

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the European School of Osteopathy, Boxley on Monday 1 June 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Councillors present: Mr I Davies (Chairman), Mr V Davies, Mrs P Brooks, Mr P Dengate, Mr M Hinchliffe, Mr B Hinder, Mrs W Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs K Macklin, Mrs A Spain, Mr A Springate, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller, together with the Clerk, Borough Councillor D Butler and PCSO Day.

1. Apologies and absences.

Cllrs Harwood (MBC meeting) and Mr G Smith (unwell).

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying.

None received.

Item 5 was taken at this point in the agenda.

The Chairman paused the meeting to present Cllr Robert Hinder with the 2015 KALC Community Award in recognition of his hard work and services to the community on leading the Dove Hill Allotment project and as Chairman of Friends of Boxley Warren.

3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of 11 May 2015.

The minutes of the meeting were, with an action point included at item 13, **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising From the Minutes.

4.1 Minute 2750/9.1 Boxley Warren *Awards for All* application. Clerk will complete work when possible, liaising with Cllr Harwood. **Noted.**

4.2 Minute 2750/9.2 Boxley Warren/Pilgrims Way. Road works to improve the junction planned for 22 July 2015. No further news. **Noted.**

4.3 Minute 2750/9.3 Code of Conduct Complaints 3 month deadline. Report **noted.**

4.4 Any other matters arising from the minutes which are not on the agenda. There were none.

5 Report from the PCSO and Police Issues.

Report and Crime statistics. **Received and noted.** Clarification was sought regarding lost property found by a member of the public and the offence of Theft by Finding. The PCSO will ascertain how long an item must be retained before it could be disposed of. Cllr Wendy Hinder asked that the Police try to deal with the issue of quad bikes on private land at Boxley Road adjacent to the M2.

Survey - National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) into rural crime and anti-social Behaviour (ASB). Councillors were encouraged to make their personal views known by completing the survey.

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not adjourned.

6 Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings.

Received and noted.

6.1 Environment Committee meeting 11 May 2015.

6.2 Environment Committee meeting 18 May 2015.

6.3 F&GP Committee 19 May 2015.

6.4 Annual Meeting of the Parish.

7 Finance.

7.1 Payments made out of meeting 01.04.15 – 30.04.15. **Received and noted.**

7.2 Receipts for the period 01.04.15 – 26.05.15. **Received and noted.**

7.3 Account balances as at 26.05.15. As unavailable at the meeting they will be forwarded to members. **Action: Clerk.**

- 7.4 Payment of accounts. **Authorised.**
- 7.5 Internet Banking. The Clerk reported that the last of the mandates and signatures were being gathered.
- 7.6 Cllr Springate volunteered to undertake the next Parish Councillor Internal Audit (due in September).
- 8 **2014/2015 End of Year Return.**
The Chairman moved that **the parish council agree that the Chairman and Clerk sign the End of Year Return. Unanimously agreed.**
9. **Policies and Procedures.**
Lobbying and predetermination (review). With some minor adjustments **agreed.**
10. **Reports from Borough and County Councillors.**
Cllr Wendy Hinder gave a report covering issues within the parish including the need, now that the trial period for the bollards were coming to an end, for Sandling residents to notify KCC of their views of their effectiveness and whether they want them to remain in position.
Cllr Butler notified the council that the new MBC Leader was Cllr Fran Wilson. He gave a brief report on the new decision system at MBC and informed members that he was on the Audit Committee and Cllr Hinder was a member of the Culture, Tourism and Leisure Committee.
11. **Reports from councillors/office.**
Received and noted.
- 11.1 Police/Parish Liaison Meeting Thursday 21 May 2015. Cllr Bob Hinder gave a report and notified members that the Sergeant in charge of the PCSOs will attend the next FoBW meeting.
- 11.2 Maidstone's Civic and Freedom Parade and Civic Service. Cllr Bob Hinder notified members that there had been a good turnout.
12. **Matters for Decision.**
- 12.1 Grove Green Community Hall. Proposed change of status to Charitable Incorporated Organisation. A brief discussion took place on the reasons the management committee is changing its status and Cllr Vic Davies notified members that the issue was being discussed at the AGM.
- 12.2 SMART (South Maidstone Action for Roads and Transport) meeting Thurs 11 June at 7.30. Councillors expressed no interest in attending.
- 12.3 Invitation to Helen Whately MP. Members welcomed her response and **agreed** that the Clerk should supply dates of future meetings and ask if she intended raising any specific matters. Clerk to ensure she is aware of current issues before she attends. **Action: Clerk.**
- 12.4 Nominations for the KALC Maidstone Area Committee executive. **Noted** but no nominations forthcoming.
13. **Matters for Information.**
- 13.1 KALC Parish News.
- 13.2 WWG has received a £3,800 grant (50% of costs) towards the purchase and installation of a storage unit at Beechen Hall.
- 13.3 Transport in Maidstone, alternatives to using the car, available from MBC website or parish office.
14. **Next Meeting.**
6 July 2015 at Weaving Village Hall, Weaving Street ME14 5JP commencing at 7.30 pm. Councillor requests for agenda items are to be submitted no later than 29 June 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman.....Date.....