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Parish Council Extraordinary Agenda 15 June 2023

Members are hereby summoned, and notice is given that an Extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 15 June 2023 at 7.30pm at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade, ME5 9RU.

1. **Apologies and absences**
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
3. **Boundary Commission Review**

Daniela Baylis
Clerk to the Council.

Date 13 June 2023

Supporting Papers for ECM 15 June 2023

The final version of the proposal is being published tonight and will be circulated as soon as it is received.

Draft Response

Many of Boxley Parish Council's assets are in the South of the Parish. If the South of the Parish does not exist what becomes of these assets? The Parish Council will not be able to pay to maintain these assets if they are no longer in the Parish.

Franklin Drive play area – 99 year lease taken out in 2020

Weaving Diamond Jubilee Orchard – Play area, community orchard and recreational space – 125 year lease taken out in 2012

Vinters Valley Nature Reserve – Boxley Parish Council is a Custodian Trustee and donates a large sum towards the annual running costs. The nature reserve might not be able to fund itself without this grant.

Dove Hill Allotments – 25 plot holders (the majority) would become outside the new Parish boundary and might not be able to keep their plots. BPC regulations give precedence to parish residents.

War memorial Grove Green – On BPC's asset register and maintained by BPC

Grove Green Village Hall – Custodian Trustees

Weaving Heath Nature Reserve – Volunteers that look after the Heath are supported by a Grant from the Parish Council

Staff

5 Staff employed – which staff will be transferred to MBC, We would need to know all the details required by TUPE regulations such as work location, working hours, pension arrangements, date of salary payments etc so that a 'Statement of Measures' can be produced and given to the staff concerned. Many staff have split roles – how will this be managed by MBC? Do they expect that some staff will have their hours made up by working for both Boxley Parish and MBC? What is MBC's timetable for consultation with staff so that they have time to engage their union representatives.

Councillors – 4 affected by boundary change as they will no longer reside within the parish boundary.

The Parish Council has deep ties throughout the Parish which would be very hard to sever and could result in the loss of community assets for residents in the South of the Parish. For this reason Boxley Parish Council oppose the proposed changes and would like to see the boundaries stay as they are.