



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 7.15pm, Baptist Chapel, Wye Road, Boughton Lees, TN25 4JA

Present:

Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Paul Curry

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

25/24. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Approved: Reasons for absence for Councillor Curry (family commitment)

26/24.

Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared

27/24. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None in attendance

28/23. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 February 2024 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

29/24.

i. Resolved: to note bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 29/2/24

ii. Resolved: to agree the payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made (appendix 1). Councillors Pearce and Titmuss to authorise on-line payments.

iii. Resolved: to agree Financial Regulations.

iv. Resolved: to add Councillor Peter Burrows to the Unity Trust Bank mandate as an additional signatory.

30/24. Resolved: to award a grant of £500 to Towers Tiny Tots (registered charity number 1149802) to go towards supporting community learning resource bags and food bank.

31/24. The Clerk reported that further to queries regarding the responsibilities of the Parish Council as Custodian Trustee for Sandyacres, independent legal advice had been taken to supplement previous enquiries made with Ashford Borough Council and generalised legal advice issued by National Association of Local Councils on custodian trusteeship. A sector specific solicitor in Parish & Town Council law had reviewed the documentation.

It was advised that the Parish Council holds the legal title to the property comprised in the lease from Ashford Borough Council as corporate Custodian Trustee. As such it has no administrative function in the Charity. The arrangement with the Trustees arises because the Charity is not incorporated and is unable to enter into transactions such as a lease other than through trustees.

Further queries were raised by Councillors at the meeting, and further local information about the Sandyacres Trust will be sought from trustees.

32/24. Correspondence, none not already been addressed.

33/24.i. No applications.

ii. Attendance at Ashford Borough Council Planning Committee on 13 March 2024 regarding application 21/02146/AS (Eureka Park outline application) was noted, the application was permitted. Councillor Titmuss attended and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council. Detailed advice had been sought from Tony Fullwood, Planning Consultant and he had negotiated additional planning conditions with the Officer in order that the application complied fully with the Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parishes Neighbourhood Plan. These were included in an updated report to Planning Committee. It will be important that the Parish Council

iii. It was noted that a 'no objection' comment was submitted under the scheme of delegation (due to timing) in respect of application PA/2024/0183. This refers to Land at Home Farm, Eastwell Park, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent TN25 4JT. Proposal for the erection of new cattle building and extension of existing cattle building by addition of a lean-to.

iv. Tree applications:

OTH/2024/0478

65, Aylesbury Road, Kennington, TN25 4QH

x2 Silver Birch Trees -Removal due to both trees being dead.

Replanting is difficult as the existing trees are extremely large and create large shaded areas including a large Oak Tree.

No objection

NOT/2024/0327

Boughton And Eastwell Cricket Pavilion The Green, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, TN25 4HX

T15 - English oak - Crown reduction in height to 14m, spread of canopy to be reduced to 4m from the trunk and canopy lift to 6m to clear from intruding on building. T16 - Wild Cherry - Crown reduction in height to 14m spread of canopy to be reduced to 4m from the trunk and canopy lift to 6m to clear from intruding on building.

No objection

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Appendix 1

To pay:

Gross £	VAT)	£
342.00	57.00	Wellers Hedley
554.00	92.33	Leaf Tree Services
109.80	0.00	Mrs R Girt mileage 23/24
884.90	0.00	Tony Fullwood Associates
20.00	0.00	Boughton Baptist Chapel
500.00	0.00	Towers Tiny Tots Grant

To note paid:

543.20	0.00	Tony Fullwood Associates
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Credit Card dated 2 February:

	£
Card fee	3.00