

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Weaving Village Hall,
Weaving Street on Monday 1 July 2013, commencing at 7.35 pm.**

Councillors present: Mr Ivor Davies (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr Vic Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr Bob Hinder, Mrs Wendy Hinder, Mr T Harwood, Mrs K Macklin (arrived with apologies at item 3), Mrs A Spain, Mr A Springate, Mr P Sullivan, and Mrs M Waller together with the Clerk and 11 members of the public/press.

1. Apologies and absences.

Cllr Holmes (work) and Cllr Smith (convalescing). Borough Councillor Derek Butler and County Councillor Paul Carter (prior engagement).

2. Declaration of Interests or Lobbying.

Cllr Spain declared a pecuniary interest in item 10. Cllr Vic Davies and Cllr Sullivan notified members that they had been lobbied on an item being raised in the public session.

3. Co-option to Parish Councillor Vacancy (South Ward).

The decision to postpone the appointment to the casual vacancy was **ratified** to allow a further period of publicity. Members noted that no application from the southern half of the parish had been received and reiterated their concerns about under-representation on the council by South Ward residents. Discussion then took place on ways to encourage residents to apply such as a letter drop in the area, dispensing with the requirement for formal CVs and contacting local community groups. **Action: Clerk.**

4. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3 June 2013.

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.

5. Matters Arising From the Minutes.

Minute 2541/10 Cuckoo Wood: Members **received** a report on the residents' meeting. Cllr Harwood stressed the advantage to the residents were the parish council to lead on any future funding applications. This was noted.

6 Report from the PCSO and Police Issues.

Crime statistics were not available at the meeting and arrangements would be made to pass them on to councillors. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45 pm to allow members of the public to speak.

A number of local residents commented on the erection of a large marquee at the Fox and Goose PH and subsequent noise disturbance during its use. Concern was also raised about possible problems regarding on-street car parking as there was insufficient parking at the pub. MBC Planning had declined to undertake enforcement action regarding erection of the marquee and had invited the owner to submit a retrospective planning application. Members asked the Clerk to investigate the issue and residents were invited to contact the parish office so that written advice and updates on the situation could be sent to them. Advice was also given on the need for them to maintain logs of when disturbances occurred and to report each occasion to MBC Environmental Health and the Police. Residents were thanked for attending and informing the parish council of the problem. **Action: Clerk.**

The meeting reconvened at 8.05pm.

7 Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings.

Noted and Received:

- 7.1 Environment Committee meeting 3 June 2013.
- 7.2 Environment Committee meeting 10 June 2013; with some minor adjustments being requested.

7.3 Estates Committee meeting 11 June 2013; with an adjustment for clarity purposes on item 4.6.

8 Finance.

8.1 **Noted** payments made out of meeting 04.06.13 – 24.06.13. A spelling mistake on voucher 139 was pointed out. The new method of presenting the information was considered and members suggested a change to the way sub-totals were presented.

8.2 **Noted** receipts for the period 29.05.13 - 24.06.13.

8.3 **Noted** account balances as at 24.06.13.

8.4 No payments of accounts were presented.

9 Community Chest.

Discussion took place on the maximum amount that could be awarded and the method of deciding on an award. It was **agreed** that:

- Maximum award would be £1,000.
- There would be a 3 month deadline for applications with a further round for grant applications if funds were left.

The Parish Council will form a panel of up to 5 people to:

- evaluate each application
- Agree the money allocated to the project and approve all payments
- Review the progress against the project plan by meeting the project team and if necessary visiting the project periodically
- Publicise the project
- Provide advice and support when requested or required to safeguard the project and monies.

10 Land at Sandy Lane, Boxley.

Cllr Spain left for the duration of the item.

Cllr Bob Hinder notified members that:

- Gallagher's would now be undertaking the trench and pipe installation work.
- The water pressure had been tested and it was adequate for the needs of the site.
- As a thank you the St Paul's Scouts Unit car park would be repaired.
- The entrance and gates were being sorted out.

He went on to thank the Clerk for the time and effort she was putting in to progressing this project. This was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk notified members that in view of the deadline set by the Royal Engineers there had been a need to authorise some large payments out of meeting and an explanation was included in the F&GP Committee agenda.

11 Policies and Procedures Review.

Press Policy: agreed with a minor change.

12 Matters for Decision.

12.1 MBC Parish Funding Agreement: **agreed** that, until advised to do so by the Maidstone Committee of KALC, the parish council would not sign the agreement because it did not fully reflect what had been agreed.

12.2 Kent's Police & Crime Commissioner meeting. The Chairman volunteered to attend the North Kent and Medway event on Tuesday 16th July at the Holiday Inn, Rochester. **Action: Chairman and office.**

13 Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

Cllr Wendy Hinder reported that the grounds maintenance work on the Round Wood roundabout had not been completed and asked that the office chase MBC. A complaint had been made about dangerous parking in Cossington Lane and Brownelow Copse when the Guides' hut was in use; the parish office was asked to notify the organisation. **Action: office.**

MBC would be taking on some of the KCC grounds maintenance work and she would keep the parish council updated as this progressed.

14 Reports from councillors/office.

14.1 Cllr Bob Hinder's report on the Maidstone KALC Annual Meeting was **received**.

14.2 Cllr Macklin gave a report on her attendance at the St John's School Fete and Cllr Dengate's and her attendance at the Tunbury School Fair. The latter had generated a potential volunteer for Speedwatch and interest in activities at Beechen Hall. She asked that the office be thanked for the display which had been decorated to support the Mad Hatters Tea party theme at Tunbury.

15 Matters for Information.

Noted.

15.1 Wildfell Close development. The Chairman notified members that the office had been warned that a planning application was on its way.

15.2 Kent Scouts. Thank you letter for the grant.

15.3 Allotments & Leisure Gardener issue 2/2013.

15.4 Filming Council Meetings. New national rules are now in force, however these only apply to County and District Councils that operate 'cabinets' or 'executive committees' systems.

15.5 Maidstone Joint Transportation Board meeting 3 July 2013 **cancelled**.

15.6 The Kent police & Crime Commissioner's Newsletter for June now available.

16 Next Meeting.

Monday 2 September 2013 at the European School of Osteopathy, Boxley.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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