



Boughton Aluph & Eastwell

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2024 at 7.15pm, Goat Lees Primary School, Hurst Road, Kennington, TN24 9RR

Present:

Cllr Peter Burrows
Cllr Jessica Fermor-Fox
Cllr Spencer Phillips
Cllr Doreen Titmuss

Absent:

Cllr Paul Curry
Cllr Chelsea Pearce

In attendance:

Parish Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt, Borough Councillor Winston Michael and two members of the public.

12/24. Apologies and for reasons for absence

Approved: Reasons for absence for Councillor Curry (family commitment) & Councillor Pearce (work).

13/24.

Disclosures of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared

14/24. Opportunity for Members of the Public to Address the Meeting

A resident spoke to express concern regarding the scale of development proposed in planning application PA/2024/0174 . Councillors listened to the issues raised and advised, as with all applications that a representation should always be made directly to Ashford Borough Council for matters raised to be considered.

Borough Councillor Michael who was present at the meeting also advised regarding the request that the application be heard by Planning Committee rather than decided by an

Officer with delegated responsibility. He said that he would speak with ward councillor Larry Krause regarding this.

Winston Michael addressed the meeting in his capacity as Chairman of Trustees, Sandyacres Trust. The VAT element of the Lawn Tennis Association grant towards the refurbishment of tennis courts was proving a problematic issue for the Trust and the Trust was seeking a solution. The Chairman advised that in order to reclaim VAT any application and grant funding must belong to the Parish Council in its own name and therefore the administration and risks of any project. Furthermore, as a public body and as per the Parish Council Financial Regulations contracts valued above £30, 000 gross must use the government 'Contracts Finder'. It is a lengthy process and not compatible with the short timescale needed for the planned project to start construction this spring.

15/23. Minutes

Resolved: minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 January 2024 were agreed as an accurate record by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

16/24.

i. Resolved: to note bank reconciliation and income & expenditure account for the period ended 31/1/24

ii. Resolved: to agree the payments schedule and note credit card and other payments made (appendix 1). Councillors Phillips and Titmuss to authorise online payments.

iii. Resolved: to authorise purchase of a HP Pavilion 15-eh1026na laptop (or similar specification) as per budget and purchase MS Office and case as necessary.

17/24.

Highways Improvement Plan:

Two objections remained after KCC Highways consultation on the 20mph scheme. These were researched and found not to be substantive. Highways have now received approval for scheme and it has been sent for technical specifications and detailed costing.

Cricket Pavilion build:

The Chairman and Clerk met with the Cricket Club & their professional advisors, Costplan group who are managing the practicalities of the build. Parking, equipment storage, timescales and health and safety issues were addressed. Costplan will keep the Parish council updated and be day to day contact during the build. The need to ensure considerate construction was agreed and the Cricket Club will be planning for considerate parking arrangements for visitors and members as the usual area under the trees will be in use for construction.

18/24. The resignation of Spencer Phillips as the Parish Council representative to the Iron Room & as a charity trustee for the same was noted.

19/24. Resolved: to declare that the Parish Council supports endeavours for safety and speed reduction improvements which are seeking to ensure safety for all users of the A251.

Awareness and promotional material may also be shared where it may be of interest.

20/24. Resolved: to write to KCC Highways (& County Councillor Charlie Simkins) regarding the execution, detail and scheduling of works on the Highway following recent clashes of works, routing issues and periods of inactivity. Chaiman to draft.

21/24. Resolved: to hold a public drop in event (Meet your Councillor/Parish Council) on a Saturday during the spring. Following good attendance at a previous event when held at a public house rather than village halls, a venue based event was proposed. Clerk to investigate availability of councillors and possible venue.

22/24. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Clerk at Kennington Community Council regarding a possible extension of the Ashford Town Centre security network (for retail shops) into Kennington. There may be a potential to extend this further and it may be of interest to premises on Eureka Park. Clerk to keep in contact regarding updates from Kennington.

The Playing Fields & Recreation annual return was submitted on time to the Charity Commission.

There are still funds available in the grant budget, please would councillors promote to any potential local recipients.

The defibrillator mounted on the exterior of the cricket pavilion will need re-siting during demolition and construction. Clerk is researching whether it can stand without power (which supplies a low level of heat to protect the device against frost) over the summer months.

Parish Council meeting dates for the remainder of 2024 have been arranged. These are a mixture of Wednesdays & Thursdays which will hopefully assist with availability.

23/24. Relevant correspondence had already been addressed in public session or forwarded directly.

24/24.i.

Case Reference: PA/2024/0174

Location: Fir Tree Cottage, Lenacre Street, Eastwell, TN26 1JH

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling, garage, and outbuilding and erection of replacement dwelling

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Narrative comment highlighting the Neighbourhood Plan character area assessment for the area and policy NP1.

ii.

PA/2023/0089

Case Reference:

Location: 21 Aylesbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, TN25 4QH

Proposal: Retrospective change of use for a garden and proposed summer house

Reasons: Amended Plan

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No objection

iii. Ashford Borough Council has notified that there is an investigation (reference ENF/2024/0006) into the siting of mobile home in a field off Wye Road, Boughton Lees.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Appendix 1

To pay:	£
Sandyacres Trust (grant)	2000.00
We Are Beams (grant)	500.00
SLCC (professional body)	183.00

Credit Card dated 2 January:

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Card fee	3.00
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