



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2019 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

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

036 APOLOGIES

Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk)

037 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

038 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 Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11th June 2019 (minutes 017-019)
- Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2019 (minutes 020-029)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2019 (minutes 030-032)

039 PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY LED HOUSING SCHEME (from ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL KENT in conjunction with SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL)

- Tessa O’Sullivan from Action with Communities in Rural Kent gave a presentation to promote the Community Led Housing project which is being operated in the Borough of Swale. The Parish Council were provided with information sheets, which can also be found at www.ruralkent.org.uk/community-led-housing and informed that there will be a public event to provide further information on the scheme at the Alexander Centre, Faversham on 27th September 2019.

040 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- It was noted that there were potholes in Colonels Lane. The Clerk will report these to Kent County Council for repairs.
- It was noted that the highway on Bull Lane was narrower due to the overgrown vegetation. The Clerk will inform Kent County Council that the area needs cutting.

- Cllr C. Clayson suggested planting the banks and verges with wild flowers to provide a habitat for bees and butterflies and to reduce the number of routine grass cuts.
- B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**
 - The footpath at Hickman's Green was noted as being very overgrown.
- C. PUBLIC LIGHTING**
 - The light under the A2 bridge was noted as being out. The Clerk will arrange for the maintenance contractor to make the necessary repairs.
- D. TRANSPORTATION**
 - Nothing new to report.

041 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- Consider request from the school for reducing annual payment to use carpark at the village hall/recreation ground. The Parish Council discussed the request and agreed to retain the current fee of £1,000.00 per annum to contribute to the repairs in both the village hall car-park and the perimeter road, which is used extensively by the school.
- Consideration for picnic tables to be located at Bull Lane recreation ground. The Parish Council reviewed their decision from the June meeting. Swale Borough Council have made a grant donation to the Boughton Community Projects group towards the purchase of picnic tables. It was previously proposed that the project purchase one table and one concrete base on which to locate it, but due to a lack of funds the project cannot fulfill this requirement. After consideration, it was agreed that the project team would purchase 6 picnic tables from their own funding along with a small concrete block and chain to secure the furniture. Consideration to full size concrete bases will be made at a later date.
- The litter bin at the bottom of the recreation ground has still not been emptied by Swale Borough Council. This was reported to Swale Borough Council in June and will be followed up by the Clerk.
- The weeds near the back of The Charltons have been strimmed.

POPLAR VIEW

- The nettles around the perimeter of the field have been sprayed and are being left to die off.
- The Clerk has made initial enquiries about the removal of the long-term parked/dumped vehicle in the Poplar View parking area.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- It was reported that Dennis Cook's ashes interment will take place on Tuesday 16th July at 3pm.

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- It was reported that the flush mechanism is not working properly in one of the ladies toilets and that the cleaner has broken her wrist.
- It was noted that the weeds behind the toilets need clearing. The Clerk will liaise with Swale Borough Council who own the land to get the weeds removed.

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- The shelving installation has been completed and the phone box will shortly be opened up for the public to use as a book exchange. The Clerk will prepare a poster to advertise the facility and its use.
- Cllr C. Clayson suggested that the phone box at South Street be adapted for use as a book exchange.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- Cllr J. Owens reported that the tenants are currently happy with the allotment site.

042 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation dated 1st July 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 July 2019 were approved at the meeting, and cheques signed by two authorised signatories.

C. SET DATE FOR ANNUAL ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

- The General Amenities Committee agreed that the annual inspection will take place on 11th September at 6:30pm. The Clerk will notify all tenants.

D. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Nothing new to report.

043 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr C. Clayson reported that the dog micro-chipping event was held on Friday 5th July and that one person had their dog checked at the event. The dog wardens had to leave early.
- Cllr T. Fitchett asked if there had been any update on the maintenance of the external condition of the Garden Hotel. The Clerk was absent from the meeting so no update was available.

044 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Notification of KALC training events (circulated via email)
- B. Notification of roadworks (gas) on The Street from 15th July

045 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

046 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON SEPTEMBER AGENDA

- Update on picnic tables to be placed at Bull Lane recreation ground
- Car removal at Poplar View

The next full meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Wednesday 11th September 2019 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting