

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 15th February 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), J Moles, R Balls, S Impett, S Green, C Hughes, D Waspe, A Sargeant, D Hattrell (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: were received from D Talbot-Clarke.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared.

MINUTES OF 1st FEBRUARY 2016: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: J Moles advised that he has been in contact with D Stiff at the County Council regarding the Wash Lane ford. He also took the opportunity to carry out his own survey on the surface under the ford which showed alarming disrepair for a Suffolk Safe Cycle route. He is stressing the health and safety risks to County Council.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: The applicant for the 19 Fen Street plans explained the purpose behind their proposed extension and spoke in favour of their application. The neighbour spoke against it sharing their concerns. Members listened to all the points raised. Members then asked some questions including the roofing material. It was noted it is polycarbonate and also that this application will be decided by the Planning Committee.

FINANCE: The following payment was approved: -

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Details
Funds Tr	Sara Mattocks	115.00	Jubilee Gardening

URGENT REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: J Moles and R Balls reported on dissatisfaction with the work to the Bus Shelter. The Clerk confirmed that spikes have been approved by the Heritage team for the ledge. The Contractor has advised that the netting has been deliberately cut. J Moles reported that a cedar at Homefield came down in recent high winds and Babergh Council have made good. He reported on disruption caused at Ellis Street/Cox Hill during the time leading to the scheduled road closure. S Impett asked for an Agenda item for the March full Meeting of "Jubilee Garden" - **Action Clerk**. She is also in correspondence with the Tree Surgeon regarding a yew tree at the Cemetery. A Sargeant advised that he needed to lay a headstone flat for safety reasons. He will obtain details and report to the March full Meeting. A Sargeant volunteered to repair the fence on the boundary to the Rectory and obtain receipts for materials. D Waspe reported that the drains need clearing on Swan Street outside no. 1 Homefield - it was agreed for the Clerk to make a report - **Action Clerk**. He also reported that Boxford Society have some concerns about plans to put a bus shelter on Cox Hill and they would like to see a traditional looking design possibly out of wood. S Green attended the Fire Service Meeting and explained the plans for a rapid response truck at Sudbury. It was agreed for R Balls to meet the Electrical Contractor at Bell House to enable an assessment to be made of the Bell House Electrics - **Action Clerk and R Balls**.

The meeting closed at **9.10 p.m.**

Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 15th February 2016

The following decisions were read from the Planning Authority: -

- a) **B/15/01371** - 18 Stone Street. Permission had been granted to remove multiple outbuildings, a two storey rear extension lean-to extension to dwelling, a single storey annex and 3 bay cartlodge.
- b) **B/16/00062/TPO** - Riverhall, Ellis Street. Approval had been granted for work to various protected trees
- c) **B/16/00072/TCA** - Boxford Village Hall, Stone Street Road. Work can proceed to fell the oak in the Cemetery behind the Village Hall

The following applications were discussed: -

1) B/16/00074 – Cygnet Court, Swan Street – Proposed Change of use from office to dwelling.

Various letters had been received from nearby residents expressing objections. The Parish Council objected to this proposal on the following grounds: -

- For the reasons this Council objected to the application for 4 dwellings on the same site which has now been passed. These objections are a matter of public record.
- The Goodland's application promoted the use of this alleyway for cyclists/pedestrians for safety reasons and now the number of vehicles using the access has also increased
- The Planning Inspectors decision on the previous 4 units was that approval should not be granted due to the limited amenity gardens. These applications provide no amenity gardens
- We have concerns about overcrowding and the data provided to support the parking element does not seem to take into account the recently passed 4 dwellings on the same site.
- We also observe that there should be a land registry check to determine ownership in relation to the area marked with the blue line.
- We also strongly recommend a site meeting to fully appreciate the access safety issues.

2) B/16/00108 - Fleur Cottage, 19 Fen Street - Proposed first floor rear extension, ground floor front extension and alterations.

Following deliberation, Boxford Parish Council voted to object to the application due to the size of the proposal, the loss of light to the neighbouring property and that the visual appearance would not be in keeping with the surroundings. This proposal had 3 votes in favour 3 against and 1 abstention. The Chairman therefore had the casting vote.

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