

Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.00pm, via Zoom

1. Welcome and notification of apologies

Apologies were received from County Councillor Charlie Simkins & Mr Tajinder Singh Matharoo

2. Reports of the Borough Councillors

Borough Councillors Winston Michael (Goat Lees) & Larry Krause (Downs West) reported on matters of current local interest.

County Councillor Charlie Simkins was not able to address or provide a statement to the meeting due to it being the pre-election period for the County Council.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 14th May 2019

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in 2019 were approved.

The meeting noted that the requirement to hold a Parish Meeting was removed by the Coronavirus legislation last year, hence no meeting was held in 2020.

4. The Chairman announced that the Kent Association of Local Councils Community Award was very well deserved, and that it would be awarded to: Mr Tajinder Singh Matharoo, local community pharmacist. The citation on the certificate reads

'In appreciation of unstinting dedication to the community, sharing his knowledge and expertise with compassion, good humour, supporting all medical services, providing reassurance in troubled times, on all matters health.'

The certificate will be delivered to him in person at a later date.

5. The Chairman of the Parish Council Spencer Phillips gave a summary of the last two year's activities and highlighted how operations had continued virtually despite the impact of the pandemic.

6. The Responsible Financial Officer (also Clerk to the Parish Council) updated the meeting on the financial position of the Council and the successful virtual audit carried out in 2020.

7. Public Session

The Parish Council and Borough Councillors Larry Krause listened to questions and comments from attendees.