



Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22th June 2022 at 7.15 pm at Goat Lees Primary School.

Present:

CLlr Spencer Phillips
CLlr Ian Brisley
CLlr Jenny Li
CLlr Chelsea Pearce
CLlr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

CLlr Adrian Coles
CLlr Jane Hall
CLlr Duncan Tennant

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

16/22. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Councillor Coles, work commitment. Councillors Hall & Tennant, annual leave. Resolved: to approve reasons for absence.

17/22. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

Councillor Phillips declared a non-pecuniary interest in the funding request from Boughton Lees Pleasure Fayre as the representative appointed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council requested his input and approved a dispensation.

18/22. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

None in attendance

19/22. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 25 May 2022 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that the additional ordinary meeting of 7 June was inquorate (information for the meeting had not been received by the Parish Council)

20/22. Finance

- i. Resolved: to receive bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the periods ended 30/4/22 & 31/5/22.
- ii. Resolved: to agree payments schedule and note credit card and payments made. Councillors Li & Titmuss to authorise online payments.

To authorise:

David Buckett Internal Auditor	£350.00
MI Payroll	£60.00
Ashford Self Storage	£62.98

Credit Card (4/4/22 & 3/5/22):

Hugo Fox Website	£29.99 (x2)
Fee	£ 3.00 (x2)
Fixings Warehouse (padlock storage unit)	£33.00
Clook Internet (Neighbourhood Plan hosting)	£179.99

21/22.

- i. Resolved: to approve the updated Risk Assessment.
- ii. The report of the Internal Auditor was received & noted.

22/22.

- i. The Council considered and approved the Statement of Internal Control for the year ending 31 March 2022.
The Chair and Clerk signed the Statement on behalf of the Council.
- ii. The Council considered and approved the Annual Governance Statement for 2021-22. The Chair and Clerk signed and dated the Statement on behalf of the Council.
- iii. The Council considered and approved the Accounting Statements and supporting documents as provided by the Responsible Financial Officer who had prior to the meeting signed and dated Section 2 of the AGAR for 2021-22. The Chairman signed and dated the Accounting Statement on behalf of the Council.
- iv. The Council noted the period for the Exercise of Public Rights from Monday 27 June to Friday 5 August 2022.

23/22. The arboricultural proposals from Boughton and Eastwell Cricket Club in relation to the proposed new pavilion were discussed. Concern was expressed about the cheaper

option requiring the removal of trees at the rear of the pavilion. Meeting to be arranged with the Cricket Club to better understand the constraints at the site and possible alternatives including screw piling.

24/22. i Planning Applications received

[22/00850/AS Moyle House, Faversham Road, Eastwell, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HP](#)

Alterations to house including demolition of conservatory and conversion of garage, construction of detached outbuilding.

No objection

ii. To note planning decisions made by Ashford Borough Council

None received

Ashford Borough Council has advised that the new planning system should go live very shortly. The planning application for necessary tree safety work on the green seemed to have been delayed in the system, but has now been seen by tree officer.

An application to build an orangery on the spa building has been picked up from weekly Ashford Borough lists, although the PC hasn't yet been notified as a consultee.

25/22. i. The Ashford Borough Council Community Governance Review was considered.

Using current and 2025 projected elector numbers per ward, it was proposed that an imbalance of representation by ward be suggested for correction.

Using 2027 predicted data

1 ward Parish councillor: 554 electors in Boughton Aluph Ward

1 ward councillor: 226 electors in Goat Lees wards.

The reassignment of one ward seat from Goat Lees to Boughton Aluph would allow parity in 2027 of 271 electors to each warded seat in each of Goat Lees and Boughton Aluph.

Clerk to submit proposal to Ashford Borough Council and advise Borough Councillors.

ii. The Parish Council response to Ashford Borough Council Polling District Review was considered.

The current polling stations were considered satisfactory.

26/22. The dispensation agreed at 17/22 was noted.

It was resolved to grant £317.72 to cover the cost of public liability insurance incurred by the Boughton Lees Pleasure Fayre. Council agreed that this would

be additional to the budgeted small grants scheme with costs taken from reserves. The Parish Council were ineligible to provide cover under its own insurance.

27/22. To note correspondence for attention of Councillors.

A telephone call had been received from concerned resident regarding litter gathering around Eureka Park shops and frequency of bin collections by Ashford Borough Council. The resident was advised regarding the responsibilities of different Councils, what the Parish Council did to support clean neighbourhoods such as recent site meeting with Aspire, and financially supporting volunteer litterpicks. Action individuals can take (reporting etc.) was provided.

It was reported that the driveway leading up to Eastwell Manor had been re-surfaced. Of concern was the removal of the speed calming bumps and speed limit signs during this process and the resultant higher speeds. It was felt that this posed a risk to pedestrians and to all road users as the driveway joins the A251. Clerk to enquire with Champneys regarding timescale for reinstatement,

28/22. Information items (for information only, not discussion or decision)

The Officer now in charge of Highways Improvement Plans has contacted the Parish Council, advised that they are putting new teams in place and will be arranging an initial discussion over the summer regarding the submitted Highways Improvement Plan proposals.

29/22. Items to be considered for inclusion on future agenda
Provision of a sign denoting the Goat Lees area.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.