



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th February 2018 from 7:30pm to 9:15pm.

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

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 0 members of the public.

431 APOLOGIES

Cllr J. Martin, Cllr A. Bowles

432 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

433 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 10th January 2018 (minutes 411-421)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2018 (minutes 422-424)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30th January 2018 (minutes 425-427)

434 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- The Clerk reported that BIFFA are scheduled to clear the significant amount of rubbish in the hedge on the Canterbury Road near Nash Court (between the Canterbury Road and A2) in March when the A2 is closed for road repairs.
- It was reported that there is a large pothole developing near Nash Court. The Clerk will report this to KCC for repairs.
- It was reported that vegetation is overhanging the highway at Colonels Lane (near Swedish Cottages). KCC will be asked to remove the obstructing vegetation.
- It was noted that the black and white directional fingerpost sign near the junction of Colonels Lane/Horselees Road was in very poor condition. The Clerk will report this to KCC.

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- It was noted that fencing is missing from footpath ZR609, just before the footbridge (The Street side). The Clerk will report this to KCC for further action.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- There were no reported light failures at present.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing new to report.

435 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- Cllr C. Clayson gave those present information on applying for grants to enable additional trees to be placed on the recreation ground. The grant is intended to be used in conjunction with young people, so the Clerk will liaise with the school with a view to making an application.
- The mowing contractor Countrywide Grounds Maintenance has asked if Bull Lane recreation ground can be used for a training day for staff using new mowing machines. The Parish Council have agreed to this request.
- The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for the replacement of the missing bollard in the lay-by at the recreation ground and also for the painting of speed limit markers on the perimeter road.
- The “No HGV Parking” sign has arrived and will be installed at the entrance to the recreation ground in the next week.
- The new litter bin to be placed near the dog-bin on the recreation ground has arrived and is expected to be installed in April.
- Cllr T. Owens expressed concern over the mole hills on the recreation ground. The Parish Council agreed that it was extremely difficult to remove the moles. Chemical solutions cannot be applied in the area due to the nearby proximity of a childrens playarea and the last attempt to place mole traps was vandalised within 24 hours of installtion.

POPLAR VIEW

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B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- Nothing new to report..

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- Nothing new to report..

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- The Clerk is investigating whether or not a power supply is available to the kiosk, with a view to possible options for usage of the kiosk in the future.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- There are currently two plots available to rent.

436 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

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

C. AMENDMENTS TO SIGNATORY LIST

- It was agreed to add Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) to the signatory list in order to provide access to the financial accounts of the Parish Council at any branch of NatWest bank.

D. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

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

E. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Cllr T. Fitchett reported that Swale Borough Council are still slowing down the process and that the Neighbourhood Plan details have now been sent outside Swale Borough Council for consideration.

437 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr T. Owens gave an update on the community group project to raise funds for a new village sign. A draft design for a 4ft circular sign was shown to the Parish Council. Those present gave continued support to the idea of a new sign but were unable to confirm financial support at this stage. It was agreed that a representative from the community group and Parish Council would meet with KCC to discuss options for siting a sign before the project moves forward. The Parish Council will consider any requests for out-of-budget financial support once the proposed specifications/requirements for a sign have been agreed.
- Cllr C. Clayson reported that she attended a recent interview for the proposed new Community Warden for the village. The position remains open until the end of February for any further applicants before a final decision is made (by KCC).
- Cllr T. Fitchett reported that some residents in The Charltons are experiencing issues with other residents in the immediate area. It was noted that any such matters should be reported to the police.

438 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Invitation to meeting regarding Cleve Hill Solar Park on 22nd February 2018
- B. Notification of KALC Annual Planning Conference on 16th March 2018
- C. Invitation to take part in SBC Local Landscape Designation Review

439 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

440 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MARCH AGENDA

- Update on village sign

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Wednesday 14th March 2018 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting