



BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Linda Weaver Room of the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th January 2018 from 7:30pm to 9:10pm.

Present: Cllr D. Clayson (Chairman)
Cllr G. Bobbin Cllr T. Covell Cllr C. Clayson

Also Present: Mrs S. Muteham (Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

411 APOLOGIES

Cllr B. Collyer, Cllr T. Fitchett, Cllr J. Martin, Cllr T. Owens, Cllr A. Bowles

412 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

413 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 13th December 2017 (minutes 398-407)
- Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2017 (minutes 408-410)

414 PRESENTATION by VEGAN ORGANICS KENT

Jo Kidd and Terry Thompson gave a very informative presentation on their proposed organic vegetable business “Vegan Organics Kent” which will be located off Brickfield Lane. Those Councillors who expressed an opinion were supportive of the proposed concept and sustainable use of the land.

415 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

A. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTWAYS

- It was reported that there is a significant amount of rubbish in the hedge on the Canterbury Road near Nash Court (between the Canterbury Road and A2). It was also suggested that a request be made for a litter bin to be used by HGVs parking near Nash Court. The Clerk will liaise with Swale Borough Council to get the area cleared and request a bin.
- It was reported that the gully on The Ridgeway, behind Woods Garage is still blocked and that the condition of the highway surface in the area continues to deteriorate. The Clerk will again chase KCC with regard to resolving the matter.
- The Clerk was asked to request a street name sign for Chalkey Road, near the junction with the Canterbury Road.

B. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

- The Clerk reported that she had received a quote from KCC regarding repairs to the

footpath ZR614. The quote for repairs totalled £15,000.00 and those present decided not to make any contribution to the proposed works, since the item is out of budget and not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

C. PUBLIC LIGHTING

- The first phase of major lighting repairs by “Streetlights” has been carried out. The next phase of repairs will take place in the new financial year.

D. TRANSPORTATION

- Nothing new to report.

416 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

A. RECREATION GROUNDS

BULL LANE

- Cllr C. Clayson suggested that the Parish Council may be able to obtain a grant to enable additional trees to be placed on the recreation ground.

POPLAR VIEW

- The Clerk has requested the removal of the dying tree outside the houses at Poplar View and is now awaiting a quote for a replacement tree.
- Cllr C. Clayson suggested that the Parish Council may be able to obtain a grant to enable additional trees to be placed on the recreation ground.

B. BURIAL GROUNDS

- Nothing new to report..

C. PUBLIC TOILETS

- A water leak has occurred at the toilets and repairs are currently in progress.

D. TELEPHONE KIOSKS

- KCC are aware of the damage to the highway adjacent to the telephone kiosk on The Street. This has been caused by builders vehicles accessing a nearby property and on completion of the building works the highway will be made good again. KCC will be monitoring the situation.

E. ALLOTMENTS

- There are currently two plots available to rent.

417 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation 29th December 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 29th December 2017 were approved at the meeting, and cheques signed by two authorised signatories.

C. CONSIDER and APPROVE PRECEPT for 2018/19

- Councillors present agreed that the precept to be ordered from Swale Borough Council would be £53,695.00 (increase of 9.15% on previous year), giving an additional tax of £77.89 per Band D property (increase of 7.75% on previous year).

D. PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

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

E. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- Nothing new to report.

F. SET DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

- It was agreed that the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting would take place on Wednesday 11th April at 7pm. The Clerk requested suggestions for a speaker/presentation for this event and will investigate the possibility of a presentation on the proposed solar array in Graveney.

418 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

- Nothing new to report

419 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter received from Swale Borough Council requesting Parish Precept information for 2018/19
- B. Invitation to Mayor & Consort of Faversham's Charity Banquet & Ball on 2nd March 2018
- C. Email from KCC detailing costs of repairs to footpath ZR614.
- D. Notification of KALC training courses (Winter 2017/18)
- E. Invitation to Rural Crime training session on 29th January 2018.

420 CHAIRMAN/CLERK'S SUNDRY REPORTS

- None

421 ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FEBRUARY AGENDA

- Grant information for trees on recreation grounds.

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

Signed by the CHAIRMAN of the meeting