



Boxley

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 April 2022 at 19:30

Present: Mr C Sheppard - Chairman, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mrs P Huntingford, Mrs K Macklin, D Hollands, P Sullivan, D Hubbard and M Beckwith together with the Clerk Mrs D Baylis.

1. Apologies and absences

CLlr V Davies
CLlr J Willmott
CLlr P Dengate
CLlr A Brindle

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 7 March 2021

The minutes of the meeting were agreed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 3573 Item 13. CLlr Hinder reported that a meeting was being held with John Edwards of Maidstone Borough Council on the 5th April at Beechen Hall to discuss the litter picking groups issues.

4.1 Any other matters arising from the minutes.
None.

5. Co-option of New Councillors

Alan Aseter and Kevin Hall were co-opted in their absence by a unanimous vote. It was proposed by CLlr Sheppard, seconded by CLlr Hollands and all agreed that the new Councillors sign their Declarations of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the Clerk before the next Parish Council meeting on the 3rd May 2022.

6. Crime Report and Police Issues

Noted.

CLlr Hinder was asked to take the issue of nuisance motor bikes in the woodlands to the next cluster meeting. The Clerk was asked to put out a community alert advising residents to report any incidents to the police as any action taken would be on the number of complaints received. The Clerk was asked to put the installation of inhibitors on the next Walderslade Woodlands Trust Management Committee meeting.

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

No members of the public were present.

8. Draft Minutes of Recent Committee Meetings

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

- 8.1 Environment Committee Meeting 7 and 14 March 2022. **Noted**
8.2 Finance and General Purposes Committee 21 March 2022. **Noted**

9. Finance

- 9.1 Payments made out of meeting 28.02.22 – 28.03.22. **Noted.**
9.2 Receipts for the period. 28.02.22 – 28.03.22. **Noted.**
9.3 Account balances report. **Noted.**

10. Policies and Procedures

- 10.1 Complaints Policy. Agreed with minor amendments.

10.2 Communications, Press and Media Policy – Agreed.

10.3 Covid 19 Policy – Clerk was asked to look at the policy template on the Kent Chamber of Commerce and draft the BPC policy around this and then circulate to members.

11. Monthly Website update

No update given.

12. Reports from Councillors/Office

Cllr Davies had attended the latest KALC meeting but had nothing to report.

13. Reports from Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Hinder reported that there was going to be a meeting of the Borough Council at the Clive Emerson building at 6.30pm on the 15th April to confer Honorary Alderman status on the late Cllr Wendy Hinder. This would be the second one ever awarded.

The Borough Council election nominations closed on the 5th April.

The Lordswood and Walderslade litter picking group have been shortlisted by Medway Council for their Volunteer Group of the Year Award.

The planning application for Bimbury Park had been refused as it was in the AONB.

14. Grant Applications

14.1 Boxley Village Society

The revised grant application was discussed and it was agreed that the grant request was not something the PC could support as it was an invitee only party and the number of beneficiaries was very limited. It was felt that it was not a good use of public money in this time of financial stringency. The Clerk was asked to write to the applicant and inform them of the decision and commend them for the money raised so far and wish them well with the event.

15. Walderslade Woodlands

15.1 Investment of Enabling Fund

It was proposed by Cllr Sheppard, seconded by Cllr Macklin and agreed with one abstention to invest £35,000 into the CCLA deposit fund with the remaining £15,000 to stay in the UTB account.

15.2 Logo

This was deferred to the Management Committee. Cllr Macklin recommended company Fivver for production of logos for £5.00.

15.3 Grants

The report was noted.

16. Queens Platinum Jubilee

It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by Cllr Macklin and all agreed that approval to install a beacon on Boxley Village Green not be approved.

The request for planting a Jubilee tree on the green was also refused on the grounds that it would not be in keeping with the current open vista and planting at the sides could cause problems with the surrounding walls which had been a problem in the past.

17. Cluster Meetings

Cllr Hinder reported that James Bailey had left MBC and was not being replaced. As such, he no longer received updates on the Bell Lane dump site. This was now past the agreed 6 month limit imposed for clearance of the site to avoid a custodial prison sentence.

18. Matters for Decision

It was proposed by Cllr Sheppard, seconded by Cllr P Huntingford and all agreed that a new logo for Beechen Hall can be created to enable the new Facebook page to be set up.

19. Correspondence

Cllr Sheppard reported that he has been contacted by a resident requesting a speed reduction on Ware Street. The resident suggested a collaboration with Bearsted Parish

Council. Cllrs V Davies, D Hollands, P Sullivan and C Sheppard agreed to form the representatives from Boxley. The Clerk was asked to circulate the previous documents from the previous Joint Traffic Working Group and to contact the Clerk at Bearsted. Cllr Hollands said the previous working group had done a great deal of work that was presented to the Joint Transport Board at MBC but nothing had ever been done about the issues raised.

20. Matters for Information

None.

21. Items for Next Agenda

To be received by the Clerk on or before the 22 April 2022.

Noted.

22. Next Meeting

Tuesday 3 May 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.

23. Personnel and Confidential Matters

Minuted separately due to confidential content.

The meeting closed at 21:26.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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