



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 November 2024 at 7.15pm,
Perry Court Farm Tea Shop, Canterbury Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, TN25 4ES

Present:

Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Paul Curry
Cllr Spencer Phillips

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

105/24. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Approved: Reasons for absence from Councillors Burrows & Phillips (work commitments)

106/24. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

107/24. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None present

108/24. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 October 2024 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, Cllr Titmuss.

109/24. Finance

- i. Resolved: To note bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/10/24.
- ii. Resolved: To agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made. Councillors Pearce & Titmuss to authorise online payments.
- iii. It was noted that confirmation had been received via the SLCC that town and parish councils will not be included in a package to compensate public sector bodies for this rise in Employer National Insurance contribution as advised by Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government.
- iv. Resolved: To note the agreement of the 2024/2025 national pay agreement (inflationary) and application of the revised scale as per the Clerk's contract.

110/24 i. Resolved: to award a grant application of £500 to The Friends of Lady Joanna Thornhill School for second hand uniform storage, ParentKind membership and TENS licences.

ii. Resolved: to award a grant of £500 to Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex towards operating costs.

111/24. i. It was noted that Councillor Burrows had stepped down from membership of the Finance Committee, Highways Improvement Plan working group and as Ashford Committee Kent Association of Local Councils representative.

ii. Resolved: to elect Councillors Coles and Phillips to the Highways Improvement Plan working group.

iii. Resolved: to elect Councillor Phillips as representative to the Ashford Committee of the Kent Association of Local Councils.

112/24. It was advised that a [consultation](#) has been launched by the Government in respect of the detail and practical implications of allowing remote and hybrid attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings in England.

Resolved: that the Parish Council does not submit a corporate response, but that councillors should read the information and submit individual comments (by 19 December).

113/24. Clerk's Report

The interim internal audit report had been received and that all procedures were operating well.

114/24 Correspondence had been received from the Sandyacres Trust regarding a proposal to install a battery unit for storing power at times of low demand, and then releasing at times of high demand. This will be as part of a trial and be situated near the existing sub-station opposite the Dunnock Lane footpath.

Changes to the cricket club build schedule had been notified. Groundworks will commence on 18 November, with building of the new pavilion starting in January.

115/24. Planning Applications

Case Reference: PA/2024/0183
Location: Land at Home Farm, Eastwell Park, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent TN25 4JT
Proposal: Proposed erection of new cattle building and extension of existing cattle building by addition of a lean-to
Reasons: Amended Plans -
No objection

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Appendix 1

To pay:

Gross	VAT	Supplier
£180.00	30.00	Satswana
£266.40	44.40	Mulberry LAS
£48.00	8.00	RP Wood Ltd 3502

Authorisation of revised salary standing order from December and salary adjusted for back pay for November (as per schedules from payroll company).

Credit Card October:

	£
Card fee	3.00
RWG mobile	3.50
Southeastern (travel to finance conference)	30.80