



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th November 2017 from 7:40pm to 8:50pm.

Present: Cllr D. Clayson (Chairman)
Cllr B. Collyer Cllr T. Covell Cllr T. Fitchett Cllr C. Clayson
Cllr T. Owens

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk)

385 APOLOGIES

Cllr J. Martin, Cllr G. Bobbin, Cllr A. Bowles

386 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

387 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 11th October 2017 (minutes 372-381)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 24th October 2017 (minutes 382-384)

388 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- It was reported that the road signs on the bridge near Brickfield Lane are overgrown by vegetation. The Clerk will request that the signs be made visible again.
- It was reported that the gully on The Ridgeway, behind Woods Garage is still blocked. The Clerk will chase KCC with regard to resolving the matter.
- The Clerk was requested to investigate the possibility of “NO HGV” signs for the village, similar to those on Kemsdale Road in Hernhill.

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- The Clerk reported that Michael Ellis (KCC) is still chasing the Environment Agency for funding to repair the footpath ZR614.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- The Clerk provided a detailed report (with costings) from “Streetlights”, the lighting maintenance contractor regarding the repairs which are needed to update the existing streetlights. It was agreed to proceed with all Category 1 repairs (the most urgent) at a cost of approximately £3,270.00 + VAT. It was also agreed that since the existing SOX lamps are being phased out nationally, that in the future the replacement lamps would be LED lamps (SL6 model) at a cost of £385.00 + VAT. These repairs were not budgeted for but

were considered urgent and to be dealt with in the current financial year. Category 2 and Category 3 repairs would be included in future financial budget costs.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing new to report.

389 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- It was noted that an HGV had apparently parked overnight in the village hall carpark and had subsequently obstructed the vehicles parking to drop children off at school one morning. The Clerk was requested to obtain a “No HGV Parking” sign to be located at the entrance to the perimeter road.

POPLAR VIEW

- The Clerk is to check on the growth of weeds around the edge of the recreation ground.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- Nothing new to report..

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- Nothing new to report.

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- Nothing new to report.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- Nothing new to report.

390 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation 1st November 2017 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 November 2017 were approved at the meeting, and cheques signed by two authorised signatories.

C. REQUEST BUDGET ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (2018/19)

- No further suggestions for items were given.

D. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

- No further expressions of interest has been given for the three casual vacancies. The Clerk will provide some advertising material for the vacancies to be handed out at the Indoor Christmas Market at the end of November.

E. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Nothing new to report.

F. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

- It was noted that the Remembrance Sunday service would take place on 12th November at 10:45am at the War Memorial on The Street.

G. GORDON OTTAWAY AWARD

- Councillors reviewed the nominations for the annual award and after voting, the winner was announced as Sharon Dormedy. The Clerk will invite Ms Dormedy to attend a small presentation of the award prior to the December Parish Council meeting.

391 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr T. Fitchett reported that he had been contacted by a local resident regarding the poor condition of the old Garden Hotel. The Clerk was asked to contact Swale Borough Council (planning/conservation teams) and request an update on the situation.

392 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. September newsletter from Cllr Andrew Bowles (KCC)
- B. Invitation to KALC conference - “Crime Prevention & Safety” on 7th December

393 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

394 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON DECEMBER AGENDA

- Discuss Gordon Ottaway Award nominations
- Streetlight repairs/budgeting

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting