



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 7.15pm,
Iron Room, Faversham Road, Boughton Lees, Ashford, TN25 4HP

Present:

Cllr Paul Curry
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Chelsea Pearce

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt & one member of the public

85/24. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Approved: Reasons for absence from Councillors Burrows, Coles & Pearce.

86/24. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

87/24. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

A representative from Boughton and Eastwell Cricket Club explained the latest developments related to the pavilion re-build project, with fencing and demolition planned for the end of September. Plans to communicate with local residents were confirmed, to include an information letter drop to immediate neighbours of the site.

88/24. Minutes

Resolved: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 July 2024 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman. The draft minutes of Planning Committee held on 20 August 2024 were noted.

89/24. Finance

- i. Resolved: To note bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/8/24.
- ii. Resolved: To agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made. Councillors Titmuss & Phillips to authorise online payments.
- iii. Resolved: To approve setting up direct debit payments for PAYE & annual Information Commissioners Office fee.
- iv. It was noted that the external auditors, Forvis Mazars had (that day) returned the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return with the Annual Assurance Review duly signed off with no exceptions noted.

90/24. Resolved: to apply to renew the listing of the Flying Horse, Boughton Lees as an Asset of Community Value. The application is made to Ashford Borough Council. It was noted that the onus is on the applicant to prove that the asset meets the criteria and this may take some time to complete.

91/24. i. The Clerk attended an Ashford Borough Council Local Plan Explained briefing). This is available on the Ashford Borough Council website to view). The briefing covered the process and structure of how the plan is written and consulted on, not its content. This comes later (likely to be in spring 2025).

ii. Resolved: to comment on agreed elements of the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) consultation.

92/24. The 20mph scheme identified through the Highways Improvement Plan has been fully implemented.

There was a road traffic collision causing a sad loss of life on the Faversham Road recently. The Parish Council was advised that an immediate safety review is undertaken by KCC in these circumstances. If nothing is identified that requires immediate action, the full report from Kent Police is awaited before considering any future improvements.

93/24. Clerk's Report

Conversations have been ongoing with cricket club and project managers, detailed schedules of work, plans and other documentation has been provided regarding the pavilion build on the green.

The defibrillator (usually mounted on the pavilion) will be temporarily sited on a board to retain public access. A further move may be needed in the colder part of winter in order to provide power for heat to keep the machine operational.

Whilst speaking to the website hosting company about an issue with viewing the agenda & minutes page on mobile devices Hugo Fox have advised that a major improvement to the

functionality of their content management system is underway.

The memorial bench to Mr & Mrs McCormack was installed in time for a relative visiting from abroad to sit and remember them before returning home. The family passed on their grateful thanks to the Parish Council for expediting the process and to Vic for installing the bench so promptly.

The Big Sound Collective with vocalists performed to a very well attended concert in All Saints Church. This free to attend concert was supported by a grant from the Parish Council.

The Clerk attended an existing 'Chatty Café' venue at Jasmin Vardimon HOME café and spoke with the facilitator and got some useful ideas and tips regarding volunteers, timing & promotion.

The Clerk attended a KALC briefing on planning changes and the new government (information circulate already). It was pleasing to hear that Neighbourhood Plans retain their importance.

94/24. Correspondence

Kennington Community Council contacted the Parish Council (after the publication of the agenda) regarding planning applications for land north of M20 and south of Kennington Road.

These are for 180 housing units, PA/2024/1087 and the creation of an engineered wetland PA/2024/1146.

Kennington Community Council invites other Parish Councils in the urban fringe to consider their concerns and support their position. Kennington Community Council have been thanked for alerting the Parish Council to the applications.

95/24. Planning Applications

None notified

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Appendix 1

To pay:

£	Gross	VAT	Supplier
	863.78	143.96	Earth Anchors
	48.00	8.00	RP Wood Ltd (4829)
	96.00	16.00	RP Wood Ltd (4783)

Credit Card July & August:

	£
Card fee	3.00
Card fee	3.00
RWG mobile	3.50
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Pilgrims Hospice (Chairman's Allowance)	50.00
In memory former Cllr Bunker	