

MINUTES of the MEETING of BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL held on Monday 2nd October 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street Road, Boxford.

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), D Talbot Clarke, C Hughes, R Balls, A Sargeant, S Impett, D Waspe, M Wooderson, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr) and 11 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: V Strafford and J Finch.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: A Sargeant declared an interest with respect of his application to be considered under the Cemetery Agenda item.

MINUTES OF 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: Neighbours and representatives in respect of the Old School House application were present and confirmed their discussions with the owner of the Old School House and were hopeful of resolution of their issues which would lead to their support to the application. An incident of blocked drains near 37-39 Swan Street was explained. Implications due to the Goodlands phase 1 and the phase 2 proposal and the impact on drainage was discussed. Further objections to the Konings application were heard and a letter was read from a resident to Babergh District Council on the subject. A representative from the Village Hall was present to answer any questions in relation to their grant. Safety concerns were expressed again regarding the Stone Street junction with the A1071. This had already been reported to County Highways to investigate. The resident stressed that a barrier should be installed to encourage pedestrians to cross at the safest point and to stop people from stepping out too early.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: All areas raised were under consideration.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr James Finch was unable to attend for health reasons and no report was provided.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the move to Endeavour House was in progress. He reminded members the Joint Local Plan was out for consultation. Various options were being considered in respect of the Boundary Commission Review. It was hoped that the traditional links be maintained with respect to Boxford. He confirmed the Planning Committee Meeting at Konings went ahead and was well attended and conducted. Brochures from the Quay Theatre were circulated. A Sargeant reminded B Hurren on the concerns about post 16 transport to education and the apparent loss of subsidy. Beeston's were no longer accepting discount cards.

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 2nd October 2017 were £34862.74 in the Community Account, £13335.08 in the Deposit Account and £44131.24 in the Reserve Account making a total of £92329.06. The Annual Maintenance Grant from the Village Hall was considered. S Impett proposed £1500. This was seconded by D Talbot Clarke and unanimously carried. The External Audit Report was shared with members which followed the more detailed intermediate audit and no matters had come to the attention of the Auditors giving cause for concern that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements had not been met. However,

they drew attention to the requirement to implement the Internal Audit recommendations. The half year budget review was discussed showing expenditure at 50% of budget at this half year point.

The following payments were approved: -

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Details
Funds Tr	D K Hattrell	858.27	Clerk's Salary
Funds Tr	Inland Revenue Only	48.39	Clerk's ddtns & ERS NIC
Funds Tr	SCC – Pension ACC	273.28	Clerk's Pension
Funds Tr	Mortimer Contracts	144.00	Sweeping
Funds Tr	Community Action Suff.	10.00	Parish Profile VAT
Funds Tr	BDO LLP	240.00	External Audit Fee
Funds Tr	Boxford Village Hall	1500.00	Annual Maintenance Grant
Funds Tr	M A Crighton	245.00	Cemetery

CEMETERY: The Reservation of grave applications and additional inscription request were duly approved.

VILLAGE CAR PARK: This item was deferred.

FREEDOM OF PARISH AWARDS: Members agreed to chase the various enquiries in this respect.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was agreed to accept the offer of the Village Hall to order a Christmas Tree on our behalf for the Churchyard. R Balls agreed to check a pot hole had been reported on-line. R Balls will contact Anglian Water to ascertain the procedure for investigating the integrity of the drains along Swan Street in view of recent the blockage.

The meeting closed at **9.35 p.m.**

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The following applications were discussed: -

A) B/17/04548 - Application for a new dwelling and detached garage at Old School House, School Hill - No Objections.

B) B/17/04813 - Notification to fell ash tree in Conservation Area at Rose Cottage, 42 Swan Street - **No Objections.**

C) B/17/03117 - Re-consultation of Konings application at Hill Farm, Brick Kiln Hill, Polstead - Members agreed nothing in this re-consultation changed their views, so they still Object to this application. Further, they reinforced the disruption caused by HGV's attempting to travel to the Konings premises along Stone Street. This causes huge delays and upset to other road users and assistance is needed to help the driver reverse. This is a safety issue for all concerned. Therefore, it was agreed to state that if the Planning Authority is minded to approve this application, it is essential that stipulations are made to prevent these vehicles entering Stone Street in the first place. Further expansion would obviously increase the risks involved.

D) B/17/04618 - Application for a two storey side extension at 32 Swan Street - **No Objections.**

E) APP/D3505/W/17/3182247 - Details of the Appeal against refusal of permission for an agricultural storage building on land to the East of, White Street Green was shared.

F) Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan Consultation - The consultation period extends until November. Members were reviewing the document.