



Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 3 October 2022, commencing at 19:00

Councillors Present: Mr C Sheppard (Chairman), Mr Ivor Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mrs P Huntingford, Mrs K Macklin, D Hubbard, V Davies, D Hollands, P Sullivan, A Asseter, P Dengate and A Brindle together with one member of the public and Mrs D Baylis (Clerk).

1. Apologies and absences

Cllrs J Willmott and M Beckwith.

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 5 September 2022

The minutes of the meeting were agreed with one amendment.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk was asked to chase for a new meeting with Helen Whately and Tracey Crouch.

4.1 Any other matters arising from the minutes.

None.

5. Crime Report and Police Issues

Noted.

Adjournment to enable members of the public to address the meeting.

6. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

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

6.1 Environment Committee Meeting 5 September 2022. Noted

7. Finance

The finance reports were on the Agenda for the F&GP meeting.

8. Policies and Procedures

8.1 Grants Policy – adopted with minor amendments made.

8.2 Grants Application Form – adopted with no amendments made.

9. Monthly Website update

Report noted.

10. Reports from Councillors/Office

The Clerk reported that she had been to meetings with the Tree Officer from MBC and a representative from the Diocese to look at the tree damaging the wall and the faculty application for the South Wall. The Tree Officer was going to talk to the conservation team to see if the wall can be repaired in a way that would save the tree but did not think this would be possible. The Diocese representative said that he would put though faculty's for both works to a meeting being held on the 14 October. The Clerk had also obtained a quotation for the removal of the tree for £1,300. A full report would be put on the Estates Committee Agenda for the 17 October meeting.

Cllr Asseter had attended the MBC planning training. The enforcement team were now sending update sheets to ward Councillors. He had asked if this could be extended to parish's and this would be looked into.

Cllr Davies had attended the AGM of Grove Green Hall and had been elected chairman for

another year.

CLRs I Davies and A Brindle had been unable to attend the recent KALC meeting on the 26 September 2022. Matters raised were a letter to KCC Highways seeking support/involvement during the local plan review hearings and the perceived lack of due diligence when responding to planning applications. The Model Code of Conduct remains ongoing.

CLr Sheppard thanked the office staff for arranging the Parish Tour on the 29 September. It had been a well organised and informative day.

11. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

CLr Hinder reported that the Lidsing hearings would be starting again in November.

He asked if the Clerk could send the Elmer Tour poster to local schools.

He had received reports of feral dogs attacking people in Bell Lane and had contacted the community protection team at MBC. The Clerk reported that she had had a member of the public come into the office after being scared by the same dogs and had helped her complete police report several months ago.

CLr Brindle asked for the hardship poster to be put onto the noticeboards.

12. Grant Applications

12.1 None on this Agenda.

13. Walderslade Woodlands

The Clerk would be meeting with CLr Hubbard to look at issues with the CIO.

14. Cluster Meetings

No further meetings had been held.

15. Matters for Decision

None on this Agenda.

16. Correspondence

None.

17. Matters for Information

None.

18. Items for Next Agenda

To be received by the Clerk on or before the 28 October 2022.

Noted.

19. Next Meeting

7th November 2022 at Beechen Hall.

20. 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.

21. Personnel and Confidential Matters

None on this Agenda.

22. Lidsing Report

The hearings would restart on the 7th November with the sections relevant to Lidsing on the 22 and 23 November. A meeting of the working group would be organised as soon as members were available to work through the additional information uploaded by MBC.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date