

**MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday 8th August 2016 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

**PRESENT:** J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), J Moles, R Balls, S Impett, C Hughes, D Waspe, A Sargeant and D Hattrell (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** were received from D Talbot-Clarke.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS:** A Sargeant declared an interest in respect of the quotations for tree work in the Cemetery.

**MINUTES OF 18th JULY 2016:** Accepted as correct.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** No members of the public were present.

**FINANCE:** It was agreed to increase the August payment agreed to our Cemetery maintenance contractor, M A Crighton to £255 as this included the wild flower area.

**AUDIT UPDATE:** The Clerk confirmed the Internal Audit was successfully completed and the report will be made at the September full meeting. The forms for the External Audit were submitted on time and one query resulted which has been responded to.

**TREE WORK IN THE CEMETERY:** S Impett confirmed quotes had been obtained as agreed to reduce 2 sycamore trees to previous pruning points and to fell 1 sycamore in the vicinity. In the process of getting quotes, a diseased beech tree was identified which needs urgent attention. Members considered the 3 quotations and agreed to instruct Rick Osborne to carry out the work subject to approval by Babergh District Council - **Action Clerk**. S Impett will advise the unsuccessful contractors. An urgent memorial request where the original papers had gone astray was duly approved in respect of the late Anthony Haythornthwaite. It was agreed to include "Cemetery Winter Priorities" on the Agenda for the October full meeting - **Action Clerk**.

The meeting closed at **8.45 p.m.**

**Planning Meeting Held by Boxford Parish Council at Bell House, Boxford on Monday 8th August 2016**

**The following applications were discussed: -**

1) **B/16/00863** - Silver Birch, Hadleigh Road - Erection of first floor, roof terrace and outbuilding - There were **No Objections**.

2) **B/16/00479** - Riddelsdell Brothers, Ellis Street - Erection of garage and workshop with associated office/storage - Amendments. An extension was agreed with the planners so that it could be considered at this meeting. A copy letter of objection from a resident was read to members. **The Parish Council still objected** even with the amendments. This is due to the proposal being two storey and concerns about soil contamination and increased noise (which if passed, would need to be addressed with adequate sound proofing). It was also a large proposal not considered to be in keeping with its surroundings.

3) **Base Station Proposal - Pre-Planning** - It was noted that the applicant declined an invitation to attend a Parish Council Meeting to discuss these proposals, however, they had stated that they were consulting with neighbouring residents.