



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2019 AT GOAT LEES PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 7.15PM

Present:

Cllr Nigel Bunker

Cllr Adrian Coles

Cllr Jane Hart

Cllr Ken Newman

Cllr Jenny Li

Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

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**1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Cllr Phillips gave apologies (work commitment) as did Cllr Hall (family illness).

**2. Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Bunker declared that he was a near neighbour to the property in  
application **19/00262/TC**

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Resolved:** That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November  
2019 be approved and confirmed as a true record (amended to record that Cllr Phillips  
left the room after he had noted his conflict of interest) and subsequently returned.

**4. Matters arising from the last minutes**

None

**5. Adjournment for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting**

None present

**6. Financial Reports**

**6.1.** The Statements of Account at 30/11/2019 were reviewed and accepted.

## 6.2 The authorisation of accounts.

**Resolved:** That the following payments be made by cheque.

chq	Total	VAT	Description
1612	565.25	0.00	November salary & office
1613	180.00	30.00	Satswana (DPO service)
1614	46.67	7.78	Reimburse RG PVCsafetysigns
1615	240.00	40.00	PKF Littlejohn
1616	75.76	0.00	Reimburse AC protonmail & mileage
1617	40,000.00	0.00	Internal transfer to Unity Trust

## 6.3. Unity Trust Bank

The bank account is now open and electronic banking should be available by the January meeting.

## 7. Budget Setting and Precept Request

**7.1.** It was resolved to adopt the proposed budget.

**Proposed Cllr Bunker, Seconded Cllr Hart**

**7.2.** It was resolved that the precept should remain at the same level as last year, £26280 precept, £946 Council Tax Support Grant and £790 Concurrent Functions Grant.

**Proposed Cllr Bunker, Seconded Cllr Newman**

## 8. Holes in the green

The Clerk had met with Simon Richardson, cricket club to look at the position of the holes. The holes are consistent with the test trenches dug before planning permission was sought. Discussions are ongoing to identify the best solution.

## 9. Project updates

**9.1.** KCC Highways Parish Improvement Plan

Cllr Coles reported that the working group will meet in January to look at the next steps.

**9.2.** Village Gateways Project (update from KCC Highways)

A new officer has taken on the case at Highways. The Clerk had spoken to her and requested updated price on agreed proposal and likely lead time, a response is awaited.

**9.3.** Neighbourhood Plan

Detailed discussions with Ashford Borough Council were ongoing regarding the exact wording of policies. Some flexibility had been identified which may enable residents wishes to be better reflected in policy.

**9.4.** Tree work on the village green

The tree is in a conservation area so planning permission has to be sought. Cllr Coles asked if there was any dispensation where a tree was potentially dangerous.

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### **10.1. Planning applications received**

#### **19/00262/TC**

**Samares, The Green, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HX**

T1 - Ornamental cherry 'prunus kanzan' or similar variety. Single tree located on the front boundary of the property - tree to be felled. **Comment to suggest (smaller) replacement tree is considered**

#### **19/01601/AS**

**Unit 1, Eureka Place, Trinity Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4BY**

Erection of 1 no. internally illuminated box fascia; 2 no. non-illuminated fascia signs; 3 no. external vinyls on glazing **No objection**

#### **19/01691/AS**

**Land between St Christophers Church and Boughton Lodge, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent.** Erection of a five bed dwelling and formation of a new vehicular access  
**Object**

### **10.2. Planning decisions notified by Ashford Borough Council**

#### **19/00191/TC**

**White Cottage, The Green, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HX**

Oak tree in front driveway of White Cottage. Permission applied for crown thinning and raising with removal of low branches of no more than 25% as overhanging Lees Road and the driveway. Pruning of dead or dying wood **Raise no objection**

**19/00205/TC** (Cllr Bunker left the room for discussion of this application)

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

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**19/00226/TC**

**Tower Farmhouse, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Kent**

T1: Norway Maple - clean out crown, crown lift to 3m. T2: Walnut - Crown lift to 3m. T3: Laburnum - Clean out crown, crown lift to 3m. Reason: to create clearance over driveway and garden law **Raise no objection**

#### **11. Correspondence**

A resident had reported that a lettings sign had been fixed to a road name sign. When the agent had been alerted the resident had not received a favourable response. Clerk to write to agency to request commercial signs are not fixed to road signs.

#### **12. Information items**

Recent tyre damage to the green was noted, along with an intention to consider representations regarding schemes that might prevent damage.

#### **13. Future Agenda Items**

Damage to the green

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January (changed to accommodate Neighbourhood Plan), venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.