

BOXLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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AGENDA

To All Members of the Council, Press and Public

There will be a meeting of the **Estates Committee** on **Tuesday 10 October 2017** at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7.30 pm when it is proposed to transact the following business:

1.	Mem	laration of Interest or Lobbying abers are required to declare any interests, requests for dispensation, lobbying are Register of Interests.	(7.30) or changes
2	-	logies and absence eceive apologies for absence.	(7.31)
3.	То с	utes of Previous Meeting 8 August 2017. onsider the minutes of the meetings and if in order to sign as a true record lated).	(7.32) (previously
Т	o adj	ourn the meeting to allow the public or press to comment	(7.34)
4		ters Arising from Previous Minutes	(7.35)
	4.1 4.2	Minute 3016/4.1 Damaged headstone. Insurance claim made to KCC. Minute 3016/4.3 Additional lighting for entrance gate area at Beechen Hall. Report (page 3).	See
	4.3 4.4	Minute 3016/4.4 Beechen Hall Floor. See report (page 3). Minute 3016/4.5 Use of Beechen Hall Car Park by Spire Alexandra Hospital.	Still
		awaiting a response.	Still
	4.6 4.7	Minute 3018/11.2 Tree Pruning at the orchard. See report on (page 3). Minute 3018/13.1 Boxley Village Noticeboard. This has been ordered and is installed early November.	likely to be
	4.8	Minute 3018/9.6 Gas & Electricity usage at Beechen Hall – Deferred to Dece meeting.	mber
5.	5.1 5.2 5.3	e Hill Allotments ClIr Bob Hinder's Allotment Report. A verbal update will be given at the me Pest Purge report. Report to follow on the supplementary agenda. Allotment Water Bill. – To Review the usage. See (page 3).	-
	5.4	Dove Hill Allotments Rules and Regulations amendments. See report (pages	; 3-4).
6.		ley War Memorial eceive an update on the situation. See report (page 4).	(7.55)
7.		ters for Information VAT Issues. A response has been received HMRC see report (page 5)	(8.00)
Te	en mii	nute comfort break (if wanted).	
8	8.1	stant Clerk's Report To receive hire fees income, see report (page 5). Account balances see report (page 5).	(8.10)

8.4 Income and Expenditure see report (pages 6-8).8.5 Accident Report. None at the time of compiling the agenda.	
 Beechen Hall Extension 9.1 Notes of Meetings of the working group. See (pages 8-9). 	(8.30)
 Weavering Diamond Jubilee Orchard 10.1 Junior Swings – Repair See report (page 9). 10.2 Vandalism – See report (page 9). 	(8.35)
 Policies and Procedures 11.1 Grounds Maintenance Contract – Review for tender process See (pages) 	(8.40) s 9-10).
12. Matters for Decision None at the time of compiling the agenda.	(8.55)
 13. Draft Budget and Projects for 2018/19 To consider and agree the budget for 2018/19. 13.1 South Wall – See report (pages 11-13). 13.2 New sink and unit -Parish Office – A verbal report will be given at the number of the second secon	neetina

- 13.2 New sink and unit -Parish Office A verbal report will be given at the meeting.
- 13.3 General Budget Enclosure to follow.
- 13.4 Beechen Hall Budget Enclosure to follow.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

(9.00)Tuesday 12 December 2017 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade, ME5 9RU commencing at 7.30 p.m. Items for the agenda must be with the parish office no later than 4 December 2017.

Pauline Bowdery

Pauline Bowdery Clerk to the Council

Date 3 October 2017

Note to all councillors: you are welcome to attend meetings of committees of which you are not a member but only committee members may vote.

Legislation allows for meetings to be recorded by anyone attending. Persons intending to record or who have concerns about being recorded should please speak to the Clerk.

Items to be returned to Agenda at a later date. Minute 2893/8 MBC Play areas at Grove Green removal and refurbishment. Dec 2017 Minute 3016/4.2 North Wall Boxley Village Green

REPORTS AND ITEMS RELATING TO THE ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING 10 October 2017.

The Chairman will assume that these have been read prior to the meeting.

Councillors wishing to suggest changes to any policy document or procedure in this agenda should notify the office, in writing, at least three working days in advance of the meeting. This will allow details to be circulated at the meeting (or in advance if particularly contentious).

Item 4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- 4.2 Additional Lighting at Entrance gate to Beechen Hall. The office has now had an opportunity to view the images from the loaned HD camera facing towards the entrance gate and although this is better quality than the existing analogue cameras It is still unable to pick up the number plate of vehicles entering and exiting the car park in the dark. The alternative would be to install an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera. These are expensive, costing in the region of £350.00 and will eat up lots of hard drive. With regards to the additional lighting to install any type of lighting in this area will involve digging up the car park to lay cables and will again be very costly. Members must also take into consideration whether the number of incidents that have occurred at the hall of this nature and to decide if the cost of installing a camera and or additional lighting is commensurate with gain. as the parish Council is now proceeding with the extension additional cameras will be required and in 2018-2019 financial year it has been recommended that the system is upgraded at this time.
- 4.3 Beechen Hall Floor Sanding and varnishing. This has been booked into the diary to be carried out between Christmas and New Year.
- 4.6 Tree Pruning at WDJO Cllrs Davies and Sullivan attended a pruning course on Monday 18 September at the Orchard organised by Pippa Palmar, Mid Kent Downs. A verbal report will be provided at the meeting. Both Cllrs will undertake the pruning at the Orchard in future. The parish council will provide the equipment needed to carry out the task and a list of equipment required should be forwarded to the office.

Item 5 Dove Hill Allotments – *Information and Review*

- 5.2 Pest Purge Report To follow on the supplementary agenda.
- 5.3 Allotment Water Bill To review the usage and recent water bill.
- 5.4 Allotment Rules & Regulations, amendments The following additional rule has been suggested following recent dialogue with Cllr Dengate, Pest Purge and the office. It is suggested that this addition should be included under 7. Conduct. There have been no suggestions from tenants.

1. Conduct

7.1 Only the Tenant or a person authorised or accompanied by the Tenant is allowed on the Allotment Site and all guests must respect and abide by the Allotment Rules. Tenants may encourage their children to visit their Plot but children must be accompanied by an adult Tenant at all times. Children must keep to the main footpaths when accessing the Tenant's Plot and must not trespass on any other plot. The Health and Safety of any visiting children is the responsibility of the Tenant.

- 7.2. The Tenant must at all times during the tenancy observe and comply fully with all enactments, statutory instruments, local, parochial or other byelaws, orders or regulations affecting the Allotment Site.
- 7.3. The Tenant must comply with the conditions of use attached as Schedule 1.
- 7.4. The Tenant or their authorised guest must not cause or permit any nuisance (including noise) or annoyance to the occupier of any other plot or of any other property or land adjoining or near the Allotment Site.
- 7.5. No machinery may be operated outside the hours of 9.30am sunset , 7 days a week including bank holidays.
- 7.6. The Allotment Garden may not be used for any illegal or immoral purposes and the Tenant must observe all relevant legislation or codes of practice relating to activities they carry out on the Allotment Garden.
- 7.7. or any person who accompanies the tenant, shall enter onto any other plot at any time without the express permission of the relevant plot holder.
- 7.8. The Tenant is responsible for the actions of children and others entering the Allotment Site with his permission.
- 7.9. The Tenant must not remove produce from any other plot without the express permission of the relevant plot holder.
- 7.10.The Council has the right to refuse admittance to the Allotment Site or order a person to leave the Allotment site if that person, in the opinion of the Council, acts or behaves, or is likely to act or behave, in a manner likely to cause a nuisance or annoyance to any Tenant of an allotment garden or to the occupier of any other property or land adjoining or near the Allotment Site
- 7.11.Vehicles may only be parked in the designated parking area at the Allotment Site. They **must not park** in the shared entrance area, turning point or on Sandy Lane¹. Failure to comply with this rule will result in action being taken by the council, see clause 8.2.8.
- 7.12.Unless authorised by the Parish Council, the use of air rifles and fire arms are prohibited on any part of the allotment site.

Item 6. Boxley War Memorial – *INFORMATION and DECISION*

Wording. Numerous suggestions were received on what wording could be used above the name/s and it is apparent that there is no particular right or wrong way. The majority consensus is that the addition should the dates of the conflict/s and then the name so

1914 - 1919 R V S Hadlow

The Clerk is recommending that the blank panel is halved with the names from the first world war on the top half and second world war on the bottom half. The cost for carving out and painting one name and date will be in the region of $\pounds 250 - \pounds 400$. The Clerk has contacted the new Vicar at St Mary and All Saints Church and has asked for a message to be announced to

the congregation to try and find out more information on Fred Dennis as all lines of tracing him via the office has not been successful. It is recommended that this name is not added until his details are confirmed.

Item 7. Matters for information – *INFORMATION.*

7.1 VAT Issues – A response has been received from HMRC and in essence the car parking spaces are a taxable business activity and as such the Parish Council would be required to be registered for VAT. The extension to the committee room is not considered as a new build and therefore VAT cannot be reclaimed. A copy of the Parish Council's letter and the response from HMRC is enclosed. The Clerk recently attended a Clerk's training course and has been advised that the Parish Council could be registered as zero rated for VAT, but further investigation is required and it is hoped this will available in time for the meeting.

Item 9. Assistant Clerks Report – *INFORMATION.*

9.1 **Hire Fees -** To receive Hall Hire Fees for Aug/Sept with a comparison at the same point in the previous year.

	2017/18	2016/17
Casual	£2,458.15	(£2,753.86)
Regular	<u>£4,935.46</u>	(<u>£4,711.46)</u>
Total	£7,393.61	(£7,465.32)

9.2 Account Balances -

HSBC-Beechen Hall							
Account Balances as per bank statement at 30 September 2017							
Current Account	£23,121.17						
Investment account	£55,873.90						
Rolling 95 day saver account							

9.4 Income & Expenditure

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 02/10/2017

Month No: 6

Committee Report

		Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
Estates								
220	Burial Ground							
1200	Burials	0	0	1,250	1,250			0.0%
	Puriel County Income							
4045	Burial Ground :- Income Subscriptions	0 0	0 90	1,250 92	1,250 2		2	0.0% 97.8%
	Admin Fee	0	0	250	250		250	0.0%
	Burial Ground :- Indirect Expenditure	0	90			0 -		
	_		90	342	252	U	252	26.3%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(90)					
230	Green Spaces							
4210	Contingency Fund	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
4400	Maintenance	414	670	2,500	1,830		1,830	26.8%
4450	Boxley Village Green	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4460	WDJ Orchard	0	70	500	430		430	14.0%
	Green Spaces :- Indirect Expenditure	414	740	5,500	4,760	0	4,760	13.5%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(414)	(740)					
240	Grounds Maintenance							
4500	Grounds Maintenance Contract	0	4,327	7,967	3,640		3,640	54.3%
	Roundabout Maintenance	0	0	306	306		306	0.0%
	Grounds Maintenance :- Indirect Expenditure	0	4,327	8,273	3,946	0	3,946	52.3%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0						
	-		(4,327)					
250	Street Furniture							
4550	Noticeboards	0	(1,200)	0	1,200		1,200	0.0%
4560	Village Signs	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%
	Street Furniture :- Indirect Expenditure	0	(1,200)	200	1,400	0	1,400	(600.0%)
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	1,200					
260	Beechen Hall							
	Interest Received	0	0	402	402			0.0%
	Hire Fees Casual	941	8,078	16,200	8,122			49.9%
	PL Insurance Income	16	90	222	132			40.5%
	Hire Fees Regular	2,807	90 14,093	30,000	15,907			40.5%
	Wages - AEC	60	140	400	260			35.0%
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	Beechen Hall :- Income	3,824	22,401	47,224	24,823			47.4%

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4001	Wages	1,628	9,533	19,235	9,702		9,702	49.6%
	PAYE	222	1,209	2,306	1,097		1,097	52.4%
4010	Pensions	23	132	452	320		320	29.3%
4020	Administration	31	68	200	132		132	33.9%
4025	Audit	200	(25)	400	425		425	(6.3%)
4035	Rates	141	848	3,930	3,082		3,082	21.6%
4040	Licences/Leases	180	507	409	(98)		(98)	123.9%
4105	Insurance	0	1,016	1,215	199		199	83.6%
4210	Contingency Fund	0	0	6,000	6,000		6,000	0.0%
4605	CCTV/Alarms Maintenance	0	0	970	970		970	0.0%
4610	Consumables	59	433	914	481		481	47.4%
4615	Electricity	118	819	2,080	1,261		1,261	39.4%
4620	Gas	28	353	1,130	777		777	31.2%
4625	Water	169	362	825	463		463	43.9%
4630	Electrical Safety	0	410	410	0		0	100.0%
4635	Fire Safety	80	80	80	0		0	100.0%
4640	Gas Maintenance	0	0	257	257		257	0.0%
4645	Ground Maintenance	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4650	Hall Maintenance	8	1,088	2,500	1,412		1,412	43.5%
4655	Hall Marketing	0	0	200	200		200	0.0%
4660	Refuse Collections	0	945	2,039	1,094		1,094	46.4%
4720	Car Park Lights	0	(707)	0	707		707	0.0%
	Beechen Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	2,889	17,071	46,052	28,981	0	28,981	37.1%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	935	5,330					
270	Beechen Hall projects							
4550	Noticeboards	0	0	300	300		300	0.0%
4705	Internal Decoration	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4710	External Decoration	0	0	500	500		500	0.0%
4715	Floor	0	640	15,000	14,360		14,360	4.3%
4716	Extension Project	0	688	25,000	24,312		24,312	2.8%
4717	Height Barrier	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%
4718	Toilet Refurbishment	0	0	25,000	25,000		25,000	0.0%
	Beechen Hall projects :- Indirect Expenditure	0	1,328	68,300	66,972	0	66,972	1.9%
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	(1,328)					
280	Allotments							
	Allotment Income	188	858	960	102			89.4%
	- Allotments :- Income	188	858	960	102			89.4%

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	Actual Current Mth	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent
4020 Administration	0	0	30	30		30	0.0%
105 Insurance	0	255	255	0		0	99.8%
4400 Maintenance	513	935	2,300	1,365		1,365	40.6%
Allotments :- Indirect Expenditure	513	1,189	2,585	1,396	0	1,396	46.0%
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(326)	(331)					
Estates :- Income	4,012	23,259	49,434	26,175			47.1%
Expenditure	3,816	23,544	131,252	107,708	0	107,708	17.9%
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	196	(285)					
Grand Totals:- Income	4,012	23,259	49,434	26,175			47.1%
Expenditure	3,816	23,544	131,252	107,708	0	107,708	17.9%
Net Income over Expenditure	196	(285)	<mark>(81,818)</mark>	(81,533)			
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	196	(285)					

Item 10. Beechen Hall Extension – *PURPOSE OF ITEM FOR Information.*

Formal Notes of the Beechen Hall Extension Working Group (BEHWG) on Tuesday 8 August 2017 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 6.30 pm

Councillors present: Mr Vic Davies (Chairman), Ms L Clarke, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr B Hinder, Ms K Macklin, Mr P Sullivan, together with the Clerk.

1. Apologies and absence

Assistant Clerk (holiday).

2. Declaration of Interest or Lobbying None.

3. Beechen Hall Extension Plan

Members identified the following issues.

- Blue line on the plan, does this show the boundary of land owned by the parish council and is it correct?
- West Elevation. Change from full length vertical windows to windows to match the current kitchen and office.
- North Elevation. Fire door to remain but with a white lower UVP panel (to match kitchen door). Change the other 2 windows from full length vertical windows to windows to match the other windows.

Can fire exit have a bar and lock like the kitchen door?

 Remove bi-fold doors from plan. The current double doors were to remain but be replaced.

Would this plan show the planned inner stud wall suggested by the Acoustic Report?

• Clerk to further investigate the CDF2015 comment on the plans, concerning H&S, and what reports would be required.

When would KDS be able to advise whether the toilet refurbishment could be undertaken during the extension work?

Need to start planning for use of hall during the construction period; toilets/portaloos, electricity supply etc.

4. References

Contact details had been received and references will be obtained.

5. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 5th September at 7pm (provisional and tbc)

Meeting closed at 6.55 pm

Item 11. Weavering Diamond Jubilee Orchard – *PURPOSE OF ITEM FOR INFORMATION.*

- 11.1 Junior Swings Maidstone Borough Council have contacted the office after being served with a defect notice from their insurers Zurich stating the shackle pins on the Junior Swings are 40% worn and require replacing. The Clerk has spoken to Darren Rouse at MBC who explained that this happens an awful lot even if it has not been identified in the inspection report. He also stated there is probably another 5 10 years wear on these pins, the insurers are mitigating themselves from any possible future claims. The Parish Council's insurers are also Zurich and they have confirmed this replacement necessary. After consulting with the Chairman, it was agreed to proceed with the replacement on health safety grounds. The cost for this will be confirmed but is likely to be in the region £200.00 and will come from Green Spaces Maintenance budget.
- 11.2 Vandalism at the Orchard It has been reported that the bin outside of the play area has been tampered with and requires re-bolting to the ground. Also, a triangular piece of safety surface within the play area has been lifted. Both repairs are being carried out by ClIrs Davies and Sullivan who will also monitor the area closely. The litter picker has also been asked to look out and report any problems on his days at the orchard.

Item 12. Policies and Procedures – *PURPOSE OF ITEM FOR review.*

12.1 Grounds Maintenance Contract – to review and agree the areas to be maintained. The current contract ends on 31-03-2018. There is an additional area to be added – the entrance to WDJO from Weavering Street opposite the Fox and Goose either side of the safety barrier and footpath along the boundary of the orchard, this area is covered in brambles and requires cutting back at least 2 times a year.

Company submitting

quotation.....

Ref. GMcost ss

Boxley Parish Council Quotation for Grounds Maintenance Contract.

Ref. Description

Cost Notes if required

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1	Boxley	
1.1	The Green and The War Memorial (site 1). Cutting the grass on the central area, in front of the War Memorial and Church Wall to the North and South of the Lych Gate, the Northern piece adjacent to the European School of Osteopathy and the Southern portion adjoining Parsonage Farm. Allow for sixteen cuts and for keeping the intervening grass between the stones neat and tidy. Allow for the edge of the footway across the green to be edged once per year and for treating four times a year in the growing season with weed killer. The War Memorial steps and surrounding paved area also to be treated four times a year in the growing season with weed killer.	
1.2	The Closed Churchyard (site 2). Up to the traverse path east of the church, cutting and maintenance, allow for sixteen cuts. Maintenance means keeping the Church path (Lych Gate to Church door) edged and for treating four times a year in the growing season with weed killer.	
1.3	The Parish Council Burial Ground (site 3). Located at the rear of the churchyard (about 0.1 hectares) entrance through the churchyard. Allow for 16 cuts and the need for work around the memorials and individual graves. Allow for an annual clip of the previous year's growth on the boundary hedge.	
Note	Members have particularly asked that edges around graves, edging stones in the Closed Churchyard and Burial Grour 'strimmed'.	
1.4	Allotments – Dove Hill, Sandy Lane (site 10). Maintenance of the 1 haulage way and the grassed community area. Allow for sixteen cuts. Weeding with eco friendly treatment is required on the access road and entrance area. Please note areas around water troughs, compostable toilet, shed and lockable taps should be strimmed.Damage to the perimeter fence should be reported to the Parish Council asap.Access to Dovehill Allotments is via appointment only as the entrance is secured. Please contact the parish office to arrange an appointment.	

2	Sandling.	
2.1	Sandling Sign Area (site 4) Junction Old Chatham Road and Tyland Lane. From Tyland Lane to post box, grassed area (about 20m x 10m) allow for sixteen cuts. Allow for cutting or strimming around the base of the sign and the seat. Also includes the removal of rubbish from this site.	
2.2	Verge outside Sandling Village Hall, Sandling Lane (site 5). Grassed area (about 8m x 30m) to south of hall driveway and 8m x 10 m to to the north) allow for twelve cuts.	

3	Walderslade	
3.1	Open Space at Impton Lane (site 6). About 40 m x 50m including shrub borders alongside fences but excluding those adjoining dwellings. Allow for sixteen cuts. Cut hedge once a year, removing previous years' growth. Include the area west of the footway and fence.	
3.2	Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, ME5 9RU (site 7). Grassed areas adjacent to main access doors allow for 16 cuts. In additional the remaining areas between the hall building and the car park and between the hall building and the fence adjacent to Wildfell Close to be cut with a strimmer eight times per year. Areas adjacent to the West, North and East sides of the hall between the pathway adjacent to the hall and the access to the car park and between the pathway adjacent to the hall and the highway to the North and East of the hall building to be cut eight times per year.	

4. Gro	ve Green		
4.1	Grove Green Community Centre, Penhurst Close, ME14 5TQ (site 8). Grassed areas adjacent to the hall allow for 16 cuts.		
4.2	Weavering Diamond Jubilee Orchard, Penhurst Close, ME14 5TQ (site 9) Grassed area within and around play area allow for 16 cuts. 2 metre wide border on east side of Weavering Street to Penhurst Close allow for 16 cuts. 2 metre wide path around orchard trees allow for 16 cuts. Area to west of Weavering Street to Penhurst Close footway (and mown border) allow for 1 high cut in November (with cuttings raked into habitat pile within un-mown area of nut platt). Area surrounding the main group of orchard trees allow for 1 high cut in November (with cuttings raked into habitat pile within un-mown area of nut platt). Area adjacent to boundary hedgerow and nut platt left uncut.		
Note	Mowing maybe suspended during prolonged period drought/heatwave. At least a one metre uncut swathe to be left at hedgerows (not including northern flank of Leyland Cypress he east corner of orchard.	base of b	
	Total for all work		

Estates Committee 10 October 2017. Report on South Wall (east corner) at Boxley Village Green boundary of Parsonage Farm.

The owner of Parsonage Farm has contacted the parish council requesting that the final area of his wall that was affected by ivy growing from the village green is repaired. The eastern corner of the wall (so the far left of the driveway to the property the corner closest to the War Memorial) shows previous growth from the village green.



The wall at this point is a mixture of stone, flint and what appears to be concrete as the final layer and four periods of building work/types are reflected in this small area.





There is a crack that runs from below the cut ivy to ground level but there does not appear to be any safety issues regarding this crack.

It is difficult to see behind the large ivy roots but in the first picture to the top right of the dead ivy there is a need for repointing.

Members are asked to visit the site and decide what action needs taking.



This view of the south wall (looking toward the War Memorial end) shows that this part of the wall had less ivy growth. The trees have since been removed. The steps in the photograph lead to a path that runs down the side of the property with the wall taking a 90 degree turn south.