

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 5th November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: M Wooderson (Chaired the Meeting), V Strafford, R Balls, A Sargeant, C Hughes, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 5 members of the public. J Fincham-Jacques arrived late.

APOLOGIES: None.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 8th OCTOBER 2018: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: M Wooderson and the Parish Council were thanked for their part in successfully fighting the plans for a second phase of Goodlands. The Appeal Decision upheld the Refusal to Grant Permission. Attention turned to Boxwood Hall Planning which is intended to replace a bungalow. Concern was expressed about the height of the building proposed. A representative from the Village Hall explained their plans to accommodate the bottle banks following removal from the White Hart. The Owner of the Fleece was present to answer questions and explained profitability issues and that he was looking at options to convert part of the premises to residential in the hope that the pub element will be more sustainable. Members had doubts about the potential plans and expressed their support of the principle of keeping two well managed pubs in the Village. Tree work is required in the Churchyard and a quotation was being obtained. V Strafford agreed to store the Village Model until a public display location is found. The owner of the White Hart was present and explained that following some building work, it will re-open.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: There was nothing further to discuss.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch attended and advised Mid Suffolk Home First, which is provided by the County Council, has been rated as Outstanding by the Care Quality Commission. There is a call for family carers to share their views. The County Council is launching their budget consultation as large savings are needed again this year. A Consultation has been launched on the School Admissions process. On local matters, 5 options have been put together following the site meeting on Sand Hill/Cox Hill junction. Views from the Parish Council were sought.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the recent issues with Refuse Collection. He asked residents to bear with them and to keep recycling. Work is due to start soon at the old Homefield flats. He is in contact with residents in the meantime. He spoke of the great success defending the Appeal for phase 2 of Goodlands. B Hurren will contact the press reporter in this respect. B Hurren agreed to investigate the ownership of the strip of land along the RUPP as it is believed to be Babergh Council. The first section is for access by vehicles to the adjoining properties, however, along the section concerned, it is believed to be a footpath only.

COOPTION OF MEMBERS: Two written applications were received ahead of the deadline and were to be discussed following the meeting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: The printing quotes for the survey were discussed. All agreed to proceed with the printing. A notice will be put in Box River News.

CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence report had been circulated ahead of the meeting and members had noted the on-going progress of each item. The options discussed by County Highways at the recent site meeting on Cox Hill were discussed. The Parish Council

agreed in principle to option 5 and agreed to seek full details of the work needed together with costs and timescales - **Action Clerk.**

BUS SHELTER: It was agreed to chase Sudbury Community Wardens for a response. The problem appears to have shifted to other parts of the village, but general assistance from the Community Wardens is still valid - **Action Clerk.**

GRIT PROVISION: R Balls agreed to get a quote for grit replenishment - **Action R Balls**

BOTTLEBANK: There was no interest in a bottle bank at the Spinney and members had heard in the public forum an application being progressed by the Village Hall to re-locate the banks to their site.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 5th November 2018 were £39082.17 in the Community Account, £13357.38 in the Deposit Account and £48146.85 in the Reserve Account making a total of £100586.40.

The following payments were approved: -

| Cheque No. | Payee | Amount | Details |
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| Funds Tr | D K Hattrell | 844.03 | 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 | 216.00 | Sweeping&treatingCemetery path |
| Funds Tr | Topline Pest Control | 27.50 | Cemetery |

The Annual Risk Assessment Policy was examined and approved.

The expenditure on the printing of the Housing Needs Survey was proposed by V Strafford, seconded by J Fincham-Jacques and unanimously carried. The Church grant will form an Agenda item at the December Meeting (last year's donation towards insurance costs was £1750) - **Action Clerk.**

CEMETERY: The advice from the Heritage team was considered in relation to the Churchyard Wall. V Strafford agreed to take photo's and approach County Highways about the potential to put metal protective posts in white to match the bridge structure nearby to keep the vehicles away from the Churchyard wall. This follows advice from the Heritage team to keep protective measures in keeping with the street furniture in the vicinity or nearby villages - **Action V Strafford.**

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: Further excessive speed was noted in the village and there were safety concerns at Cygnet Court as a result.

Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 5th November 2018

The following Decisions were advised from the Planning Authorities: -

A) **The Bereley, Cox Hill DC/18/03686** - Erection of replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling. Planning Permission had been granted.

B) **Pippettes Farm, Stone Street, Boxford DC/18/02424** - Conversion of existing barn to ancillary residential accommodation. Planning Permission had been granted.

C) **22 Swan Street DC/18/04368** - Conditions were approved as discharged relating to Fenestration.

D) **Old School House, School Hill - DC/18/04098** - Reconstruction of entrance gates. This application had been withdrawn.

The following were discussed: -

1) **Boxwood Hall, Butchers Lane, Boxford DC/18/04316** - Application for detached replacement dwelling and outbuildings following demolition of existing and change of use of agricultural land to residential garden land.

The Parish Council **objected** due to the disproportionate size and scale and the visual impact on its surroundings.

2) **Melody House, 26 Cox Hill DC/18/04552** - Application for a two storey front extension and alterations to fenestration. **No Objections**

3) **9 Broad Street - DC/18/04620** - Application for works to trees in Conservation Area. **No Objections.**

4) **Goodlands Appeal** - V Strafford led a vote of thanks to M Wooderson for all his efforts and skilled hard work in relation to successfully defending the Appeal. The files were put in Bell House for future reference.