



**Boughton Aluph & Eastwell**  
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025 at 7.15pm.  
Iron Room, Faversham Road, Boughton Lees, Ashford, TN24 4HP

Present:

Chairman Cllr Spencer Phillips  
Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

8 members of the public  
Borough Councillors Winston Michael  
Kent County Council Councillor Jeremy Eustace

1. The Chairman of the meeting welcomed residents.
2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, 15th May 2024 were approved.
3. Newly elected Kent County Councillor Jeremy Eustace was welcomed. Reports were received from those Borough and County Councillors present and questions taken from residents.
4. A summary of grants awarded in 2024/2025 was shared:

*In a difficult financial environment for local charities and groups, the Parish Council offered grants of up to £500. Mindful of the big impact of a small grant the scheme has been expanded further for this coming year,*

*Recipients of grants in the last year were*

*Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parochial Church Council for the community concert of Big Sound Collective.*

*Boughton & Eastwell Cricket Club Grant towards the cost of hiring winter indoor cricket net facilities at the Norton Knatchbull School for the juniors and replacement junior helmets for matches.*

*Friends of Lady Joanna Thornhill for equipment, insurance and event licences.*

*Air Ambulance Charity Kent Sussex Surry as a contribution to the operating costs of HEMS -- helicopters, rapid-response vehicles, medical equipment, fuel, highly-trained crews.*

*Challock Youth Club to provide tutored sports session for the young people.*

*Friends of Downsvew Infant School to provide a road safety workshop.*

*The Parish Council welcomes applications from charities and community groups, operating in or benefitting parish residents. For further details please speak to the Clerk & see the guidelines and application on our website.*

5. An update was given on the progress of the new cricket pavilion
6. Activities of the Parish Council were reported by the Chairman, Spencer Phillips
7. The report of the Responsible Financial Officer Clerk to the Parish Council was presented.
8. Further questions were raised by attendees to the Parish Council, Borough and County Councillors.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm