

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 9.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), L Wortley, D Warren, T Munson, J Moles, H Watts, D Hattrell (Clerk) and 2 members of the public attended in person. No video link was requested.

APOLOGIES: were received and accepted from County Cllr J Finch and District Cllr B Hurren.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS:

No declarations were made, however, L Wortley reminded the meeting she was involved with the campaign group regarding the Box Valley structures.

MINUTES OF 28TH FEBRUARY 2023: These were accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

PUBLIC FORUM: An observation was made by a resident that some cuttings from the boundary of the Cemetery needed clearing. D Warren noted this. The representative from the Playing Fields Committee confirmed that around £8785.32 remained in the 106 monies of which they would like to apply for funds for the floodlight project which leaves £2137 potentially for the Boxford Rovers grant which could be topped up by £2863 from Parish Council reserves to meet the £5000 pledged. He is happy to apply for the 106 monies on our behalf. The Chairman enquired about the reaction from neighbours to the Playing Fields in relation to the potential flood lighting. This was in hand and the meeting was told that any light pollution would be minimised by the direction and timings of the lighting.

FINANCE: The Bank balances as at 1st March 2023 were **£38835.24** in the Community Account, **£13415.46** in the Deposit Account and **£64134.24** in the Reserve Account making a total of **£116,384.94**.

The following pre-agreed payments for February: -

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Details
Funds Tr	Employment Costs totalled	1359.49	Salary, ERS NIC & Pension
Funds Tr	Mortimer Contracts Ltd	42.00	Cemetery path
Funds Tr	Boxford Village Hall	34.50	Hall hire

The grants towards the Church Insurance Cost and the Village Hall

It was resolved to pay grants of £2000 for the Village Hall and £2000 towards the insurance costs of the Church.

In relation to the Boxford Rovers Project - £5000 made up of Babergh 106 monies and Parish Council Funds had been agreed and information was given in the Public forum as to the availability of 106 monies. The 106 applications will be subject to approval by Babergh District Council.

Attention then turned to consideration of matching the contribution of up to £500 by Polstead Parish Council for legal advice on the Box Valley Fruit cages. After debate, the contribution of £500 was agreed. This was due to a potential error with the Planning Authority which should be addressed. If it is deemed a Planning Application is required, a full consultation would enable all interested parties to have their say ahead of the Planning Decision.

In relation to a contribution towards the cost of planting at the boundary of The Rectory and Cemetery on The Rectory side, a contribution of up to £100 was agreed with D Warren to resolve between meetings - **Action D Warren**. This was due to a reduction of privacy screening following recent works on the Cemetery side of the boundary.

Review the Reserves Policy – Councillors had reviewed between meetings as circulated just ahead of last meeting. The wording was agreed with a change to the review date. The Clerk agreed to update the document and forward to our webmaster for uploading - **Action Clerk**.

CORRESPONDENCE: No urgent correspondence was provided ahead of the meeting. Nothing further was raised.

CEMETERY: D Warren updated the meeting that he is currently liaising with the Church regarding permission for maintenance to the boundary wall. He will also press on to get estimates for the second part of the Cemetery works following clearance of the boundaries. Some trees were noted for inspection, so D Warren will liaise with our Contractors in this regard - **Action D Warren**.

URGENT REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS:

T Munson explained we now have a License to plant at the top of School Hill and she is in contact with the Women's Institute (WI). A site meeting is being arranged to take this forward. D Warren has been reporting grit bins that need re-filling and during this process, he has found some un-adopted roads in the Village which he was investigating. H Watts is concerned about an aggregate development off of Valley Road and the potential for the river to get polluted. It was agreed for H Watts to continue to investigate between meetings - **Action H Watts**. J Moles was pleased to report, after considerable chasing, the rubbish at the back of Homefield has been cleared away.

The meeting closed at **9.40 p.m.**

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council in Boxford Village Hall on **Tuesday 28th March 2023**

The following decision was advised from the Planning Authority: -

- Non material amendment was approved to increase ridge height, decrease footprint and change position of side door and window on garage at Green Lawns Bonsai Nursery, Hadleigh Road - **DC/23/01206**.

The following applications were discussed: -

1) Listed Building application at The Old Bakery, Broad Street - **DC/23/01222**.

There were **No Objections**.

2) Any other urgent planning matters: Nothing was raised