

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May 2010
In Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall pursuant to notice, commencing at 7.30pm**

Present:

Cllrs G. Powell
 S. Evans
 I. Ellis
 M. Bray
 L. Oliver
 S. Munford
 S. Witherington
 C. Bracking
 J. Thompson
 K. Horton
 W. Clarke
 D. Smith

Cllr Mike Fitzgerald
Mrs L. Windless (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies:**
 Apologies were received from Cllr Herrin.
2. **Notification of late items for inclusion on the agenda**
 No late items.
3. **Standing Order 61: To decide whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for any item.**
 No exempt items.
4. **Declarations of Interests:**
 Cllr Munford declared an interest in item 5.1 on behalf of all Councillors who are trustees of Boughton Monchelsea Amenity Trust.
5. **Correspondence:**
 - 5.1 Letter from Robin Fuller dated 19/5/10 : Copies of a draft response to Robin Fuller's letter were handed out to all Councillors. Various amendments were suggested and agreed. It was agreed that Cllr Munford would produce and send the amended letter to Cllr Fuller on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed that the response should be sent just to Cllr Fuller and not copied to the press as an open letter at this stage.

Cllr Evans asked under what power was money being transferred to the Amenity Trust. Cllr Ellis explained that it was being transferred under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and that appropriate advice had been taken from KALC at the time of making the first grant to ensure legitimacy of the transfers. Cllr Evans asked what would have happened to the grant money if it hadn't been transferred to the Amenity Trust each year. Cllr Ellis explained that if it had not been spent by the

Parish Council in other ways then it would have had to be returned to the Borough Council in the form of underspend of the MBC concurrent functions grant.

It was agreed that if anyone from the press should contact any of the Parish Councillors regarding Robin Fuller's letter then they should be referred to Cllr Munford as a single point of contact.

6. Any other Business:

6.1 Cllr Munford spoke regarding the sad passing of Vickie Tuck and suggested that the Parish Council should send a sympathy card to Terry. **CLERK**

6.2 Cllr Evans confirmed that she would be attending the meeting regarding the problems at the Albion pub. **CLLR EVANS**

6.3 The clerk mentioned an e-mail she had received from Cornwallis School regarding 'Community Action Weeks'. It was noted that a suitable project for the pupils could be assistance with production of displays for the launch of the Community Plan. Cllr Thompson to pursue if appropriate. **CLLR THOMPSON**

6.4 Cllr Munford spoke regarding the 'Safer Kent Awards'. He stated that he would like to nominate KCC Warden, Liz Lovatt for an award on behalf of the Parish Council. All agreed. **CLLR MUNFORD**

6.5 Cllr Witherington explained that he had received several quotes for production of the new Parish Council website and that he would bring these with him to the next Parish Council meeting such that a decision could be made on which company to use. **CLLR WITHERINGTON**

6.6 Cllr Munford spoke regarding various projects that are currently being progressed and asked whether particular Councillors would be prepared to 'head up' these projects on behalf of the Parish Council. The following was agreed :

Flooding, The Quarries	Cllr Herrin
Beresfords Hill footpath	Cllr Horton and Cllr Evans
Local needs affordable housing	Cllr Bray

Cllr Munford thanked Cllrs Herrin, Horton, Evans and Bray for agreeing to co-ordinate these projects.

Meeting closed 8.20pm