

BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2015 in Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr S. Munford (Chairman)
Cllr I. Ellis
Cllr P. Herrin
Cllr S. Evans
Cllr A. Whybrow
Cllr J. Gershon
Cllr M. Slater
Cllr M. Bray
Cllr D Smith (arrived late)
Cllr K Williams
Cllr M Slater
Cllr J Gershon (arrived late)

Also in attendance the Clerk Mrs Michelle Rumble

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and noted from from Cllr Date, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Skinner

2. Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda / Declaration of Changes to the Register of Interests / Requests for Dispensations :

None

3. To receive and sign the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes 7th July 2015 were signed as a true and correct record. **RESOLVED:** All members agreed

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

15.6 Community Bus scheme – Deferred until next meeting

Previous Financial report was forwarded to all members for their comments

11 – 13.6 on current agenda

14.1 agenda

Parish website – agenda

Data Protection act – agenda

Jubilee Hub- No further action on this needed

The Clerk was asked to speak to Cllr Skinner regarding PROW KM103 **ACTION CLERK**

The Clerk was asked to email Community Warden Liz Lovatt regarding dogs on the recreation ground and in the play area. **ACTION CLERK**

16.3 Cllr Ellis reported that a rag stone wall had been demolished by a vehicle along Heath Road. The Clerk would seek advice from Kent County Council as to whether some precautions might be taken to prevent this from happening again.

This has been carried out

16.4 Cllr Evans asked for publicity to be given on the website to the opportunity for the picking of litter presented by the closure of Heath Road. This has been carried out

16.5 Cllr Evans asked if road name signs could in future omit reference to "Maidstone Borough Council". This would be taken further by Cllr Munford. Deferred until next meeting

5. Reports from members of the public

None

6. Reports from PCSO

Report had been received and noted. The Clerk was asked to contact the PCSO and ask for contact details. Cllr Munford will try and arrange a meeting along with Cllr Williams with the PCSO. **ACTION CLERK**

7. Community Warden

No report received

8. Finance

8.1. Cheque List

The Clerk had circulated a cheque list prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Bracking, seconded by Cllr Ellis. **RESOLVED** by all members to make payments. The cheques will be signed outside the meeting.

The financial statement from 7th July was approved as a true record

8.2. Budget monitoring report

Cllr Munford spoke about the Parish Council having a budget, Cllr Munford proposed that he would like to see the Parish Council have a budget, Cllr Ellis felt that the Parish Council did not need a budget and it can become restrictive. However it was agreed to develop one Cllr Ellis agreed to work with the clerk to develop this. **RESOLVED** All members agreed this. **ACTION CLERK**

9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

10. Planning Report

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting a planning report, Cllr Smith discussed the report and what planning applications are being processed. Cllr Smith also spoke about the BMAT and that a proposal had been received from a company who have prepared a Landscape Character Assessment. Cllr suggested that the BMAT have a meeting in the future.

Cllr Gershon arrived at the meeting.

Cllr Gershon raised a concern that residents who had objected to the original Wierton Place application have been lost, the Clerk was asked to speak to Maidstone Borough Council regarding the original objection from residents in 2010. **ACTION CLERK**

11. Clerks report

There was no report

12. General purposes committee

Cllr Munford reported to all members that as late items are no longer allowed on the agenda does the parish need an extra committee meeting to cover this. **RESOLVED** by all members that an extra committee was not needed and that if meetings are needed they will be called by the Chairman.

13. Representatives' Reports:

13.1 KALC: Cllr Ellis spoke had no report

13.2 Allotments: Cllr Bracking: spoke about having concessionary rates for allotment holders, Cllr Munford proposed that the allotment should not be increased for the year 2015/16, this was seconded by Cllr Bracking. **RESOLVED** 10 FOR and 1 AGAINST that the allotment rent would not be increased for the year 2015/16. Cllr Munford recommended that Cllr Bracking put together a proposal on the issue of concessionary rates for the next meeting. In the meantime Cllr Munford recommended that allotments for residents of Boughton Monchelsea are free to people of working age who are unemployed. **RESOLVED** by all members present. **ACTION CLERK/CLLR BRACKING**

Cllr Bracking was thanked by the Chairman and members for all his hard work on the allotments.

Cllr Bracking also stated that there was a possibility of a new water tank at the allotment site and that a tree on the allotment site needs some attention. Cllr Munford proposed that Cllr Bracking have delegated powers up to an amount of £250.00, to complete the tree work seconded by Cllr Ellis **RESOLVED** by all members. **ACTION CLLR BRACKING**

13.3 Village Hall & Recreation Ground: Cllr Gershon stated that both the Rugby Club and Football club have both left the recreation ground, there was a possibility of a business group to see what could be the future use of the recreation ground. They are also looking at the possibility of raising money through events. Cllr Gershon then stated that new Chairman of the village has moved out of the village. Cllr Ellis stated that at the last meeting of the village hall they will be seeking quotes for repairs to the car park.

13.4 Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr Munford stated that a new Chairman for the neighbourhood watch group is needed. Cllr Williams had nothing to report. The next meeting will take place on the 28th September

13.5 PACT: Cllr Date was not present at the meeting.

13.6 Bus group: Cllr Whybrow informed the members that there was nothing to report.

13.7 NHP: Cllr Smith gave his report on the neighbourhood plan

14 Items for Discussion:

14.1 Parkwood Farm reservoir update: Cllr Munford gave his report on this, that KCC will not take on the role of undertaker nor offer any operational or financial assistance, the costs for repair which was sought last year which was £10,000 for a repair but if more damage is found it could increase to £30,000. This has possibly increased now. Cllr Munford stated that the Parish Council is responsible for the reservoir and that either way it will need to be repaired and de-commissioned. A lengthy discussion amongst the members took place and the end result was that the Parish Council should write to the Panel Engineer to obtain the facts relating to

1. The duties and responsibilities of the PC as Stat Undertaker
2. The consequences of decommissioning the works and how this could be achieved
3. The consequences of ignoring the remedial works and just leaving things as they are, given that arguably it was action by the PC that caused the deep flood water to stand on the area under the walkway for weeks and hence destabilise the embankment
4. The responsibilities of the various parties involved – this probably is only the PC and B&V as everyone else has denied any responsibility.

With these facts the PC would be able to determine the best cause of action

The possibility to contact the MP again was also discussed.

14.2 North Ward update: Cllr Williams and Cllr Slater will be doing a door knock

14.3 Parish Council website / newsletter: Cllr Gershon advised that he was still updating the website

14.4 Data Protection Act: This has been dealt with

14.5 Proposed Jubilee Resource Hub: This has been dealt with

14.6 Decommissioning of Church Street phone box: This is being dealt with

14.7 Honours Board: This has been deferred to the next meeting

14.8 Renovation of parish hut door: Quotes had been received, the two options was Oak doors painted or plain or either soft wood doors treated and painted. Cllr Ellis proposed that the Parish Council go for the soft wood option painted and treated (Clerk to confirm with contractor that the doors will be treated), seconded by Cllr Munford. RESOLVED 9 FOR 1 AGAINST

14.9 Renovation of finger post - Old Tree Lane – Cllr Ellis confirmed that he had met with Derek Edwards and that the finger post would be repaired. Cllr Ellis to report back at next meeting.

14.10 Play area renovation - Now completed

15. Deferred items schedule:

15.1 Methane monitoring. Cllr Evans informed members that they are waiting for the figures from the capital fund.

16. Date of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3 November 2015

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.