The remaining individuals who had expressed an interest are yet to meet with members of the Parish Council. Once informal interviews have taken place, an additional, extraordinary meeting will be called to hold co-option elections.

8. St Mary's Churchyard, Eastwell

Cllr Coles circulated pictures of damage caused recently at St Mary's Churchyard Eastwell. The possibility of Parish Council support to extend the iron fencing to prevent vehicles gaining access was discussed, as was re-securing other access. It was noted that the owner of the site is the charity Friends of Friendless Churches. Clerk to investigate fencing supply. Chairman to speak to adjacent landowner.

9. 'Meet your Councillor' coffee morning proposal

Cllr Larry Krause, Downs West Ward Ashford Borough Council had asked about such an idea at the Annual Parish Meeting. He is willing to attend. The proposal for one weekday event and another weekend slot was supported. Clerk to find out costs to hold these in the back bar of the Flying Horse.

10. Working with Borough and County Councillors, meeting invitations

Members were supportive of developing closer working relationships with the Borough and County Councillors. Clerk to advise of Parish Council meeting dates and advise that Ashford Borough and County Councillors were welcome to attend.

11. Parish Magazine

There was support for a short magazine/newsletter publication in principal. Cllr Bunker suggested three times a year might be a suitable frequency. Consideration should be made of how delivery might be achieved. Clerk to obtain outline costings.

12. Project updates

12.1. Bus Shelter

The application for lawful development has been granted. Awaiting build timings from Simon Thurston, the builder.

12.2. Neighbourhood Plan

The analysis of Regulation 14 responses to draft plan has begun. Parish Council will be kept updated and consulted when the responses have been examined and made ready for decision by Tony Fullwood, Planning Consultant.

12.3. Wye Road Layby

Awaiting opportunity for Chairman to discuss with Tom Fermor.

13.1. Planning applications received

None

13.2. Planning decisions notified by Ashford Borough Council

19/00368/AS

Bus stop west side of The Green, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent

Lawful development certificate - proposed - construction of a wooden bus shelter and extension to hard standing

Proposed use would be lawful

19/00363/AS

El Ashere, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4EP

First floor extension above existing double garage and conversion of garage into habitable room. Balcony to North-East elevation, alterations to first floor windows on North-West elevation. Demolition of existing outbuilding and replacement of triple garage with room above

Permit

00/001572

Phase 2 Goat Lees, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph

Variation of condition 20 of planning approval 97/1031/AS to provide a play area landscaped without play equipment

Dispose of undetermined

14. Correspondence

A request had been received from the Boughton Aluph and Eastwell Residents Association that the Parish Council pay for the purchase of a memorial bench to be sited on the Village Green, with the Residents Association paying for a memorial inscription plaque.

Councillors and the Residents Association noted the published memorial bench policy.

Councillors considered the funding Power Section 137 that would apply in this case. The number of residents benefitting from Section 137 expenditure must be proportionate to expenditure.

The Council decided that it would not fully fund a memorial bench, Members encouraged the Residents Association to re-consider applying for a grant towards the same. The Parish Council wished to note the decision

not to fully fund was no reflection on the contribution to village life made by the individual to be remembered.

Chris Morley (Councillor at Kennington Community Council and Lay Member for Public and Patient Engagement, Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group) had provided information regarding the local Clinical Commissioning Group and local health participation bodies should this be of interest to the Parish Council to pursue information on primary care provision.

An email had been received from Larry Krause thanking all those involved in the Pleasure Fayre which he had attended with his wife. Cllr Krause also passed on his apologies for being unable to attend this Parish Council meeting.

15. Information items

The Clerk is booked to attend the SLCC (Professional Body for Clerks) Regional Training Seminar.

16. Future Agenda Items

17. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at Sandyacres Sports and Social Club from 7.15pm