

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

PRESENT: J Fincham-Jacques (Chairman), R Balls, A Sargeant, S Impett, V Strafford, M Wooderson, C Hughes, D Hattrell (Clerk), B Hurren (District Cllr), J Finch (County Cllr) and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: D Talbot Clarke and D Waspe.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS: Nothing was declared

MINUTES OF 5th FEBRUARY 2018: Accepted as correct.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nothing was raised.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: A resident was pleased to see the litter bin had been restored at the bus shelter and advised that litter is still being discarded. He was aware that the Playing Field Management Committee had cleared litter at the Playing Field themselves, however, he suggested it would foster more community spirit and responsibility if the village was involved. Another resident enquired as to why the mechanical road sweeper doesn't sweep along Stone Street Road and in relation to the school traffic, deliveries are now being refused to Stone Street Road residents due to the congestion.

REVIEW OF ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC: V Strafford agreed to put a notice in Box River News about litter - **Action V Strafford.**

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: County Cllr J Finch had provided a report ahead of the meeting covering the increase in Council tax to the County Council, confirmation that 97% of students receive their preferred secondary school and changes to home to school travel arrangements. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Finch back following his sickness absence.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: District Cllr Bryn Hurren attended and confirmed the maintenance at Homefield is to commence soon. The sweep seemed to go well. Maintenance issues had been identified in respect of Flagship properties in the Village and were being followed up. Concern was expressed regarding the time taken to turnaround a Council House in the Village. B Hurren is monitoring developments. Council tax is increasing this year. On recycling, he reminded that China do take our good quality recycling so blue bin recycling was important to avoid rubbish for incineration. The future use of the Hadleigh Headquarters will be communicated soon and meanwhile it is being used for dog training.

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 5th March 2018 were £26888.45 in the Community Account, £13344.07 in the Deposit Account and £45676.51 in the Reserve Account making a total of £85909.03.

The new Financial Regulations were proposed by R Balls, seconded by M Wooderson and duly approved.

The following payments were approved: -

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Details
Funds Tr	Suffolk County Council	1617.58	Street Light pwr & maint.
Funds Tr	R Osborne	900.00	Cemetery trees (Churchyard)
Funds Tr	D K Hattrell	878.81	Clerk's Salary
Funds Tr	Inland Revenue Only	58.79	Clerk's ddtns & ERS NIC
Funds Tr	Mortimer Contracts	240.00	Sweeping & bin repairs

CEMETERY: Two Memorial applications were considered and approved.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: Concern had been expressed by residents of safety of children and their siblings being dropped off and collected from Boxford School. Parking continues to be inconsiderate and when getting out of vehicles small children can be seen in the middle of the road. Residents are reporting the situation to be getting worse. It was agreed to write to the Head teacher passing on concerns and asking what strategies are in place - **Action Clerk**. It was also agreed to write to Suffolk County Council School Transport expressing concern about the unaided reversing of the school buses - **Action Clerk**.

REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS: It was reported that Revd. Judith was sorry to hear of correspondence this Council has received in relation to Churchyard maintenance. This was not instigated by the Church, however, she was communicating with those concerned.

The meeting closed at **10.00 p.m.**

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

The following were discussed: -

A) **DC/18/00646** - Application for Listed Building Consent for roofing and conversion of log store at Chequers, 7 Church Street - **No Objections**.

B) **SCC/0011/18** - Retrospective application to vary condition 5 to retain modular building for a further year at Boxford Primary School - **No Objections**.

C) **DC/18/00849** - Proposed single storey rear extension at 34 Daking Avenue - this item was not discussed as the floor plan was missing. It was agreed to seek it from the Planning Officers and circulate it to members between meetings. B Hurren agreed to chase the Planning Officer accordingly - **Action B Hurren and Clerk**.

D) **Report on Meeting with Hopkins Homes** - M Wooderson reported on the recent meeting with Hopkins Homes where they showed initial out-lines of around 40 houses for land behind The Causeway, 13 of which would be affordable. There was no intention to build at the top of the hill. There was no design information apart from the intention to build single storey on those properties backing onto The Causeway properties. Therefore the Parish Council were unable to consider the overall impact of the proposal. However, initial strong concerns were expressed about safe access for pedestrians from the proposed development to the centre of the Village and School and also a recommendation that the Affordable homes were allocated for Local Needs. Further development would put even more pressure on facilities such as the school provision. B Hurren was asked whether a Planning Officer could give general advice on planning considerations in respect of such a development. He will follow this up.