

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2008
In Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall pursuant to notice, commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs R. Fuller (Chairman)
M. Bray
W. Clarke
I. Ellis
P. Herrin
N. Mitchell
L. Oliver
D. Smith
T. Boden
S. Witherington

Cllr Mike Fitzgerald
Mrs L. Windless (Parish Clerk)
PCSO Laura Shave
Residents : 6 no.

1. **Apologies:**
Apologies were received from Cllr Filmer and Cllr Munford (bereavement)
2. **Notification of late items for inclusion in the agenda:**
Members agreed to the inclusion of items 11.6 and 14.15 as late items
3. **Exempt Items (Standing Order 61):**
No exempt items
4. **Reports from Maidstone Police / PCSO and KCC Rural Community Warden**
PCSO Laura Shave reported crime figures from 3/9/08 to 28/10/08 :
Seven incidents of theft (two motor vehicles, camping equipment, computer equipment, tools, a pedal cycle and a digger bucket)
One incident of criminal damage (solar lights)
One incident of attempted theft (a trailer)

The Clerk reported that new KCC Rural Community Warden, Liz Lovatt will be starting on 17th November

5. **Open Quarter:**
A resident queried the flood action plan letter that had been sent out recently to local residents in advance of the topographical survey work in The Quarries. Cllr Fuller explained that Maidstone Borough Council are monitoring borehole water levels on a regular basis.

A resident queried the work that had been done recently to remove the vegetation in the lower pond adjacent to the woodyard in The Quarries. Cllr Fuller explained that this had been done just to give clearance space for exposing the end of the culvert. Cllr Bray stated that he and Cllr Herrin had since tried to expose the end of the

culvert by hand digging but had not been successful. Cllr Bray suggested that the next step may be to use a small mini digger to try to find the culvert. Cllr Fuller explained that it would not be practical to increase the size of the lower ponds and that previous advice from a consulting engineer had been not to do any large scale excavation work at this location due to the risk of causing damage to rock faces and the risk of closing up any fissures in the rock that water currently drains away through. Councillors agreed that a site visit should take place on Saturday 15th November (during the amenity trust walkabout) to decide on further action

ALL COUNCILLORS

Cllr Fuller suggested that a flooding sub-committee be formed to avoid lengthy discussions on the subject at each parish council meeting. It was agreed that this would comprise Cllr Fuller, Cllr Bray and Cllr Herrin

Cllr Fuller explained that topographical survey work has recently been carried out to the top pond on John Worley's land off Brishing Lane with a view to possible excavation work to increase the flood storage area. In addition Cllr Fuller explained that this pond level could potentially be lowered in the winter to give an increased water storage area should flood conditions arise.

CLLR FULLER

Cllr Fitzgerald explained that the planning appeal relating to the Stone House gypsy site in Linton had been granted

- 10.1 Quote for preparation of ground for ten new allotments. Members agreed to bring this item forward

The quote for preparation of ground for ten new allotments was considered by councillors. The clerk advised that ten people from within the parish were currently on the waiting list and that there was currently space on the allotment field for a total of approximately seventeen new allotments. Cllr Ellis suggested that the whole field be prepared such that allotments would be available immediately for further residents wanting an allotment. Agreed by all councillors. Clerk to obtain updated quote from contractor and give instruction to proceed

CLERK

- 10.2 Quote for extension of allotment water supply and installation of new taps. Members agreed to bring this item forward

The quote for extending the allotment water supply and installing new taps was agreed by councillors. Clerk to instruct contractor to proceed

CLERK

Cllr Ellis queried the annual allotment rental charge. The clerk explained that this was currently £12 per year for a full allotment and £7 per year for a half allotment. Cllr Ellis suggested that allotment rents for neighbouring parishes be determined with a view to increasing the charge for Boughton Monchelsea allotments if deemed appropriate

CLERK

6. Declarations of Interests:

Interests were declared by Cllr Ellis, Cllr Bray and Cllr Smith in agenda items 13.3.1 and 13.3.2

7. Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2008 were agreed as correct.

8.. Clerk's Report:

The contents of the Clerk's Report were noted. As an update, the clerk explained that Maidstone Borough Council have now advised that the single storey structure in the garden of Le Portel, Heath Road is permitted development.

The clerk also explained that KCC have advised that a pedestrian barrier cannot be installed in Church Street outside the gate to the playground as the footpath would then be too narrow for wheelchairs and double buggies. It was agreed that as the gate opens into the playground rather than outwards, a barrier is not necessary.

The clerk explained that hedge cutting to Old Tree Lane is in hand following a complaint to the landowner.

9. Matters arising from minutes not included in agenda

No matters arising

10. Finance Report:

Payments since last meeting (incl VAT):

RIP Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying / Aug	32.43
KALC	Finance training course (clerk)	70.50
Reliance Security	Village hall car park security	528.75
Zurich Insurance Company	Insurance premium	508.20
Plane & Simple	Flower planters	411.25
Supplies Team	Printer cartridges	40.47
EDF Energy	Electricity parish hut	27.12
Natasha Tuck	Newsletter delivery	150.00
Kent County Council (KCS)	Laminating pouches	18.68
L. Windless	Clerk's expenses	56.16
Village hall committee	Room hire	44.50
Kent County Council (KCS)	Printing – newsletters & agendas	383.31
RIP Cleaning Services	Dog bin emptying / Sept	48.65
N. Mitchell	Compost for planters	40.00
French Roofing Services Ltd	Parish office construction work	11754.79
Audit Commission	Accounts audit fee	470.00
Reliance Security Services	Village hall car park security	308.44
South East Water Ltd	Water supply - allotments	175.81

Receipts:

Village hall committee	Village hall car park security	450.00
Allotment leaseholders	Allotment rent	352.00
Allotment leaseholders	Allotment rent	71.00
Cheque	Upon the quarry hills book sale	12.51
Allotment leaseholders	Allotment rent	12.00

Balances as at 21 October 2008:

Current Account	11985.15
Business Reserve	16353.17
National Savings	51874.02
Total Financial Assets	80212.34

The statement was agreed as a true record.

- 10.3 The quote for restoration of the well on The Green was considered by councillors. Cllr Clarke advised that Lyewood Farm have a similar well. Cllr Bray to take contractor to see this with a view to obtaining a firm quote such that the work can proceed. Cllr Clarke to provide contact details for Lyewood Farm

CLLR CLARKE / CLLR BRAY

11. Correspondence:

11.1 Co-option of councillors:

Cllr Ellis proposed that Mr Puttock, Mr Mumford and Mrs Thompson be co-opted onto the Council. Cllr Bray seconded the proposal which was agreed unanimously. Cllrs Puttock, Mumford and Thompson signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office and took their seats at the meeting. The Clerk presented Cllrs Puttock, Mumford and Thompson with copies of the Council's Standing Orders and information packs.

11.2 Kerbing at bottom of Beresford's Hill : response from KHS

Cllr Fuller explained that KCC are not currently in agreement that kerbs should be installed at this location. It was agreed that this should be pursued as damage to the ragstone wall had been caused by cars and lorries hitting it on several different occasions and that a row of kerbs would deflect vehicles away from the wall and back on to the road.

CLERK

It was noted that the ragstone wall has not been repaired following the incidents of damage and that this was the responsibility of the property owner. Cllr Smith agreed to speak to the owners to remind them of their responsibility to get the wall repaired.

CLLR SMITH

11.3 Beresford's Hill footpath : correspondence from KCC and DG

It was agreed that if no action is forthcoming within the next four weeks than a planning application should be submitted. Proposed by Cllr Ellis, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Agreed unanimously

11.4 Insurance : Changes to group structure
Correspondence noted

11.5 Alleged smoke nuisance

The clerk explained that this alleged smoke nuisance had been reported to Maidstone Borough Council on behalf of the resident

11.6 Partial review of the South East Plan : Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation
Needs
Correspondence noted

12. Planning Report:

The following applications had been considered by the Planning and Licensing Committee:

Items dealt with by the Planning & Licensing Committee:		MBC notified
MA/08/1215	Big Box Storage, Parkwood Industrial Estate Erection of rear extension for B8 self storage use with ancillary car parking and loading bay DECISION : No comment / objection	9/9/08
MA/08/1672	Ringinglow, Chart Hill Road Erection of a detached triple garage DECISION : No comment / objection	22/9/08
MA/08/1680	85 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. detached replacement dwellings. Resubmission of MA/07/1735 DECISION : Refuse on the following grounds : 1. The site is too small for the proposed development which will result in a cramped development 2. The size and bulk of the proposed development is over intensive for the site 3. The Quarries is in a flood plain. This end of The Quarries has a known flood problem. The additional surface water run off from the development will exacerbate the problem 4. The amenities of the adjoining properties will be adversely affected 5. The development will create additional vehicle movements in a road of limited width and capacity Please also note that the drawings included with the application are misleading with regard to the size of gap between the two properties. The plan shows a small gap between the two properties (at the front) while the elevation shows a significantly larger gap.	22/9/08
MA/08/1742	12 Haste Hill Close, Boughton Monchelsea Erection of a rear conservatory. Resubmission of MA/08/0833) DECISION : No objection / comment	22/9/08
MA/08/1653	28 Ragstone Fields, Boughton Monchelsea Erection of a rear conservatory DECISION : No objection / comment	22/9/08
MA/08/1365	Chart Hill Paddock, Chart Hill Road Change of use of land to residential with stationing of one mobile home and one touring caravan with associated hardstanding to accommodate a gypsy family DECISION : Refuse on the following grounds :	20/10/8

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The proposed development is outside any defined village boundary and would be contrary to Policies ENV28 and H29 of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan 2000 2. It will be an over intensification of such homes in the area being adjacent to an existing gypsy family contrary to Policy H36(3) of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan 2000. 3. The application site is within an area of designated Special Landscape Area. The development would harm the scenic quality of the area contrary to Policy ENV34 of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan 2000. 4. The development is and will be visually prominent from the road and is not satisfactorily screen by natural features and would be contrary to Policy H36(2) of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan 2000. 	
MA/08/1752 & 1753	<p>Fir Tree Cottage, 28 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea Proposed extension and alterations, including listed building consent</p> <p>DECISION : No comment / objection</p>	17/10/8
MA/08/1796	<p>Hill View, Green Lane, Boughton Monchelsea Application for an amendment to planning permission 07/1155 (Construction of a first floor side and rear extension) being the substitution of the hipped roof at the rear by a gable end</p> <p>DECISION : No comment / objection</p>	28/10/8
MA/08/1933 & 1934	<p>The Old Tack Room, Boughton Monchelsea Place Conversion of former tack room to single private residential annex, including listed building consent</p> <p>DECISION : No comment / objection</p>	28/10/8
MA/08/1986	<p>Land rear of the Albion Inn, Green Lane Erection of two detached two storey dwellings with integral garages</p> <p>DECISION : Refuse on the following grounds :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development will create problems of overlooking with the consequential loss of amenity to adjoining properties contrary to Policy ENV2 of the Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000. 2. The development will take all of the existing pub car park, which acts as a car park for pub customers, off road parking for local residents opposite and the main bus stop and waiting area for the village. The loss would force more vehicles to be parked in the road which will be a hazard given its proximity to the junction. 3. No replacement parking for pub customers has been provided. The Parish Council was successful some time ago in getting double yellow no-parking lines at 	28/10/8

the junction of Green Lane with Church Street to assist the bus turning at this junction. If pub customers and visitors to the new properties are forced to park their cars in the adjoining roads, this will be a further hazard and because enforcement of the no parking zone is difficult, will encourage parking on the yellow lines, to the detriment of the bus and other large vehicles using the junction.

4. The development is situated directly opposite a designated Conservation Area (The Green). The design and layout is not sympathetic to its location, contrary to Policy ENV13 of the Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000. The Borough Council has recently undertaken a conservation area appraisal of The Green. This appraisal included a potential area of enlargement which would encompass the land this development is sited on (see map 5 contained within the appraisal document). We have been informed that the extension to the conservation area is something that the Borough Council propose to address in the forthcoming Management Plan.
5. The land to be used for the development is currently the pub garden and provides a valuable open space and community amenity. It contains a boule pitch, constructed by the local league which plays regularly at the pub throughout the year and hosts competitions with visiting teams from home and abroad. There is also an outdoor barbeque which is used with functions held in the garden. The open space makes a practical and aesthetic contribution to the amenities of the village and its loss would be contrary Policy ENV22 of the Maidstone Borough-Wide Local Plan 2000.

Items dealt with under delegated authority:

None

The following applications have been APPROVED by MBC :

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| MA/08/0834 | Gentian House, Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of a double garage to the side of existing kennels and part conversion to home office |
| MA/08/1331 | 6 Church Street, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of a front entrance porch and single storey rear extension |
| MA/08/1380 | STS Stapleton Tyres, Parkwood Industrial Estate, Cuxton Road
Application for advertisement consent for the installation of an internally illuminated aluminium box sign |
| MA/08/1461 | Wierton Cottage, Wierton Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Application for listed building consent for changes to the internal layout, ceiling insulation and external flat roof repairs |

- MA/08/1459 8 Meadow View Road, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of a single storey rear extension
- MA/08/1514 Whiteways Farm, Hermitage Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of agricultural cart shed
- MA/08/1551 85 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea
Loft conversion with front and rear gables
- MA/08/1066 Homeleigh Timber & Building Supplies Ltd
Application to discharge conditions relating to MA/07/2605 being
details of landscaping pursuant to condition 2 as shown on drawing
DHA/6513/05
- MA/08/1215 Big Box Storage, Parkwood Industrial Estate
Erection of rear extension for B8 self storage use with ancillary car
parking and loading bay
- MA/08/1653 28 Ragstone Fields, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of a rear conservatory
- MA/08/1742 12 Haste Hill Close, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of a rear conservatory

The following applications had been REFUSED by MBC:

- MA/08/0864 92 The Quarries, Boughton Monchelsea
Outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling with
means of access only to be considered at this stage.
- MA/08/1023 8 Cock Cottages, Green Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
Erection of a part two storey and part single storey rear extension
- MA/08/1352 The Poppies, Cliff Hill, Boughton Monchelsea
Two storey extension to east elevation
- MA/08/1412 Brishing Court Barn, Brishing Lane, Boughton Monchelsea
& 1413 Planning application for the replacement of entrance doors and
erection of first floor fire exit with external gallery and staircase.
Listed building consent for the same
- MA/08/1672 Ringinglow, Chart Hill Road, Chart Sutton
Erection of a detached triple garage

The following application(s) have been notified as WITHDRAWN

- MA/08/1680 85 The Quarries
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no detached
replacement dwellings. Resubmission of MA/07/1735

The following APPEALS have been notified:

- MA/08/0419 Gentian, Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea
Appeal by : Mr Tombs
Construction of single storey extension and alterations to fenestration
to existing out-building to facilitate conversion of kennels to granny
annexe.
Written representation : start date 22/9/08 6 week deadline

DECISION : Written representation sent on 30/9/08 as follows :

The Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council would like to see the appeal **DISMISSED** because:

1. The proposed development will be very cramped with little or no amenity space around the property to benefit the development.
2. The amount of natural light to the ground floor of the proposed dwelling will be limited due to the size of windows and the existing conifers to the west in the adjoining industrial unit to the detriment of the health and environment of any occupant of the new dwelling.
3. The development would harm the character and appearance of the area and the amenities of the surrounding occupiers, contrary to Policy ENV28 of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan.
4. There is little evidence of an existing 'road' which if it was such appears to have long been abandoned. An additional vehicular access now would harm the amenities of the occupants of the adjoining property 'Heathcot' with additional noise and disturbance contrary to policy H19 of the Maidstone Borough Wide Local Plan.
5. The access will be by a very long and narrow drive to the side of Gentian to the detriment of its amenities and does not appear to be of an adequate standard for residential use.
6. The B2163 Heath Road is a secondary network road. Increased use of the access will result in a greater risk of accidents and collisions from emerging traffic.
7. The side entrance to Gentian is directly off the access which will be a hazard to drivers using the access and the occupants of Gentian.

The following APPEAL DECISION(S) have been notified :

None

12.1 Cllr Fuller reminded councillors that a MBC overview and scrutiny committee enforcement meeting was being held on 11th November at the Town Hall. Cllr Ellis agreed to attend. Clerk to forward details of meeting to Cllr Ellis **CLERK / CLLR ELLIS**

13. Representatives' Reports:

13.1 KALC : Cllr Ellis had nothing to report

13.2. Allotments :

13.2.1 The clerk reported that Cllr Filmer is currently updating the allotment lease agreement and this will be sent out to all new and existing leaseholders once complete **CLLR FILMER**

13.2.2 Councillors agreed that a supply of compost bins should not be purchased but that a notice should be put in the next newsletter regarding this **CLERK**

13.3 Village Hall & Recreation Ground :

Cllr Ellis, Cllr Bray and Cllr Smith left the meeting before voting on items 13.3.1 and 13.3.2 and returned once voting had finished

13.3.1 It was agreed that a grant of up to £15261 (inclusive of VAT) should be made to the village hall committee as a 25% contribution towards the total cost of village hall upgrade works. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Clarke. Agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that this grant would be dependent on Maidstone Borough Council providing 25% and Kent County Council providing 50%. It was agreed that confirmation of a competitive tendering process would be required before releasing any funds . **CLERK**

13.3.2 It was agreed that a grant of up to £8548 (inclusive of VAT) should be made to the village hall committee as a 50% contribution towards the total cost of essential health and safety works to the village hall. Proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Mitchell. Agreed unanimously.

It was agreed that copies of all quotes received for this work, including unsuccessful quotations, should be obtained prior to releasing any funds. **CLERK**

13.3.3 It was agreed that the terms of any lease agreement between the village hall committee and the parish council for the parish office should be : first year rent free followed by a five year renewable lease with a rental of £500 per year in the second year and reviewed thereafter. Proposed by Cllr Mitchell, seconded by Cllr Clarke. Agreed unanimously

It was agreed that PCSO Laura Shave and the new KCC Warden should be given sets of keys to the new parish office for their use.

It was agreed that planning meetings and other such small meetings should be held in the outer room of the parish office from now onwards rather than hiring the committee room.

Cllr Bray reported that on behalf of the recreation ground committee he is currently obtaining quotes for refurbishing the tennis court and is also obtaining quotes for five-a-side goal ends so that the court can be used a multi games area. This will be in lieu of a ball wall if the latest grant application is unsuccessful

13.4 Neighbourhood Watch :

It was agreed that Cllr Witherington would act as Neighbourhood Watch Representative in conjunction with Cllr Mitchell

Clerk to advise Cllr Witherington of date for next PACT meeting

CLERK

13.5 S&W Maidstone Traffic Management Partnership (TRAMP) : Cllr Bray explained TRAMP and it's aims for the benefit of new councillors

13.6 Local Board : Nothing to report.

14. Items for Discussion:

14.1 Local needs affordable housing : survey update

The clerk reported that 124 responses have been received and that this is a 10% response rate. Of the responses received, 29 have indicated a housing need, 12 of which are marked 'now' and 17 as 'in the next three years'. Rural Kent have advised that the report should be complete by the end of November. Clerk to chase

CLERK

14.2 Flooding, The Quarries : update

Covered in item 5

14.3 Highways : liaison meeting update, speedwatch, new KHS reporting system

Liaison meeting update covered in clerk's report.

Cllr Herrin reported that speedwatch has been operating in recent months. Cllr Mumford stated that, as a new councillor he is keen to get involved in this.

14.4 Allocation of councillors in north and south wards : altering ratio

The clerk advised that the current split of councillors is 11 for south ward and 4 for north ward. It was agreed that this split should be reviewed based on the increasing population of north ward due to the Furfield Park and Woodlands developments. The clerk advised that she has been in touch with Maidstone Borough Council and that it will be possible to alter the ratio of councillors in each ward but it may be more appropriate to request this once the new electoral register is issued at the end of the year. It was agreed that this issue should be an agenda item for the next parish council meeting in January

CLERK

14.5 Village gateway planters : budget for upkeep, ongoing maintenance

It was agreed that an annual budget of £100 should be allocated for upkeep of the planters. Cllr Oliver agreed to manage this in conjunction with residents Jim and Laurine Stout. Clerk to write letter of thanks to Mr & Mrs Stout for planting carried out to date and for kindly agreeing to maintain the planters each season

CLERK

Cllr Mitchell stated that he is looking into installing wooden posts to prevent parking of vehicles in front of the planters

CLLR MITCHELL

14.6 Carols on The Green 15/12/08 : Confirm arrangements

Cllr Ellis to sort out catering arrangements (soup etc) with Mrs Harrison. Cllr Ellis to source Christmas tree

CLLR ELLIS

Clerk to purchase mince pies and mulled wine. £10 contribution required from each councillor

CLERK

Clerk to speak to Mick Woodhams regarding floodlights

CLERK

14.7 Request for Age Concern for contribution to their budget for Christmas parties at Day Centres

It was agreed that a cash donation will not be made however it was noted that Boughton Monchelsea scouts are co-ordinating donation of Christmas food parcels to the Age Concern day centre at Coxheath.

14.8 Refurbishment of basketball court

Covered in item 13.3.3

14.9 Youth council

Cllr Bray advised that the young person who wrote to the parish council recently regarding the basketball court is keen to be involved in the formation of a youth council. The clerk suggested that further recruits be sought via the next newsletter **CLERK**

14.10 Noticeboard in The Quarries

The clerk reported that the noticeboard has kindly been repaired by local resident, Barry Boulton. Thanks were expressed for this

14.11 Noticeboard and village gateway at Furfield Park

Due to the complete lack of response, Cllr Fuller stated that he would be pursuing this with Taylor Wimpey

CLERK

14.12 Verge clearance in Brishing Lane

Cllr Fuller reported that some verge clearance work had been carried out but it was important to keep this cleared for pedestrians

14.13 Dog waste : provision of bags and additional bin

It was agreed that bags should not be purchased. It was also agreed that an additional bin is not required as there is an existing bin adjacent to the village hall for those returning from dog walking in Church Hill

14.14 Ball wall grant : update

Update required from Cllr Filmer

CLLR FILMER

14.15 Parish council website : updates and improvements

It was agreed that Cllr Puttock will carry out this work

CLLR PUTTOCK

15. **Deferred Items Schedule:**

Cllr Fuller advised that the sewers have now been adopted at Boughton Court and that a commuted sum of £7000 has been deposited with Southern Water. Cllr Fuller also advised that adoption of the roads will follow shortly. The 'green wedge' of land adjacent to this development has been adopted by Maidstone Borough Council but it was agreed in 1998 that this would transfer over to Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust. Clerk to write to Maidstone Borough Council regarding this **CLERK**

16. **Any other Business:**

16.1 Cllr Fuller advised councillors of the date for the forthcoming Civic Service

16.2 The clerk advised that Cllr Munford would be taking a remembrance day wreath to the church on Sunday 9th November on behalf of the parish council

16.3 Cllr Mitchell requested that the clerk e-mail next year's parish council meeting dates to all councillors
CLERK

16.4 The clerk asked about the history of the parish council's attempts to get the speed limit on Heath Road lowered. It was agreed that a letter should be written to KCC regarding the inappropriateness of a 40mph speed limit adjacent to a primary school
CLERK

17. **Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 January 2009. There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 10.15 pm.

MINUTE 15 (Parish Council meeting 6May 2008)

SCHEDULE OF DEFERRED ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

BMPC DATE:	ITEM:	ACTION:	POSITION AS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 September 2007
11.3.03	Wierton Place	Victorian Greenhouses – conservation	MBC set up liaison group with owner's agent & architect. Considering enabling development. Meeting requested with MBC's Conservation Officer. Clerk to complain to CE MBC about lack of action and commitment to preserve these listed buildings (4.7.06). Response discussed mtg 5.9.06. Update report received from MBC (6.3.07)
13.5.03	Wierton Place	Untidy Site Notice	With MBC's Enforcement Team. Meeting requested with MBC's Conservation Officer. Response discussed mtg 5.9.06. Update report received from MBC (6.3.07)
4.6.98	Ld at Boughton Court	Transfer from MBC to BMAT / adoption of infrastructure	MBC awaiting transfer of open space from developer. Re-confirmed by letter 29.7.04 from MBC. Mtg with Wimpey's 4.10.06. Letter awaited. Wimpey's being chased for a response. Change in personnel. Southern Water now looking favourable on adoption of foul sewer as laid (15.1.08). Cllr Fuller reported that he had spoken to Paul Bending and that a meeting would be taking place (6.5.08). Sewers now adopted and commuted sum of £7K deposited with Southern Water (4.11.08)
11.5.04	Footway; Beresfords Hill	East side: ('Beresfords' land).	Meeting held with Mr Gill 24 November 2004. Kent Highways Manager in attendance. Meeting BMPC 3.5.05 agreed to request KCC PROW to promote a Public Path Creation Order under Sec 26, Highways Act 1980 instead of a CPO through MBC. BMPC agree to bear all costs and any compensation. BMPC further agree to make offer through KCC PROW to cut hedge in perpetuity – District Valuer instructed to act. Concurrent functions bid for funds granted 2005/6 (£7.5K) subject to Order being confirmed. BMPC re-confirmed agreement to meet all costs of Order 1.11.05. Public consultation concludes 23.1.06. With KCC's Regulation Committee for decision to proceed with Order. Request Cllr Hotson to chase KCC (2.5.06). Consultation mtg required by KCC PROW to be arranged with landowner. (4.7.06) & (5.9.06). Mtg 25.10.06. Fencing issues & approval to prepare scheme plans (7.11.06). Fencing issues referred to MBC planners 16.1.07). Planners response considered. Agreed consulting engineers to be instructed to draw up scheme for submission for planning approval after consultation with the landowner. (6.3.07). Plans considered at mtg 3.7.07. Referred to KCC for comments before mtg arranged with landowner & KCC. Confirmed further request from KCC that BMPC will defray all costs – agreed subject

			to KCC advising its costs. Future hedge cutting arrangements to be discussed with contractor (4.9.07). A meeting took place in February 08. Mr Gill has requested further details (4.3.08). Still with Mr Gill's solicitors (2.9.08).
16.1.07	Furfield Quarry	Methane monitoring	Update reports obtained & passed to Cllr Fuller / meeting of Custodian Trustees. Need to write to planning authority asking whether methane is being monitored (4.3.08, 6.5.08, 15.7.08). Up to date report received. Ensure reports requested annually (2.9.08)
6.11.07	Quarry Wood footpath (BMAT)	Cutting footpath through wood	Explorer scouts to cut path under supervision of their leader Andy Wright (Cllr Bray) (4.9.07). No explorer scouts locally anymore. Cllr Bray will pursue this with Andy Wright <u>once</u> more, if not, will have to get a quote for this work (4.3.08, 6.5.08). Clerk to pursue with KITS (2.9.08)