



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 January 2025 at 7.15pm,
Perry Court Tea Room, Canterbury Road, Ashford, TN25 4ES

Present:

Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Doreen Titmuss
Cllr Steven Bartholemew

Absent:

Cllr Paul Curry
Cllr Chelsea Pearce
Cllr Spencer Phillips

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

1/1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Approved: Reasons for absence from Councillor Pearce (work) and Councillor Phillips (personal).

2/25. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

3/25. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None present

4/25. Minutes

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 December 2024 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman of the meeting, Vice-Chairman Cllr Doreen Titmuss.

5/25. Finance

i. Resolved: to note income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/12/24.

ii. Resolved: to agree payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made. Councillors Pearce and Titmuss to authorise online payments (Councillor Pearce to be sent invoice copy).

6/25

Resolved: to authorise the purchase of a replacement battery unit and, if necessary, replacement tripod from Unipar Services as recommended by Kent Speedwatch. 12V battery unit cost £135 plus VAT, tripod cost £75 plus VAT. Delivery estimate £25 plus VAT

7/25.

Resolved: to submit an expression of interest to the [Openreach Fibre Community Partnership Programme](#) for the West side of Boughton Lees & Faversham Road in order to establish resident eligibility under the Full Fibre broadband programme.

8/25. The publication of a [government consultation](#) on 'Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England' was noted and members were encouraged to look at the proposals and invited to respond individually.

9/25. The Clerk reported that she had been working with the Kent Speedwatch Police Organiser and the Boughton Aluph coordinator. Sites were due for assessment today.

There had been more enquiries regarding the Parish Council small grant scheme, with a likelihood that some would be coming forward for decision. A proposal to increase the 2024/2025 allocation from underspend elsewhere will be placed on the agenda for February.

The precept request has been submitted to Ashford Borough Council.

Councillors who have not already attended basic training were encouraged to attend 'The Nuts and Bolts of Parish Councils' (formerly The Dynamic Councillor). The next session is an evening to be held online. Please contact the Clerk to book.

10/25. Meeting dates for 2025 were noted.

Jan 15	Perry Court Tea Room
Feb 12	Goat Lees Primary School
March 12	Iron Room
April 16	Baptist Chapel, Wye Road
May 14	Annual Parish Meeting 7.15pm, Annual Parish Council meeting 8pm, Iron Room
June 11	Perry Court Tea Room
July 9	Iron Room
August	no planned meeting
September 10	Perry Court Tea Room
October 8	Goat Lees Primary School
November 19	Iron Room, also Finance Committee
December 10	Perry Court Tea Room

11/25 . Correspondence for attention of Councillors was noted.

- i. Open letter to Town & Parish Councils from Chair of National Association of Local Councils.
- ii. Invitation to KCC webinar on sponsoring a community warden.
(the Clerk hopes to attend)

12/25. i. **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council is a consultee of Ashford Borough Council, the Local Planning Authority.
The Parish Council is not the Planning Authority.

Case Reference: PA/2024/2331

Location: 30, Aylesbury Road, Kennington, TN25 4QH

Proposal: Proposed double storey extension; part over the existing single storey aspect.

View Files: [Click Here](#)

No objection.

ii. The outcome was noted of planning appeal: APP/E2205/W/24/3342583 regarding PA/2023/0791, Rook Toll, Faversham Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HS. Proposed Re-Use of 2No. redundant Nissen Huts to create 2no. dwellings and the demolition of redundant structures within the site. (Appeal dismissed).

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Appendix 1

To pay:

Gross	VAT	Supplier
£252.00	£42.00	Forvis Mazars (external audit)

Credit Card December:

	£
Card fee	3.00
RWG mobile	3.50
Parking for Highways Seminar	7.00