



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th February 2019 from 7:45pm to 8:50pm.

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

Also present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 1 member of the public (Mr J. Tutt)

591 APOLOGIES

Cllr G. Bobbin, Cllr A. Bowles

592 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

593 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 8th January 2019 (minutes 575-578)
- Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 (579-590)

594 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- The Clerk reported that KCC had been requested to repair the two potholes on The Street, outside the village shop.

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- Nothing to report.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- It was noted that the streetlight in the corner of the Village Hall carpark at the entrance to School Lane has been replaced with a new LED light which is providing more light to the area. The hedge underneath the light has also been cut back to allow light to reach along School Lane.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing to report.

595 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- The Clerk reported that the new swings have been installed.

- Cllr J. Owens suggested that the Parish Council give consideration to the possibility of acquiring picnic tables to be placed on the recreation ground. The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for providing a concrete base for the tables before any further consideration would be made for the number/location of the tables.
- The Clerk reported that a CCTV inspection by “Free Flow Ltd” of the blocked drain at Bull Lane had taken place and read out the results of the inspection. The results showed that there was tree root ingress to the existing drain and repair work was quoted at £3,312.00 + VAT. Those present considered and approved the expenditure.
- The Clerk provided a quote from “Wicksteed” to repair the two entrance gates to the toddler play area. The quote was £299.00 for each gate mechanism and £360.00 for labour (all quotes excluding VAT). Those present considered and approved the expenditure. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mick Wellington if he would undertake the installation before finalising an order/installation with Wicksteed.
- The Clerk was asked to follow up with the school to see if they offer a walking bus service for local children, in order to reduce the vehicle usage of the carpark at school drop-off/pick-up times.
- The Clerk reported that she had received one quote for upgrading the lines on the disabled parking bays at the Village Hall carpark and will attempt to have additional quotes for consideration at the March meeting.

POPLAR VIEW

- Nothing new to report.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- Nothing new to report.

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- The Clerk reported that she had received a suggestion for a review of the regulations at the cemetery. Those present considered the suggestion and agreed that the existing regulations would remain unchanged at present. The Clerk also put forward a request from a resident for rabbit fencing and an additional memorial vase/tablet on an existing burial grave. It was agreed that the vase/tablet could be placed however permission was refused for the installation of rabbit fencing in accordance with the existing regulations.

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- Nothing new to report.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- Nothing new to report.

596 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

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

C. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

- There are still 2 vacancies and no further interest has been shown in the vacancies.

D. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Cllr T. Fitchett reported that the draft plan was being submitted for approval to Swale Borough Council on Friday 15th February.

E. SET DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 10th April 2019 at 7pm. The Clerk will send out invites to attend the meeting to local groups.

597 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Cllr C. Clayson reported that the next pop-up coffee mornings would take place on 20th February and 20th March.

598 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. January newsletter from Kent County Councillor Andrew Bowles
- B. Email inviting applications for South & South-East Bloom competition
- C. Invitation to Mayor & Mayoress of Faversham's Charity Banquet/Ball on 2nd March, Faversham
- D. Notification of KALC Annual Planning Conference on 15th March, Lenham
- E. Invitation to Lord Lieutenant's Civic Service on 12th March, Maidstone

599 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

600 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON MARCH AGENDA

- Consideration of picnic tables to be placed at Bull Lane recreation ground
- Quotes for disabled bays in Village Hall carpark.

The next full meeting of the parish council is scheduled for Wednesday 13th March 2019 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting