



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell  
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.15pm (remotely via Zoom).

**Present:**

Cllr Spencer Phillips  
Cllr Doreen Titmuss  
Cllr Laura Atkins  
Cllr Adrian Coles  
Cllr Jane Hall  
Cllr Duncan Tennant

**Absent:**

Cllr Jenny Li

**In attendance:**

Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

Borough Councillor Larry Krause (Downs West Ward) sent his apologies as he was attending the Sandyhurst Lane Residents Association AGM.

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**30/21. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Li sent her apologies due to work commitments.

Resolved: to accept the reason for absence from Cllr Li

**31/21. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None declared

**32/21. Adjournment for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting**

No adjournment was requested.

### 33/21. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 February 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record and approved for later signature.

### 34/21. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

### 35/21. Finance

- i. The bank reconciliation and income and expenditure account for the period ended 28/2/21 were received and noted.
- ii. The payments schedule and credit card payment summary were presented and agreed:

#### Payments to make

SLCC Membership Renewal	£166.00
Tony Fullwood Associates	£2044.80
Maps4Planners	£62.50

#### Credit card payments made for month ended 31/1 (statement date 2/2/21)

Atlassian (remote storage)	£88.10
Hugo Fox monthly fee	£29.99
Zoom subscription	£14.39
Credit Card Fee	£3.00

<u>Total</u>	<u>£135.48</u>
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iii. Following the discontinuation of webhosting provided by Kent County Council, a grant of £632.38 has been received towards website creation and the first year website running costs from Kent County Council. The proposal from Ashford Borough Council to award a Council Tax Transitional (one off) grant of £162, based on the impact on band D tax of loss of concurrent functions and council tax support grants was noted.

iv. Resolved: to add Councillors Li & Titmuss to Lloyds Bank Mandate

v. Resolved: to add Councillors Atkins & Titmuss to Unity Trust Bank Mandate

vi. Deferred pending further information

### 36/21.i. Planning Applications

#### **21/00231/AS**

**Home Farm, Eastwell Park, Eastwell, Ashford, TN25 4JT**

Proposed new cattle building, feedstore and associated hard surfacing

**No objection**

#### **21/00302/AS**

**Gardeners House, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HP**

Construction of detached garage with dormer and first floor storage

**Objection comment**

36/21.ii Planning applications decided by Ashford Borough Council were noted

#### 20/01169/AS

Touchwood, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HY

Alteration and widening of driveway and erection of fencing. New window to rear elevation.

Permit

#### 20/01744/AS

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

Widen driveway to improve access and the removal of a tree (retrospective)

Permit

#### 21/00708/AS

Acacia Lodge, 402 Sandyhurst Lane, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4PF

Proposed single storey rear extension

Permit

#### 21/00056/AS

82 Guernsey Way, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 9LW

First floor side extension over existing garage/ storage room

Permit

37/21.

- i. Standing Orders were reviewed
- ii. Resolved: to adopt revised Standing Orders

38/21.

- i. Risk Register was reviewed
- ii. Resolved: to adopt revised Risk Register

39/21.

- i. The Complaints Policy was reviewed
- ii. Resolved: to adopt Complaints Policy

40/21. Updates

**Updates**

- i. Neighbourhood Plan: progress update

The report of the Independent Examiner (fact checking version) is due to be received by the end of the week. Given that we have received notice of this to be received, it means that no further questions have been raised by the examiner.

- ii. Highways Improvement Plan: joint A251 consortium submission to Levelling Up fund

The consortium of Boughton Aluph & Eastwell, Challock and Sheldwich & Badlesmere Parish Councils has submitted proposed safety work to the A251 as a potential project. This was in response to a call for capital projects administered by the Kent Resilience Forum and Kent & Medway Economic Partnership for potential central government funding. At this stage it does not require any capital commitment from the Parish Council. The exact dates for future funding calls and eligibility criteria are not yet known.

41/21. Correspondence received was noted.

- Damian Green's office responded to the letter regarding support for extending legislation for virtual meetings. He is aware & had already raised it with Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Community and Local Government.
- The Chairman of Sandyacres Trust responded regarding the tennis courts. Costs for refurbishment had been sought by the trust and it was too high, there is therefore no current intention to bring them back into service. They are in use as overflow car park.
- Cllr Phillips highlighted parts of the minutes from the March 2021 area Committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils. Items of note included a detailed report from a meeting between the area Vice-Chairman with Ashford Borough Council Interim Head of Planning & Development Gillian MacInnes. She has introduced structural changes in organisation, recruitment and procedure. Ashford Borough Council has agreed to publish pre-application advice relevant to live planning applications, and policy is that where an application is objected to by a Parish Council, but consent is proposed, reasons should be discussed with the Parish Clerk. This policy is not being

implemented due to time constraints. Further matters reported included the quality of the planning function. Cllr Phillips suggested that the Parish Council may wish to write to Ashford Borough Council regarding the consultation policy not being implemented.

#### 42/21. Information Items

- Terry Martin, CEO at Kent Association of Local Councils had updated clerks at the SLCC AGM regarding virtual meetings. Lobbying continues. The awaited declaration from the High Court as to whether remote meetings may continue hinges on the definition of terms in existing legislation.
- Councillors were thanked for responding to the poll for dates for the amended Annual Parish Meeting for 2021.
- Nikki Ellis has ceased to be a Councillor by non-attendance. Ashford Borough Council has published the notice of vacancy.

43/21. No items to be considered for inclusion on future agendas were brought forward.

**The meeting closed at 8.15pm.**