



BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024, at 19.30 at Grafty Green Village Hall

Meeting Ref: 003/2024

- Present :** Cllr Eastwood (Chairman) Cllr Hook, Cllr Tomlinson, Cllr Thompson
Cllr Trzebinski (Maidstone Borough Cllr) Marie Norris (Clerk)
- 09.24.01 Welcome and apologies for absence**
The chairman welcomed everyone.
- 09.24.02 Declarations of Interest and dispensations**
Councillors had no interests to declare.
- 09.24.03 Co-option of Councillor to Boughton Malherbe Parish Council**
A resident had made himself known to the Parish Council and expressed an interest in co-option but was unable to attend the meeting. The PC were in agreement and in favour of his co-option to the parish council.
Resolved: Co-option will be deferred until the November meeting.
- 09.24.04 Public Session/Open Forum**
A member of the public raised
- 09.24.05 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Ordinary Parish Council Meeting**
Councillors were asked if they had any comments regarding the accuracy of the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish meeting that took place on the 1st July 2024. No comments were made.
Resolved: The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 1st July were signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 09.24.06 Reports from Borough / County Councillors**
- Cllr Trzebinski gave a short verbal report and reported that the new council have agreed to decarbonise Maidstone House and another building in Maidstone.

Cllr Pendergrast (KCC Member for Maidstone Rural East) provided the following written report which the chairman read out at the meeting:

August has been a very quiet month at County Hall for Members with no committee meetings. The one key area that is being looked into at pace is the impact of the new border controls at Dover – the EU has now announced the autumn start date.

On more local issues, although not completely local to Boughton Malherbe, you will be aware of the SEW works commencing shortly on Ulcombe Road, Headcorn. I'm also working with various parishes to address the ongoing speeding issues along the A20 coming east out of Maidstone. Again, although not directly in your parish, this affects all of us to a large degree. This has now got some real momentum with both highways and the police and I'm hoping to see some significant improvements over the coming months.

Finally, I have supported the village hall refurbishment via my share of the KCC Member Grant – the village hall is a vital amenity!

09.24.07

Clerks report and update of resolutions from last meeting

- The clerk confirmed that the Boughton Malherbe Facebook page was now online.
- The recent village litter picking event was successful with a number of residents coming to help.
- Emergency plan – A number of volunteers had contacted Cllr Hook directly and Cllr Hook confirmed that she would be emailing the volunteers to suggest a meeting whereby they could get together and discuss further.
- Cllr Hook had also made a contact at Maidstone Borough Council who has offered to come and assist us further with putting together a revised Emergency plan.
- Cllr Hook is hoping to attend a village hall coffee morning to discuss ideas and ascertain with residents whether the Parish council should look to start a group within the village to assist other residents with tasks such as collecting shopping, prescriptions etc. Cllr Hook will report back whether it was felt that residents would like such a service.

09.24.08

Planning Applications

To consider planning policies, applications and appeals received and resolve to submit comments where appropriate. *Please note that any applications received following the issue of the agenda may be considered at the Parish Council discretion.*

Resolved No planning applications were brought to the attention of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council for consideration.

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Although Boughton Malherbe were not contacted as a consultee, the parish council wished to consider whether it would be acceptable to also submit a response to the appeal panel. After consideration and taking into account the opinions of residents in attendance at this evening's meeting both for and against raising a submission, the PC decided to object to the planning appeal and reiterate some of the objections already raised by Ulcombe Parish Council.

09.24.09

Financial matters

a) Bank Account Balances and Reconciliation

Lloyds Treasures Account	£9,668.42
Lloyds Inst Online	£7,216.63
Lloyds 32 Day Notice	£41,348.58
Nationwide	£14,973.40
Cambridge & Counties	£24,165.11
Receipts	
Lloyds Inst Online (Interest)	£14.57

b) Accounts for Payment

i)	Amesis Ltd Litterpicking	£108.75
ii)	Nu Venture 59 Bus service (July)	£560.00
iii)	M Norris Clerk Salary July/Aug	£805.64
iv)	KALC Training (Intro to Planning)	£60.00
v)	KALC Training (Nuts & Bolts Parish Council)	£60.00
vi)	Nu Venture 59 Bus Service (Aug)	£560.00

Resolved All payments were approved by Councillors in attendance.

c) Accounts for Payment for Information only

i)	Hugo Fox Website	£23.98
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Resolved: The accounts for payment for information only were approved

09.24.10 Matters of Correspondence Raised *(for information purposes only no decisions can be made under this item)*

No items were brought to the attention of the Parish Council.

09.24.11 Matters concerning the Amesis Agreement

As requested previously, the Clerk had approached Amesis with a revision to their earlier draft agreement however that was rejected on the basis that the time allowed under the contract was sufficient only for the basic service. The wording of the agreement was not discussed however the PC agreed that The Clerk would have authority to agree the work required up to a maximum of 6 hours per month but that any requests for additional time would be referred back to the PC. The siting of the bin was discussed and it was agreed that it would remain in its current location but that additional security in the form of a chain would be added. A budget up to a maximum of £100 was agreed.

09.24.12 Matters concerning Grafty Green Village Hall

- The PC agreed to find out the cost of purchasing a noticeboard to display the historic map of the village that had been kindly offered.
- The PC were in agreement of the hall hire annual cost of £400 for unlimited use when available. **Resolved:** Approved by the PC and clerk to arrange payment.
- To consider the request for a grant application for financial assistance for the village hall rewire and redecoration £5,000. Following discussions the PC wish to consider the

application further and have requested that the village hall provide the previous fixed wiring certification and copies of other quotations received to enable them to do so.

09.24.13 Report from KALC Meeting

No report was delivered as the BMPC representative was unable to attend the last meeting.

09.24.14 Matters for Information

Christmas Party Arrangements, The PC requested that Jon be invited to the next meeting to discuss arrangements further.

59 Bus Service Arrangements. The clerk questioned the arrangements in place for the 59 bus service for FY25/26. It was agreed that a meeting needed to be arranged to discuss this further. **Action** Clerk to contact KCC in the first instance regarding the grant funding.

09.24.15 Items to be taken in private session

Item not required.

09.24.16 Items to be placed on the next Agenda.

- 59 Bus Service
- Boughton Malherbe Christmas Arrangements

**09.24.17 The date of the next Ordinary Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday
* November 2024 at 7.30pm at Grafty Green Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 20.25 hours