



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th March 2019 from 7:35pm to 8:40pm.

Present: Cllr D. Clayson (Chairman)
Cllr T. Covell Cllr C. Clayson Cllr T. Owens Cllr J. Martin
Cllr T. Fitchett Cllr J. Owens Cllr B. Collyer Cllr G. Bobbin
Cllr A. Bowles

Also present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

601 APOLOGIES

None

602 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

603 MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman

- Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 (591-600) with the following amendment to Minute 595.C whereby the following wording should be removed and included under Minute 595.B instead “The Clerk also put forward a request from a resident for rabbit fencing and an additional memorial vase/tablet on an existing burial grave. It was agreed that the vase/tablet could be placed however permission was refused for the installation of rabbit fencing in accordance with the existing regulations.”

604 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- It was noted that the repairs had been made to the two potholes on The Street, outside the village shop.
- Cllr C. Clayson requested that the Clerk chase KCC with a view to tidying up the vegetation which is over-gowing the footway on the Canterbury Road by Nash Court.
- The Clerk was requested to contact the local PCSO to see if anything can be done to assist with local concern over the increasing number of vehicles parking on Brenley Lane (near Brenley Corner)

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- The Clerk was asked to contact Michael Ellis at KCC to see if the footpath at the back of the Queens Head is likely to receive funding for full repairs.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- It was noted that there is a light out on St Pauls Road which the Clerk will report for repairs.
- The Clerk had been contacted by a resident at The Charltons regarding the new LED light on the footpath from the White Horse through to The Charltons. The resident asked if anything could be done to minimise the glow of the light into an adjacent property. The Clerk will investigate options and costs to be considered at the next meeting.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing to report.

605 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- The Clerk was asked to follow up with the school to see if they offer a walking bus service for local children, in order to reduce the vehicle usage of the carpark at school drop-off/pick-up times.
- The Clerk reported that she had still only received one quote for upgrading the lines on the disabled parking bays at the Village Hall car-park, despite requests for a further two quotes. The item will be and will be added to the April agenda for consideration.
- Councillors discussed the option of opening up mobility access to the village hall, following several requests from local residents. After consideration, it was agreed that the kissing gate closest to the main entrance to the village hall would be removed on a temporary trial basis and the situation reviewed after a few months.
- The Clerk reported that she had been contacted over concerns of air pollution from vehicles running their engines in the village hall car-park at school drop-off/pick-up times. Councillors discussed the matter and asked the Clerk to contact the school with a request that they make parents aware that the car-park is owned by the Parish Council and if school parents could consider air pollution when using the car park at the relevant times.

POPLAR VIEW

- The Clerk reported that she had received a request from a resident at Poplar View for a temporary skip to be located opposite a residential property on a short term basis. Councillors agreed that the request should be granted.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- Nothing new to report.

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- It was noted that the disability access to the toilets was limited. Vehicles parking in the two car-parking bays sometimes overhang the footway causing an obstruction for mobility scooters/wheelchair users. The Clerk is to contact the Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council to see what improvements can be made to the immediate area.

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- The Clerk is to ask if Messy Church would like to decorate the phone box for Easter.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- Nothing new to report.

606 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation dated 1st March 2019 was circulated at the meeting, approved and signed by the Chairman.

B. ITEMS FOR PAYMENT

All payments as detailed on the bank reconciliation dated 1st March 2019 were approved at the meeting, and cheques signed by two authorised signatories.

C. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

- There Clerk circulated nomination forms for the forthcoming election. It was also agreed by those present that Cllr J. Owens could publish the election notice on the village facebook page.

D. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Cllr T. Fitchett reported that the draft plan has been submitted for approval to Swale Borough Council and it is anticipated that a response will be received in April 2019.

607 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr C. Clayson reported that the next pop-up coffee mornings would take place on 20th March.

608 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. February newsletter from Kent County Councillor Andrew Bowles (circulated via email)
- B. KALC February newsletter (circulated via email)

609 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

610 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON APRIL AGENDA

- Consideration of picnic tables to be placed at Bull Lane recreation ground
- Quotes for disabled bays in Village Hall car-park.
- Disability access to public toilets

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Wednesday 10th April 2019 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting