



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th July at 6pm
(remotely via Zoom).

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Nigel Bunker
Cllr Adrian Coles
Cllr Jane Hall
Cllr Jane Hart (from 6.20pm)
Cllr Jenny Li
Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt

Absent:

Cllr Nikki Ellis & Cllr Ken Newman

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr Nikki Ellis gave apologies due to a holiday and Cllr Ken Newman gave apologies due to work commitment.

The Parish Council accepted apologies with reasons for both Councillors Ellis and Newman.

It was noted that Cllrs struggling to attend may wish to discuss any concerns or problems privately.

2. Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 July 2020 were approved for signature.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

5. Finance

- i. AGAR 2019/2020 The Annual Governance Statement declarations were considered and all approved for signature
- ii. AGAR 2019/2020 The Annual Accounting Statements were noted and approved for signature.
- iii. The detailed report of the internal auditor was noted.
- iv. The payments schedule was agreed. Cllrs Li & Phillips to authorise.

Payroll (July), office allowance & stationery reimbursement	£635.13
David Buckett audit fee	£350.00
Came & Company Insurance Renewal	£615.20
Ashford Self Storage Unit	£755.71

6. Adjournment for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting in respect of planning applications 20/00901/AS, 18/01554/AS and tree applications 20/00153/TC & 20/00154/TC

No members of the public were in attendance.

7i. Planning

20/00901/AS

10 Jersey Close, Kennington, Ashford, Kent, TN24 9LD

Demolition of existing conservatory and replacement rear single storey extension **NO OBJECTION**

18/01554/AS

Sand pit to the south of 200 and east of 198, Sandyhurst Lane, Boughton Aluph, Kent

Outline planning application with details of access for developer-led custom-build residential development of up to 9 dwellings, open space and landscaping, wildlife habitat reserve, new access to Sandyhurst Lane, parking, engineering (including ground modelling) works and infrastructure, with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for future determination.

OBJECTION

Cllr Hart joined the meeting during the following item.

20/00153/TC

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

Fell tree due to interfering with cables and the highway, also showing signs of being deceased. **NARRATIVE COMMENT HIGHLIGHTING CONCERNS TO BE SUBMITTED**

20/00154/TC

Lees Cottage, The Green, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4HX

T1: Yew (*Taxus baccata*) Reduce in height providing a maximum of 1 meter clearance from cables and trim sides using hedge cutters to provide a tight managed framework. S1: Photinia 'Red Robin' Large shrub encroaching on neighbouring property and effecting light levels, reduce from 5.5 Meters to a final height of 4.5 Meters and trim sides **NO OBJECTION**

7ii. It was resolved that a Planning Committee with delegated powers be established to replace the planning vetting group.

Councillors agreed that Full Council should remain the usual forum for planning considerations.

Cllrs Bunker, Hart and Hall were duly elected to the Committee. Terms of Reference to be drafted reflecting Councillors wishes.

Action: Clerk

8. Web domain

It was resolved to commission Freethought Internet Ltd to act as registrar for web domain boughtonalupheastwellparishcouncil.gov.uk at a cost of £120/two years.

9.i Correspondence had been received regarding the following consultations

[KCC Budget consultation 2020-21 review](#)

proposed extension of the Allington Integrated Waste Management Facility

<https://kentenviropower.fccenvironment.co.uk/virtual-exhibition/>

Kent County Council is taking part in the NHT Public Satisfaction Survey (already circulated)

The code of conduct consultation was highlighted (already circulated)

ii. Eureka Park Correspondence

A Scoping report was submitted to Ashford Borough Council by developers (ABC have to assess environmental report needed). There has been considerable local concern regarding the proposals, particularly the potential change to previous agreed land allocation.

The Parish Council had received information from ABC on progress.

The planning agent invited the Parish Council to meet. Clarification was sought and received from Ashford Borough Council that such a meeting would be permissible. Advice on planning was sought from Tony Fullwood and shared with Councillors.

Councillors discussed whether to meet the planning agents.
It was decided not to meet them at the current time.

iii. Circulars & other items had been added to Confluence.

It was reported that a formal complaint had been received in writing. It will be responded to in writing within one calendar month.

10. Information items

Jane Hart followed up her email and asked for newsletter ideas. In response to concerns about the safety of hand delivering newsletters it was suggested that delivery was costed in order to reach those who do not engage with digital services.

The Clerk reported contact with a group interested in setting up a Community Speedwatch scheme for the Lees/A251 area of the Parish. They are currently seeking volunteers and if this is successful will approach the Parish Council with a request to use the equipment and for its support for the scheme.

11. Future Agenda Items

Newsletter, communication, attendance and responsibilities.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday 25th August 2020 via Zoom at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.