

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at European School of Osteopathy, Styles, Lane, Boxley Village on Monday 11th June 2012 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Councillors present – Mr I Davies (Chairman), Mr V Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr T Harwood, Mr B Hinder, Mrs W Hinder, Mrs K Macklin, Mr K Perry, Mr G Smith, Mr A Springate and Mr P Sullivan, together with the Clerk and 2 members of the press.

1. Apologies and absences.

Cllrs Brooks (holiday), Spain (unwell) and Waller (holiday). PCSO Hawthorn (day off)

2. Declaration of Interests or Lobbying.

None declared.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 14th May 2012.

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed** and **signed** as a true record.

4. Matters Arising From Minutes.

4.1 Minute 2401/5 Round Wood. **Noted** KCC had submitted a Voluntary Village Green application for Walderslade Woods. A letter of support for the withdrawal of the old application in favour of the new application had been provided and the issue will be put before the County Council's Regulation Committee.

5 Report from the PCSO and Police Issues.

5.1 **Noted** Crime statistics and report.

5.2 The letter from Inspector Geoff Wyatt, Neighbourhood Policing Unit was considered. It was **noted** that Cllr Bob Hinder was no longer on the Bredhurst Parish Council. Discussion took place on whether to give notice and withdraw from the agreement; whether to renegotiate the contract and ask for a pro rate reduction to account of the time the PCSO was at Bredhurst and the loss, no matter how small of parish coverage.

After discussion it was **agreed** that a letter should be sent to the Police stating that Boxley Parish Council wanted the Police to honour the original agreement with the PCSO only covering Boxley Parish. **Action – office.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7.45 pm to hear a residents report on the very successful Diamond Jubilee celebrations at Sandling Village. The meeting reconvened at 7.47pm.

6 Draft Minutes of Meetings since Previous Parish Council Meetings.

Noted and **received.**

6.1 Environment Committee meeting 14th May 2012.

6.2 Environment Committee meeting 21st May 2012.

6.3 Finance Committee 22nd May 2012. A question was asked on the safety of the investment at Santander. Members were informed that the investment was with Santander UK and not the Spanish arm of the bank and thus subject to British regulations.

7 Finance.

7.1 **Noted and received** payments made out of meeting 14.05.12 – 06.06.12. Appendix A

7.2 **Noted and received** receipts for the period 09.05.12–06.06.12. Appendix B.

7.3 **Noted** account balances as at 06.06.12. Members **received** the explanation as to why a transfer transaction was shown on the SCRIBE paperwork rather than a cheque transaction. Appendix C.

7.4 No payments of accounts were submitted for approval.

7.5 Insurance premium. Members **received** the information on the benefits of entering a long term undertaking to stay with the company. After discussion

it was, proposed by Cllr Bob Hinder seconded by Cllr Dengate that a 5 year long term undertaking would be entered into. **Agreed** (7 for, 1 against and 3 abstentions).

8 End of Year Accounts

Agreed the Chair proposing that "**Boxley Parish Council agrees and signs off the 31st March 2012 End of Year Accounts.**"

9 Acquisition of Land

- 9.1 **Ratified** the employment of Hobbs Parker to produce the valuation report.
- 9.2 **Ratified** the decision to enter into a partnership with Dr & Mrs Spain with the agreement to jointly purchase and then split the land into 2 acres and 1.33 acres.
- 9.3 **Ratified** the purchase of the land at a price of £37,000.
- 9.4 **Ratified** the employment of Whitehead-Monckton to progress the transfer of ownership of the land.
- 9.5 **Ratified** the closure of the Clydesdale 3 month bond with all funds transferred to the Parish Council's General Account to cover the possible cost of the purchase and subsequent expenditure.

Discussion took place on the work that was now required. It was **agreed** that a small working group would be set up to progress the project and that it would report to the Parish Council. Members of the group were the Cllr Ivor Davies, Cllr Vic Davies, Cllr Bob Hinder, Cllr Springate and the Clerk. Issues that needed to be dealt with fairly soon were: site security; health and safety, safety of the water tap. It was **agreed** that the first meeting would be a site meeting. Terms of Reference would be drawn up and submitted to the Council.

Agreed Clerk would amend the budgets and budget reports to reflect the changes needed to produce an accurate and up to date report for the Finance Committee.

10 Weaving Diamond Jubilee Orchard.

The Chair thanked members for the hard work and the letter of thanks from Bagshot Park was circulated. It was **noted** that responsibility of the management of the Orchard would now be with the Estates Committee and that the school was producing a CD of the song with profits going to Maidstone Mencap.

The Chair reported that he had attended a school assembly to present the prizes for the bunting and the children had been thrilled by the day.

11 Matters for Decision.

11.1 Attendance at Tunbury School Fete 30th June 2012, 2.00 – 4.00. Cllr Macklin agreed to attend the Clerk to liaise with her about finding a second member to support her.

12 Reports from Borough and County Councillors.

There were none.

13 Powers of Competence.

After lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of having the power, of the power Cllr Springate proposed, seconded by Cllr Wendy Hinder, and that the Council should then apply for a General Power of Competence under the Localism Act. **Agreed** (Chair abstaining).

Noted: Once obtained, a resolution to retain the power will have to be considered at each annual meeting of the parish.

14 Policies and Procedures Review.

14.1 Press Policy. After discussion it was **agreed** that a new draft, taking into account members comments, would be submitted to the next meeting.

15 Reports from councillors and parish office.

- 15.1 Website. Cllr Dengate gave an update on the work being undertaken to get the new website live and for closing down of the old website,
- 15.2 Chair reported that at the school assembly he had handed over the spade, used by Their Royal Highnesses to the PTA for auctioning. A letter of authenticity had been provided.

16 Matters for Information.

- 16.1 KALC May Parish newsletter, supplied to members.
- 16.2 Minutes of 20 May Friends of Boxley Warren meeting and Wildlife Walk – Boxley Warren – 24th June, 10am to 1pm
- 16.3 Southern Water – update on current water resources situation.
- 16.4 Mid Kent Downs Steering Group meeting Thurs 13 September, 10.30 at Wormshill Village Hall.
- 16.5 Photographs of the Royal Visit – members were invited to come and view them and arrangements were being made to put them on 'cloud' for organisations to download. It was **agreed** the parish office would do what it could to allow members of the public to, sensibly, access the photographs.

17 Next Meeting.

Monday 2nd July 2012 at 7.30 pm at Weaving Village Hall, Weaving Street, Grove Green.

Meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman.....Date.....