



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7.15pm, Iron Room, Faversham Road, Boughton Lees, Ashford

Present:

Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Jenny Li
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Duncan Tennant

Absent:

Cllr Ian Brisley
Cllr Jane Hall
Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Adrian Coles was elected to chair the meeting.

25/23. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Phillips (work), Brisley (family commitment) Councillor Hall (Goat Lees School governor meeting) & Councillor Titmuss (annual leave).

Resolved: To approve reasons for absence.

26/23. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

27/23. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None requested.

28/23. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 February 2023 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman of the meeting

29/23. Finance

- i. Resolved: to receive bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 28/2/23
- ii. Resoled: to approve payments and note payments made (appendix 1), Councillors Coles & Li to authorise payments.

30/23

It was noted that the internal audit has been booked for June with Mulberry & Co. The Clerk has spoken to the new auditor.

31/33

i. A rowan tree has been planted on the Green to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of the late Queen Elizabeth II. It has been logged on the Queens Green Canopy map. Mr Vic Lilley was thanked for planting the tree.

ii. Parish councillors attending and Borough Cllr Larry Krause were thanked for attending the 'Meet Your Councillors' events that were held on Saturday 4 March

iii. Councillor Hall advised that Goat Lees Primary School would be pleased to receive seeds for the children.

iv. Defibrillator awareness session is booked for 20 April Councillors were asked to please promote the event & consider attending.

32/23.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 received

ii. To note planning decisions made by Ashford Borough Council

22/01044/AS

Boughton and Eastwell Cricket Pavilion The Green, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, TN25 4HX Reconstruction of Cricket Pavilion and Cricket Nets
(Resubmission of application 18/01675/AS) **Approve with conditions**

PA/2022/2182 6 Eastwell Terrace, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, TN25 4HY Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer extension, first-floor infill extension and ground-floor infill extension. **Approve with conditions**

PA/2022/2657 1 Midleton Cottage, Faversham Road, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent TN25 4HP Proposed single-storey side extension following demolition of existing single-storey outhouse Lenacre Street **Approve with conditions**

21/01754/AS 2 Gardeners House, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HP Single storey office and storage building to rear of existing dwelling. **Approve with conditions**

iii. The Parish Council is no longer receiving notifications of planning decisions. In response to a query raised, Ashford Borough Council advised that this is no longer possible with the new IT planning system.

Clerk to write to Simon Cole (Head of Planning & Development) at Ashford Borough Council with the Parish Council concerns that where planning applications have major changes made to their schemes, the Parish Council is not generally re-consulted.

33/23.i. Resolved: that the Parish Council sign up to the Civility & Respect Pledge

ii. Resolved: to approve adoption of the associated policy to the pledge entitled 'Dignity at Work'

iii. Resolved: to approve creation of a staffing committee as recommended best practice.

34/23. Resolved: i. to cease operation of a dedicated website (parishplan.org) for the Neighbourhood Plan.

ii. Resolved: to approve retention of domain name for an additional year, redirected to Parish Council website with review for use after a year.

35/23.i. It was agreed to investigate the proposal to hold a community engagement event (by invitation). It will be aimed at both local voluntary sector organisations and local businesses to bring people together, create local opportunities and raise awareness of the Parish Council's role in the local community.

ii. Councillor Phillips to follow up potential room hire & refreshment sponsorship for event.

36/23. Resolved: to approve dedication of an existing bench with a coronation commemorative plaque

37/23 i. Correspondence had been received from Sandyhurst Lane Residents Association regarding the Highways Improvement Plan and offering assistance if it should be required. The SLRA were thanked and updated on progress, including the KCC Highways response to Parish Council proposals for speed reduction and traffic calming in Sandyhurst Lane. KCC had assessed that the road conditions were not compatible with a speed change.

ii. It was noted that the Parish Council is a corporate body, has approved policies & procedures, and follows up to date, sector specific best practice & advice.

iii. Notification had been made to Ashford Borough Council environmental health of a proposal to apply for a Zoo Licence (for falconry at the Falconry Centre, Eastwell Manor). Environmental health had advised that the licence related to falconry activities .

38/23.

No future agenda items added.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Appendix 1

To pay:

Amount	VAT	
46.00	7.00	Bilting Farm Self Storage
1,006.00	0.00	Kent County Council – Design Fee 20mph zone * paid*
30.00	0.00	Towers Tiny Tots – Hall Hire
60.00	0.00	Mrs A Fuggle t/a Sandyacres
187.87	0.00	Mrs R J Girt expenses – mileage & refreshments for event
89.86	14.98	Ashford Borough Council – printroom newsletters

Paid:

Credit Card paid 3/2/23

Hugo Fox	29.99
Fee	3.00

