

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), V Strafford, R Balls, A Sargeant, H Phillips, P Wallis, S Mattocks, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 6 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from M Wooderson.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 4th FEBRUARY 2019: Accepted as correct subject to a minor amendment under District Councils report confirming parking enforcement is moving to the District Council.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Items raised by the public included:-

A representative from the PCC reported on progress towards the memorial tree request and confirmed they continue to liaise with the family. A progress report was requested regarding the maintenance to the Churchyard wall.

It was confirmed that a productive site meeting happened recently and County Highways were working on ideas to protect the wall. V Strafford agreed to chase them for proposals. Inappropriate parking was raised along Swan Street obstructing visibility making exiting onto the street difficult. Similarly a vehicle has been regularly parked on Cox Hill causing obstruction. V Strafford agreed to follow these up and residents were encouraged to share details.

In relation to Wash Lane, B Hurren agreed to arrange a sweep.

J Finch agreed to follow up the blocked drains at the Stone Street/ A1071 junction.

The Parish Council were thanked for taking early steps to remove the graffiti in the Bus Shelter. The Babergh Council Magazine sent to all households was criticised as inappropriate and a waste of much needed funds.

The potential new developments were raised and it was confirmed that plans were yet to be received.

Nick Bristow, the new footpath warden introduced himself to the meeting and reported on his initial findings and actions. It was suggested that he makes contact with County Council Right of Way Officer, K Verlander to work with him to improve the areas identified. All welcomed Nick to the role.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: All actions agreed were recorded above.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch attended and reported that the County Council budget had been approved increasing the basic Council Tax by 2.99 %. A further 1% is being taken for Adult Care. Funding had been agreed for Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau for next year. A Consultation in relation to Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service is taking place. Changes to the School Travel arrangements will be starting this September. The Information sessions for potential Foster Carers had been arranged in the vicinity.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed he has reported the Broad Street sign in need of repair. He has emailed about Goodlands and will forward the email to the Parish Council for information. He is arranging a meeting regarding the vehicle being driven along the Croft to decide what can be done. Planning at the former Bonsai site is likely to be withdrawn. He was concerned that the Boxwood Hall plans were passed. The new Local Plan has been delayed until after the Elections. The Konings

application was decided by Committee and was approved. The football parking at the Playing Fields was being followed up with the club.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The next meeting is scheduled for 8th April. M Wooderson and H Phillips agreed to run the meeting. The Neighbourhood Plan would enable the Village to have a say in how the village is to develop in the future. Now we are on the Neighbourhood Planning route, the onus will be for developers to discuss their proposals with the Village.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the on-going progress of each item.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 4th March 2019 were £31736.70 in the Community Account, £13364.04 in the Deposit Account and £49382.71 in the Reserve Account making a total of £94483.45.

The following payments were approved: -

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Details
Funds Tr	D K Hattrell	844.72	Clerk's Salary
Funds Tr	Inland Revenue Only	47.98	Clerk's ddtns & ERS NIC
Funds Tr	SCC Pension ACC	278.74	Clerk's Pension
Funds Tr	Mortimer Contracts	178.80	Sweeping&treatingCemetery path
Funds Tr	Sudbury Office Supplies	75.60	NP Expenses
Funds Tr	A Sargeant	17.73	Cemetery

Village Hall Project: R Balls and H Phillips agreed to follow up and provide contacts to the village hall representative in respect of grants. It was mentioned that the original repair has not lasted long and the project is in very early stages.

Standing Orders: These were agreed to meet our needs presently, however, a comprehensive review was recommended during the next Financial Year by the newly elected Council.

Asset Register: This was discussed and updated.

Appointment of Internal Auditors: It was agreed to appoint SALC as the Internal Auditors again this coming year.

CEMETERY: A Sargeant had carried out the fence repair.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: S Mattocks sent apologies for the Annual Parish Meeting. R Balls agreed to collect the keys and open the hall. The Clerk agreed to arrange refreshments and circulate the poster to members to enable display around the village.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: A street light attached to a property in Ellis Street is not working and details were to be provided to the Clerk to enable her to follow up - **Action S Mattocks and Clerk.** H Phillips updated everyone on the progress of the Pavillion works. V Strafford updated on progress towards Superfast Broadband.

Meeting closed at 10.04 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 4th March 2019

The following Decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

A) Boxwood Hall, Butchers Lane **DC/18/04316** - Planning Permission was granted for a detached replacement dwelling and outbuildings following demolition of existing. It was agreed to challenge why the views of the Heritage Team and the Parish Council were not considered - **Action V Trafford**.

B) Clayfields, Hadleigh Road **DC/19/00135** - Discharge of Conditions 7 (Refuse and Recycling) and 8 (Parking and Turning) had been approved.

C) Chequers, 7 Church Street **DC/18/05584** - Discharge of Condition 4 (Requirement for Inspection) had been approved.

The following were discussed: -

- 1) **The Bereley, Cox Hill DC/19/00808** - Planning Application for replacement dwelling following demolition of existing. It was agreed to Object to this application on similar grounds to the neighbouring residents - **Action Clerk**.
- 2) **Boxford House, Stone Street DC/19/01038** - Notification of work to trees in Conservation Area. There were **No Objections**.
- 3) **Other Planning matters** - An update had been received from Hopkins Homes regarding the various challenges they are encountering leading to delays.