

Boxley Parish Council Land and Building Purchase and Lease Policy

The Council will consider purchasing or leasing land* or buildings** after careful consideration of the following;

Whether the use to which the land or building would be put would be primarily for the good of the parishioners. The judgment of what constitutes 'good' will be with the then Council but it is expected that the benefit to the parishioners would be allotments, recreational use, wildlife conservation or for environmental reasons either now or in the future.

The Parish Council will consider purchasing or leasing land to stop detrimental development.

Constitute good value for money in the context of the benefits (current or future), tangible and intangible, that would accrue, in the first instance, to our parishioners. If the previous criterion is met, the Council will obtain a property valuation, prior to any decision to buy or lease. It must be able to justify the cost of any purchase or lease including future maintenance, site security, etc. Any decision on the purchase or lease of land or building will take place at an open meeting after careful deliberation. The Council will endeavour to identify, in advance, a wish list for areas where Council-held land or buildings would benefit local communities and the reasons why it is considered of benefit.

*Local Government Act 1972, ss 124,126,127 (Power to acquirement by agreement, to appropriate, to dispose of...) Local Government Act 1972, ss139 (Power to accept gifts of land).

** Local Government Act 1972, s133, s144. Local Government (Misc Prov) Act 1976, s19