



Boxley

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 June 2022 held in the Acorn Room at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Chatham ME5 9RU commencing at 19.30

Present: Mr C Sheppard - Chairman, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mrs P Huntingford, Mrs K Macklin, D Hubbard, V Davies, A Asseter, P Dengate and A Brindle together with the Clerk Mrs D Baylis.

1. Apologies and absences

CLRs P Sullivan, M Beckwith, J Willmott, K Hill and D Hollands.

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 3 May 2021

The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4.1 Any other matters arising from the minutes.

None.

5. Crime Report and Police Issues

Noted.

The lack of contact from the PCSO was a cause for concern. Cllr Hinder would raise this at the upcoming Cluster Meeting.

Adjournment to enable members of the public to address the meeting

No members of the public were present.

6. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

Received and **Noted** the following draft minutes.

6.1 Environment Committee Meeting 3 and 9 May 2022. **Noted**

6.2 Finance and General Purposes Committee 16 May 2022. **Noted**

7. Finance

7.1 Payments made out of meeting 01.05.22 – 30.05.22. **Noted.**

7.2 Receipts for the period. 01.05.22 – 30.05.22. **Noted.**

7.3 Account balances report. **Noted.**

7.4 It was proposed by Cllr C Sheppard, seconded by Cllr V Davies and all agreed that the Chairmans allowance be put back to £283.

7.5 It was proposed by Cllr P Dengate, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed that the out of meeting decision to take out the 3 year long term insurance undertaking with Ansvar recommended by our broker CAS (Community Action Suffolk) at a cost of £4,968.03/year be ratified.

8. Policies and Procedures

8.1 None on this Agenda.

9. Monthly Website update

No changes reported.

10. Reports from Councillors/Office

Cllr Davies reported that the KALC meeting had been cancelled with only 3 days notice. The Clerk reported that a meeting of the Walderslade Woodlands Management Committee had taken place on the 6th June 2022 and the minutes would be circulated in due course.

11. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hinder reported on the following:

There would be a Lower Thames Crossing consultation at the Bridgewood Manor Hotel on the 9th June from 2-8pm. Boxley Parish was now part of the Environmental Compensation Scheme.

The Lordswood Litter picking group were meeting on Thursday 9th June at 11am at the Tunbury end of Impton Lane and were asking for volunteers.

The new committee membership at MBC had been decided on and Cllr Hinder was no longer on the JTB but would continue to take an interest and put items forward for discussion.

A working group had been set up to ensure that the planning conditions for the lagoon at the crematorium were met in full.

There had been a letter dated 24/5 with the Planning Inspectors initial findings posted on the MBC Local Plan Review planning portal. Bredhurst Parish Council had a copy and he was disappointed that it had not been circulated to BPC Councillors. MBC are not obliged to inform the Parish Council of any new information put onto the Planning Portal even if it affects the Parish. The clerk was asked to monitor the site.

Cllr Brindle asked the Clerk if there had been any reply from Paul Carter regarding the Boarley Lane issue. The Clerk would chase.

12. Grant Applications

None on this Agenda.

13. Walderslade Woodlands

The Clerk explained the issues with obtaining public liability for the Trust. The Lease between BPC and the WWT was prepared and under review. As soon as the lease is signed WWT would need public liability insurance. This insurance was currently under the BPC policy. The Clerk was asked to look into the legal implications in terms of the Agreement with KCC and the Charities Commission of dissolving the Trust and having everything under BPC control. A report would be prepared for the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to check with WWG and BPC's solicitor.

14. Cluster Meetings

The next meeting was the 14th June 2022.

15. Matters for Decision

It was proposed by Cllr D Hubbard, seconded by Cllr B Hinder to donate £5,000 to the Against Lidsing Garden Development 'go fund me' to raise funds for the Barrister and expert witnesses needed for the Examination in Public. A vote was taken with 8 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

It was proposed by Cllr C Sheppard, seconded and agreed with 1 abstention that Cllrs Hinder and Brindle become the Boxley Parish Council representatives at the Against Lidsing Development group's meetings.

16. Correspondence

None received.

17. Matters for Information

None.

18. Items for Next Agenda

To be received by the Clerk on or before the 24 June 2022.

Noted.

19. Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 July 2022.

The Chairman to move that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be considered the press and public be excluded from the meeting.

20. Personnel and Confidential Matters

Cllr V Davies reported that the new Assistant Clerk finance was doing an excellent job of getting all the processes in proper order.

The meeting closed at 20.40.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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