



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23th November 2022,
7.15 pm at Goat Lees Primary School, Hurst Road, Kennington, TN24
9RR

Present:

Cllr Doreen Titmuss
Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Jane Hall
Cllr Jenny Li
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Duncan Tennant

Absent:

Cllr Ian Brisley
Cllr Spencer Phillips

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

68/22. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Brisley & Phillips (both work)

Resolved: To approve reason for absence.

69/22. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

70/22. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None present

71/22. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 October 2022 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Vice - Chairman.

72/22. Finance

- i. Resolved: to receive bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 30/10/22
- ii. Resolved: to agree payments schedule (appendix 1) and note credit card and payments made. Councillors Hall & Titmuss to authorise online payments.

73/22. The Council considered the revised electoral boundary proposal that the Ashford parliamentary constituency is split between two constituencies. The Downs West ward will now be in the constituency of Weald of Kent, rather than Faversham and Mid Kent.

Resolved: to note proposals.

74/22.

i. The first Warm Space session will take place at the Flying Horse. Boughton Lees on 29 November 2022 and continue weekly on Tuesdays from 1-3pm. The pub is providing the space, with the Parish Council covering cost of drinks. There has been interest from Sandyacres in providing a session, and a meeting has been arranged.

ii. Bulb planting on the green

1600 spring flowering native bulbs have been planted over 3 volunteer sessions.

Many thanks to all the volunteers, Vic and Kingsnorth Parish Council for lending tools.

iii. Goat Lees sign

Borough Councillor Winston Michael advised that he previously tried to get a sign signifying the entrance to the Parish. KCC Highways were unwilling to permit as it was considered 'clutter'. Cllr Michael also advised his personal view on a sign.

Clerk to contact Highways to clarify permission criteria for name signs.

75/22 i Planning Applications received

Case Reference: [PA/2022/2584](#)

Location 78, Guernsey Way, Kennington, TN24 9LW

Proposal Proposed two storey side extension

No objection, to note streetscape concerns and materials detail.

Case Reference: [PA/2022/2675](#)

Location: Rowan House, Wye Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent TN25 4EP

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of two storey side extension including addition of windows to first floor. New link between proposed extension and existing swimming pool and side and front extension to swimming pool.

No objection

Case Reference: [PA/2022/2828](#)

Location: Redundant Farm building east of 1 Buckwell Cottage, Canterbury Road, Boughton Aluph

Proposal: Proposed addition of external doors and windows including conservation rooflights. Hard surfacing and post and rail fence for car park, excavation to rear to create level access, new path, electric vehicle charging points.

No objection

ii. To note planning decisions made by Ashford Borough Council

None received

76/22. Correspondence for attention of Councillors was noted

i. The Sandyacres Trust has advised that it hopes to reinstate the tennis courts using, in part a grant, from the Lawn Tennis Association. The LTA proposes to fund 50% (of £115000), leaving the trust to find the remainder. Sandyacres has asked if the PC would consider a contribution. Clerk as asked the Trust Chairman for further information in advance of the December Parish Council meeting. Further questions from Parish Councillors were noted to be asked.

i. ii. HGV concerns regarding Aylesbury Road

Borough Councillor Winston Michael contacted the PC regarding additional signage for Aylesbury Road regarding its unsuitability for HGVs. Councillor Michael hoped that a letter of support might help. However, the Parish Council has been advised by KCC Highways that all requests can only be considered through the Highways Improvement Plan system and not individually.

77/22. Information items (for information only, not discussion or decision)

i Training & conference feedback

The Clerk attended training on the new Arcus planning portal system at the Ashford Borough Council offices. The weekly lists will be made available again, the site history facility will be restored. Unfortunately the need to download a document to read it cannot be altered, although accurate document titles have now been applied.

The Clerk attended the annual KALC Finance Conference to keep updated on the latest changes to Parish Council finance and best practice.

The Highways Improvement Plan has been assessed by Kent County Council Highways. Following on from a meeting with Highways, KCC funding has been allocated for four detailed traffic studies which will occur in early 2023.

The Chairman laid a wreath on behalf of Parishioners at the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on Sunday 13 November 2022. He was joined by Steve Burwell on behalf of Kent Fire & Rescue and over 40 members of the public.

The 2022/2023 (current financial year) cost of living increase to national salary scales has been agreed. The increase is a fixed sum (fte) across all pay grades. It equates to additional £1/hr (backdated to April 2022).

The Kent Association of Local Councils Chairmanship conference was unfortunately cancelled for the second time due to illness.

The Clerk attended an online 'plan Bee' KCC pollinators update session.

78/22. Items to be considered for inclusion on future agenda

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

November Payments List

Appendix 1

RP Wood 48.00

KALC (Finance Conference & Councillor Guides) 96.92

Iron Room Charity (Grant) 500.00

Satswana (DPO) 180.00

Back pay due to NALC agreed rates 2022/2023 Mrs R Girt as per payroll schedule