

BOUGHTON ALUPH & EASTWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2017

At Goat Lees Community Hall

Present:

Cllr Spencer Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Nigel Bunker (Vice-chairman)
Cllr Carol Bunker
Cllr Ivor Groves
Cllr Erica Lasparini
Cllr Jason Matthews
Cllr Ken Newman
Cllr Julie Tingey

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by:

Also in attendance, newly appointed Clerk Mrs Rachel Girt, (acting as Locum Clerk for this meeting). Two members of the public were present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by passing on the condolences of the Parish Council to Mrs Sue Wood on the death of her husband. Mrs Wood had been acting as Locum Clerk.

The Chairman introduced Mrs Rachel Girt, acting as Clerk for the December meeting and joining the Parish Council as Clerk in January.

1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence

None.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2017 be approved and confirmed as a true record.

4. Matters arising from the last minutes

Cllr Lasparini advised on the KCC proposal and forthcoming consultation to remove subsidies from bus services. This affects route 666, serving Boughton Lees along the Faversham Road. This may affect the proposal to install a bus shelter in Boughton Lees. Cllr Phillips noted that many of affected routes serve the William Harvey Hospital.

Adjournment for Members of the Public to address the Meeting

A Sandyhurst Lane resident expressed her concern that no objection had been made by the Parish Council to the proposed Sandpit development. The Chairman noted that a caveat had been added to their response that access must be considered.

Issues raised by the two members of the public present were its dangerous position, drainage and lighting concerns, lack of footpath access from site, emergency vehicle access (generally) along Sandyhurst Lane and further development precedent. They also disagreed with the outcome of the Parish Council vote (November 2017) not to object and were concerned whether the Council had listened to local opinion.

Cllr Newman asked what information was received from Sandyhurst Lane Residents association. Cllr Matthews expressed his concerns that the Sandyhurst Lane Residents Association had not been listened to, and the Parish Plan did not support it.

Cllr Bunker felt that Councillors did their best in weighing up all views and opinions presented to them. He felt (in his personal capacity) that this was a better application than many presented due to being a well contained development proposal.

In response to concerns and questions raised the following points were made.

- Public consultations were held regarding the proposed developments included in the Parish Plan (Sandpits was listed). SP
- Views were sought from residents via the Parish Council meetings which were advertised on noticeboards and online. SP
- Views and representations from Councillors unable to attend the November meeting were sent in advance. CB
- The proper procedures were adhered to and a vote taken at the November meeting. CB
- The planning submission made by the Sandyhurst Lane Residents Association to Ashford Borough Council was available online.
- The initial stage of the Neighbourhood Plan surveyed opinion of each proposed development and the Sandpit development showed just over 50% of respondents in favour than not.

The final decision regarding the application will be taken by Ashford Borough Council in January. The Chairman will add it to the agenda again in January.

5. Clerk's Financial Report

5.1 Review of the Statement of Account and bank reconciliation

See 5.3

5.3 To authorise payment of the following accounts

Resolved: That the following payments be made.

Net Amount	VAT Incl.	Gross Amount	Payable to:	In respect of:
50.00	-	50.00	D Austen	Locum Clerk

6. Current Projects

6.1 Cllr Lasparini explained that drafting of a quality Neighbourhood Plan is taking longer than expected and that additional specialist support from planning consultants is required.

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6.2 The new cricket pavilion is proposed to be built in the closed season 2018/2019. A full submission from the Parish Council is due to go to Fields in Trust when remaining details to ensure public access is documented have been made. Pleasingly, plans have been changed to allow the trees to remain. Planning permission from Ashford Borough Council is the final stage in the process (the pavilion is in a conservation area).

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7. 2018 KALC Community Awards Scheme

7.1 Suggestions were made of community members to nominate and it was decided to nominate the couple who had cared for the war memorial for many years.

Resolved: to nominate to the KALC awards scheme.

8. Planning Matters

Applications received.

8.1 17/01358/AS & 17/01359/AS

Wilmington, Canterbury Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4EW – Full planning permission and listed building consent for the removal of existing rear extension and erection of two storey rear extension; removal of and erection of internal walls at ground and first floor; new door and creation of en-suite at first floor level; removal and reuse of windows.

17/01360/AS 17/01361/AS

Wilmington, Canterbury Road, Boughton Aluph, Ashford, Kent, TN25 4EW – Full planning permission and listed building consent for to convert garden store and garage into an outbuilding with an extra storey above.

It was proposed that no objection be made.

Resolved:

No objection be lodged.

8.2 Applications to note, recent approval by Ashford Borough Council

17/01474/AS Eastwell Manor Hotel - Extension of kitchen into courtyard with a steel framed new structure.

17/00999/AS Land north west of El Ashere, Wye Road - 3 new dwellings fronting onto Wye Road at Kempes Corner (amended application).

17/01478/AS Braehead, 198 Sandyhurst Lane - Outline planning application for 4 bed detached chalet bungalow with access and double garage/carport.

17/01675/AS Newland House, Faversham Road, Boughton Lees - Lawful development certificate for replacement of softwood stained double glazed windows with triple glazed UPVC white windows.

17/01636/AS Former Sandpit, Sandyhurst Lane

Cllr Matthews raised a motion that the Parish Council revisit this application. This could not be pursued immediately as there appeared to be a discrepancy in procedure for this motion between the Standing Orders of Boughton Aluph & Eastwell Parish Council and advice already sought from KALC by Cllr Matthews.

Cllr Bunker noted that he does not wish a considered decision made in good faith to be further questioned. Cllr Mrs Bunker felt that Cllr Matthews approach to the matter was bullying. Cllr Matthews asked her to withdraw the comment which she declined to. Cllr Matthew asked that this be minuted.

Resolved: Cllr Phillips to investigate with expediency, the discrepancy of procedure relating to Cllr Matthews proposed motion.

SP

17/01613/AS Lenacre Hall Farm

Cllr Bunker advised that an interim response had already been submitted, with a final version to follow. He asked Councillors for their consideration of the draft copy and to send comments to him.

9. Councillor Communications

9.1 The Chairman asked that email communications are circulated to all Councillors, to ensure that democratic decisions are openly made, information shared should be factual. Cllr Newman said that he finds telephoning the most convenient, this was echoed by some other members.

The Chairman asked that all Councillors consider how they should best raise matters with each other to ensure that no-one feels uncomfortable with the exchange.

Motion raised that from January only dedicated Boughton Aluph & Eastwell email addresses be used for communication with members of the public.

Resolved: Boughton Aluph & Eastwell email addresses be used by Councillors.

ALL

10. Correspondence

10.1 Cllr Lasparini had circulated all correspondence via email.

11. Any Other Business and Future Agenda Items

11.1 Cllr Mrs Bunker advised that the Local Warden Scheme had been relaunched and suggested that it was put on the agenda for January.

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11.2 Cllr Phillips thanked Cllr Lasparini for carrying out the role of Clerk during the time the council had been without a Clerk.

11.3 Cllr Phillips thanked Councillors for all their hard work and wished them a Happy Christmas.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10th January 2018, at Sandyacres Sports and Social Club starting at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.