



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th April 2017 from 7:40pm to 9:25pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and no members of the public.

298 APOLOGIES

None

299 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

300 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 8th March 2017 (minutes 282-291)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2017 (minutes 292-294)

301 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- The Clerk reported that the 30mph speed limit roundel on The Street at the top of the village (near Horselees Road) has finally been installed. The Clerk reported that she will continue to investigate whether or not the new 30mph speed limit signs in the same location have a legal requirement to be illuminated. The speed limit signs were noted as not being very visible due to overgrown vegetation and the Clerk will request that KCC cut back the vegetation.
- It was noted that a new water leak has appeared in the centre line of the road on The Street (between Colonels Lane and the phone box). The Clerk has reported this to KCC.

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- The Clerk reported that she had received correspondence from KCC regarding the poor state of footpath ZR614. It was noted that capital expenditure to repair the path would be prioritised (and would also involve permission from the Environment Agency) and any interested parties who would be willing to contribute to the scheme should contact KCC.
- It was reported that the access to footpath ZR603 opposite Colonels Lane was at times limited due to parked vehicles. Cllr T. Fitchett agreed to liaise with the landowner to see if

the situation could be resolved.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- Nothing new to report.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing new to report.

302 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- The Clerk reported that the tarmac repairs on the perimeter road were underway and that new bollards were being installed in the lay-by in an attempt to deter overnight HGV parking.
- The Clerk had received correspondence from Furley Page with a quote of approximately £1500.00 + VAT and disbursements to make an application for adverse possession of the land used as part of the perimeter road. It was agreed by those present to proceed with this matter and make an application.
- The trees at the back of the houses on The Charltons have several low branches which are being used by young people to climb up and giving a loss of privacy to residents. Those present agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for work to remove the lower limbs of these trees.

POPLAR VIEW

- Nothing new to report.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- There has been one recent interment.

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- The door at the men's toilets has been replaced and the toilets are open as usual again. Cllr Bowles is looking into obtaining a replacement no-parking sign from Swale Borough Council, to be placed by the parking bays outside toilets.

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- Nothing new to report.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- The new water taps have been installed, the water has been turned on and all allotment plots have been rented out.

303 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation dated 31st March 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 31st March 2017 were approved at the meeting, and cheques signed by two authorised signatories.

C. VILLAGE HALL

- The Clerk reported that she had obtained several quotes for a brown tourism style "Village Hall & Library" sign to be located at the junction of Bull Lane/The Street at a cost of approximately £45.00 per sign + VAT and delivery. It was agreed by those present that the Clerk should order two signs to be installed as soon as possible.
- The Clerk reported that she is investigating if the perimeter road could be named on mapping software, to enable easier identification of the location for visitors..
- Cllr T. Fitchett reported that the new lettings secretary has been appointed and has started employment. It was also noted that Mr M. Wellington has resigned as maintenance person to the village hall.
- After discussion among those present, it was agreed that the trustee's would meet quarterly

to discuss village hall matters. The next trustee meeting will take place in July and quarterly thereafter.

D. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Nothing new to report.

304 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr C. Clayson reported that she attended the recent Faversham & District Engagement Forum, where she obtained details of the KCC Community Warden scheme. It was agreed to invite a representative from KCC to the June meeting to give a brief presentation
- Cllr L. Weaver reported that the entrance gate to the toddler playground (closest to village hall) needed maintenance as it was not closing properly.

305 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Receipt of annual return documents
- B. Invitation to Faversham Town Council Mayor Making Ceremony on 8th May 2017

306 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- Nothing to report.

307 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MAY AGENDA

- Update on perimeter road at Bull Lane

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Wednesday 10th May 2017 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting