

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close,
Walderslade on Monday 23 January 2017 commencing at 7.30pm.**

Councillors present: Mr V Davies (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mrs L Clarke, Mr I Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr B Hinder, Mrs W Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs K Macklin, Mr R Martins, Mrs S Martins, Mr P Sullivan and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk Mrs P Bowdery, Borough Cllr D Butler, PCSO Adlington and 2 members of the public/press.

1. **Apologies and absences**
Cllr Harwood (MBC meeting). Cllr Radcliffe-Godfrey (absent).
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None.
3. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5 December 2016**
The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising From the Minutes**
 - 4.1 Minute 2936/4.1 Sandling entrance. Awaiting response from BWLNRMC concerning safety of volunteers working on the site. **Noted.**
 - 4.2 Minute 2936/4.2 Civic Regalia. The Clerk's report on the delays at the current firm was **received and noted**. The parish office was asked to locate another firm to undertake the work. **Action: office.**
 - 4.3 Minute 2936/4.4 Kestrel Boxes. Due to workload MBC has only just looked at the pre-application letter but will respond asap. **Noted.**
 - 4.4 Minute 2937/13 Liaison with schools about sextexting education. This work is scheduled to be undertaken in February. **Noted.**
 - 4.5 Minute 2937/14.1 Parish Tour Saturday 11 March 2017. Itinerary to be submitted to 6 March meeting for approval. **Noted.**
 - 4.6 Minute 2938/16.1 K60 Telephone Boxley, Boxley Village. BT has stated that the telephone within the box will remain and asked for details of the condition. Cllr Clarke will be submitting a report for BT. **Noted.**
 - 4.7 Any other matters arising from the minutes which are not on the agenda. None.
5. **Report from the PCSO and Police Issues**
 - 5.1 Crime statistics **received and noted.**
 - 5.2 PCSO cover. The officer vacancies had resulted in PCSO Adlington being asked to cover more parishes which may mean fewer attendances at parish council meetings. **Noted.** PCSO Adlington informed members he now had a body cam and he felt that it was a positive addition to the Police equipment. He notified members that he had noticed that the builders bags had disappeared from the site adjacent to the M2. Cllr Wendy Hinder responded that she had contacted the landowner who promised to put up a security fence before the end of next week and MBC will be monitoring the situation.

The meeting was adjournment at 7.46pm to enable a member of the public to notify the parish council that the decommissioned telephone box at Sandling was still lit at night. No action was decided as BT was responsible for the bill. The resident asked that the previously blacked out white arrows be redone as they were not fully covered. Meeting reconvened at 7.49 pm.

6. **Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings**
Received and noted.
 - 6.1 Environment Committee meeting 3 December 2016.
 - 6.2 Environment Committee meeting 13 December 2016.
 - 6.3 Estates Committee meeting 14 December 2016.
 - 6.4 Environment Committee meeting 9 January 2016.
 - 6.5 F&GP Committee meeting 17 January 2017. An incorrect date in the title was identified.

7 Finance

- 7.1 Payments made out of meeting 29.11.16 – 17.01.16. **Received and noted.**
- 7.2 Receipts for the period 29.11.16 – 17.01.16. **Received and noted.**
- 7.3 Account balances. **Received and noted.**
- 7.4 Payment of accounts. None submitted.

8 2017/2018 Precept and Budget.

- 8.1 The F&GP Committee's budget and precept recommendation and the F&GPC Chairman's report were **received and noted.** The Chairman proposed "***This parish council agrees the 2017/2018 budget and that a precept of £107,437 be set***" **Unanimously agreed.**
- 8.2 The Chairman and Clerk were **authorised** to sign the relevant paperwork to apply for the precept.

9 Policies and Procedures

Policy and Procedures Review calendar. **Approved** with some minor amendments.

10 Reports from councillors/office

- 10.1 Death of Edward Eckley, local farmer and previously serving Parish Councillor. A minute's silence was held and members asked that the sympathy of the parish council be extended to the family.
- 10.2 Honour Boards. The update on the work was **received and noted.** Another visit to the archives was required. **Action: office.**

11 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Wendy Hinder's report on the clearance of the drains at Cossington Lane and the recent meeting with County Councillor Paul Carter covering highway issues within the parish was **received and noted.**

Cllr Butler gave information on the Planning Inspector's Interim report on the Local Plan. He also informed members that a possible new school at Huntsman Lane was being considered. Cllr Wendy Hinder was due to attend a presentation about the issue and would do a report for the parish council.

The meeting was informed that County Councillor Carter was looking for areas that required white lining to be refreshed and members came up with several areas and also some highway issues that needed reporting. **Action: office.**

12 Matters for Decision

- 12.1 Keep Britain Tidy has confirmed the 3-5 March 2017 as the dates for The Great British Spring Clean, the follow-up event to Clean for the Queen. It was **agreed** to publicise the event to try to get residents interested in arranging community litter picks etc. **Action: office.**
- 12.2 The Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Viscount De L'Isle MBE Annual Civic Service at Rochester Cathedral on Tuesday 14 March 2017. Councillors Bob and Wendy Hinder to attend. **Action: Officer and Cllrs Hinder.**
- 12.3 Beechen Hall Extension Working Group Terms of Reference. In order to quickly progress the project the Clerk asked the parish council to delegate power to the Working Group to produce and sent out an invitation to tender to companies for the design, professional investigations and project manager contract. **Agreed.**

13 Correspondence

Grove Green Community Hall. Letter of thank you for the grant and notification that the boilers were successfully installed. **Noted.**

14 Matters for Information

- 14.1 KALC Parish News December 2016 (previously circulated to members).
- 14.2 2017/2018 Parish Council meeting dates. **Noted.** Cllr Dengate pointed out that the dates for the meetings of the Beechen Hall Extension Working Group had not been included. Office to rectify and reissue. **Action: office.**

15 **Next Meeting**

6 March 2017 at Weaving Street Village Hall, Weaving commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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