



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th April 2018 from 7:55pm to 9:30pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk)

458 APOLOGIES

Cllr T. Fitchett

459 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

460 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 13th March 2018 (minutes 441-443)
- Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th March 2018 (minutes 444-454)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th March 2018 (minutes 455-457)

461 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- The Clerk reported that Grasstex, the grass cutting contractor for “The Street”, is no longer able to honour its mowing contract and the Clerk has been searching for additional quotes for this work from Landscape Services and Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. The quotes should be available at the May meeting for consideration by the Parish Council.
- The Clerk was asked to contact Swale Borough Council to enquire when the verge between Nash Court and the A2 will be cleared of rubbish by BIFFA. It was supposed to have been completed during road closures on the A2 in March but has not yet been done.
- It was noted that several vehicles have been parking in the long-term at the old bus stop on the slip road from Brenley Corner into the village . The Clerk will contact the local PCSO to see if any actino can be taken to prevent cars parking at the location and causing an obstruction to passing traffic.
- It was reported that only two sides of the Brenley Corner roundabout had been resurfaced. Cllr Bowles informed those present that KCC and Highways England are in discussion over who is responsible for resurfacing the bridge parts of the roundabout, which is why the works have not yet been completed.

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- It was reported that there are tractor tracks damaging the public footpath ZR623. The Clerk will contact Michael Ellis of KCC to see if he can look into the situation.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- Nothing new to report.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing new to report.

462 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- The Clerk confirmed that one post was missing from the lay-by at the bottom of the recreation ground and it was agreed to pay £261 + VAT to replace the missing bollard. The Clerk proposed the purchase of reflectors to be placed on to the bollards at a cost of up to £30 and this was agreed by those present.
- The Parish Council disussed the request by a local young person for the installation of swings on the recreation ground. The Clerk provided one quote for guidance at a cost of approximately £2,500 + VAT. The Parish Council will seek additional quotes before giving more consideration to the project. At this stage, the Parish Council would consider financing such a project using money from the Boughton Park Supporters fund and monies received from fund-raising and potential grants. The Parish Council would consider match funding any fundraising money generated by the young person who requested the project.
- The Clerk provided details of anti-mole bulbs which can be safely planted on the recreation ground in an attempt to combat the mole hills. Those present agreed that bulbs could be purchased at a cost of up to £30 and planted at an appropriate time.

POPLAR VIEW

- The Clerk is still pursuing an application for additional trees to be placed at Poplar View recreation ground is awaiting a tree report from Blean Tree Care prior to completing the application.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- Nothin new to report.

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- Nothing new to report..

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- Nothing new to report.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- All plots are currently rented.

463 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation 1st April 2018 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 April 2018 were approved at the meeting, and cheques signed by two authorised signatories.

C. REVIEW DRAFT YEAR END ACCOUNTS as at 31st MARCH 2018

The Clerk circulated draft year end accounts and invited questions from Councillors. Those present were satisfied with the draft accounts.

D. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

No further expressions of interest has been given for the three casual vacancies.

E. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr T. Fitchett was not present at the meeting so no report was available.

F. VILLAGE SIGN

Cllr T. Owens gave further details on the proposal for purchasing a village sign. The total cost is £5,640 + VAT excluding installation costs. The Boughton Community Projects Group has raised £1,450 and £2,550 has been made available through grants. The Parish Council agreed to contribute up to £2,000 towards the sign and it was agreed that Cllr T. Owens could place the order for the sign to be made. The Boughton Community Projects Group will continue to fund-raise towards the project. It was agreed that the sign would be located on the corner of Arthur Kennedy Close, outside the vicarage. This site has been discussed with KCC and has been agreed to be suitable.

G. COFFEE PROJECT

The Clerk has submitted a response to a questionnaire from the Coffee Project to see if it is a viable option for the community and is awaiting a response.

H. DEFIBRILLATOR

After a look at potential locations, it was agreed by Councillors that Woods Garage was not a suitable location for a defibrillator. Those present discussed alternative locations, including outside the public toilets and outside the White Horse pub, and it was agreed by those present to ask Mrs T. Birks if it would be possible to locate a defibrillator externally at the White Horse. The Parish Council and the White Horse are fund-raising and seeking donations/grants for this project.

464 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- None

465 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. February newsletter from Kent County Councillor, Andrew Bowles.
- B. Invitation from Faversham Town Council to Mayor Making Ceremony

466 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

467 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MAY AGENDA

- Swings at Bull Lane recreation ground
- Heating for village hall
- Update on village sign

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Wednesday 9th May 2018 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting