

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 12th May 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton

Present: Councillors: J Clarke (Chairman), A Dale, Mrs G Kingston, J Parker, S Potter, R Wilson

In Attendance: District Councillors: B Frenchman & J Shephard
Mrs J Bunting – Parish Clerk

Other Attendees: PCSO Natalie Halling – Northamptonshire Police

14/1197 Election of Chairman of the Council

The Chairman requested if there were any nominations for the office of Chairman for the forthcoming year 2014/2015. Cllr Potter proposed that Cllr Clarke continue for a further year as Chairman and Cllr Parker seconded the proposal. There were no other nominations. Cllr Clarke accepted and the proposal was carried unanimously. The Chairman signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

14/1198 Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council

The Chairman reported that, in his absence, Cllr Greatorex had agreed to serve another year as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations. Cllr Greatorex was proposed by Cllr Mrs Kingston and seconded by Cllr Dale and the proposal was carried unanimously.

14/1199 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs: K Greatorex (Vice-Chairman), R Greener and Mrs J Shephard.

14/1200 Members Declaration of Interest (on Agenda Items Only)

None

14/1201 To sign the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2014

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th April 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

14/1202 Public Open Forum Session

There were no questions from members of the public.

A short report from PCSO Natalie Halling confirmed the theft of heavy machinery from Boughton Quarry between the 1st and 5th April 2014. There had been some problems with anti-social behaviour in the Pocket Park but this had been an isolated incident. Following a question from the Chairman PCSO Halling confirmed that Daventry Area Rural North covered 44 villages and she was responsible for ten villages. There had been a recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting which was now officially organized. The zig-zag lining

outside the School would be re-painted by the end of the Summer and “select DNA” packs had been issued to Boughton Academy School following a recent spate of iPad thefts from schools in Northampton.

14/1203 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Full Council Meeting (not covered by items on the Agenda)

- i. The Chairman reported that no alternative date had been arranged for the next Boughton Quarry Liaison Meeting and the Clerk was requested to chase.
- ii. The Clerk was requested to further chase NCC Highways regarding low level posts on the highway in Moulton Lane.

14/1204 To Receive District Councillor’s Report

There was nothing to report.

14/1205 To Receive County Councillor’s Report

There was nothing to report.

14/1206 Annual Business Plan

Councillors resolved to consider objectives to update the Annual Business Plan and this would be considered at the meeting in June.

14/1207 Equal Opportunities Policy

Following a proposal from Cllr Wilson Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt the NCALC Model Equal Opportunities Policy and this was signed by the Chairman. A copy had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

14/1208 Village Design Statement Update

There was nothing to report. A further meeting date is to be arranged.

14/1208 Village Website

Cllr Potter reported that the sub-committee had now agreed a preferred logo for the new website and this had been circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk has circulated a link to view the prototype website design for Boughton. Discussion took place and Councillors resolved to agree the logo proposed by the sub-committee and the prototype website design which was well received. In addition, on the recommendation of Cllr Wilson Councillors agreed payment of the 50% deposit to MGT Design. The terms and conditions of MGT Design were signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

14/1209 Planning

a) **New Planning Applications**

- i. **DA/2014/0305 Fox Covert Farm, Harborough Road, Pitsford (Pitsford Parish)**
Realignment of access track, construction of detached two bay garage and store, two storey extension and porch to existing dwelling
No observations by the Parish Council on the building works planned but Councillors agreed to support the comments of Pitsford Parish Council.

- ii. DA/2014/0308 72A Harborough Road North, Boughton
Single storey side extension
No objection by the Parish Council.
- iii. **DA/2013/0994 (Amended) Land at Brampton Lane, Boughton (Buckton Fields (East))**
Reserved Matters submission for 376 dwellings, open space, structural landscaping, highways and drainage infrastructure works (all matters except access) pursuant to outline application DA/2008/0500
The Chairman reported that a further sub-committee meeting (Cllrs Clarke, Greatorex, Wilson, Greener), to review the recent changes made by Pegasus had taken place. An amended planning application had now been received and the Parish Council had until the 26th May 2014 to respond. The meeting had been arranged as an additional attempt to get the views of the Parish Council heard but very little appeared to have changed. A further meeting would be held with Pegasus on Friday 16th May 2014. The Chairman stated that there appeared significant deviations from the original Design & Access Statement (forming part of application DA/2008/0500). Following discussion Councillors agreed the key objectives for the meeting with Pegasus. District Councillors Frenchman and Shephard agreed to attend.

- The 2 ½ storey property on the corner of Brampton Lane and Harborough Road North which Councillors felt was wholly inappropriate at this location.
- The high level density of houses on the Brampton Lane frontage.
- The change to topographic levels on Harborough Road North.
- The building line of properties on Harborough Road North.
- Local Liaison Forum
- “Wish List”

Councillors resolved that the sub-committee would formulate and agree a response to the Planning Officer at DDC.

- iv. **The Obelisk Centre, Obelisk Rise, Kingsthorpe**
Pre-application consultation for a proposed 4G base station upgrade
No objection by the Parish Council.
- b) **Planning Application Decisions Received**
- i. **DA/2014/0070 Applegate, Vyse Road, Boughton**
Two storey single and single storey rear extension. Construction of front porch
Planning Permission granted by DDC subject to conditions 2nd April 2014.
- ii. **DA/2014/0210 Cherry Croft, Vyse Road, Boughton**
Demolition of front garages and side conservatory. Construction of two storey and single storey extensions to front, side and rear and detached double garage
Planning Permission granted by DDC subject to conditions 22nd April 2014.

c) **Planning Appeals**

i. **DA/2013/0927 The Patch, Humfrey Lane, Boughton**
Listed building consent for extension to form annexe

The Planning Inspectorate had received an appeal against DDC's decision to refuse listed building consent for the above development.

ii. **DA/2013/0918 Land at Boughton Green Farm, Moulton Lane, Boughton**

The Planning Inspectorate had received an appeal against DDC's decision to refuse planning permission for the above development.

d) **Review any matters relating to Planning Policies**

None

e) **Review any matters related to planning applications in preparation or awaiting decisions:**

i) **DA/2008/0500 Buckton Fields (East) and DA/2011/0666 Buckton Fields (Overall)**

Reported above.

ii) **Boughton Quarry (General)**

Reported above under Matters Arising.

iii) **Pitsford Quarry/Pond**

There was nothing to report.

Solar Farm – Land off A5199 Welford Road

The Chairman reported that a recent pre-application consultation had taken place at The Windhover and had been attended by Cllrs Clarke, Shephard and the Clerk although nothing official had been heard from DDC. The Clerk was requested to respond to Green Switch Solutions in line with the CPRE Northants policy on Solar Farms. The Chairman confirmed that DDC has no policy on Solar Farms and the Clerk was requested to ask that the matter be added to the Agenda for the OMBBH meeting in May.

v. Cllr Potter suggested that a map of the Parish Boundary be included on the new website.

vi. The Chairman updated Councillors on complaints received about inappropriate use of the community farm on land off Welford Road. The Enforcement Officer at DDC was aware of the situation and had written to the landowner.

vii. Cllr Potter and the Clerk would arrange a meeting to progress the book exchange.

viii. Cllr Potter reported that following a recent grant application for funding of £330,000 Boughton Academy School had been unsuccessful. This decision had been appealed. The school is now looking at private funding.

ix. Cllrs Potter, Mrs G Kingston and District Councillors Frenchman and Shephard left the meeting at 8.30 p.m.

14/1210 Finance

a) The Financial Statement for the month ending 30th April 2014 had previously been circulated to all Councillors and had been agreed by Cllr Wilson. Cllr Wilson proposed approval of the Financial Statement by the Council and this was

unanimously agreed by Councillors. The Financial Statement was signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

- b) It was agreed by Councillors that the following Cheques be approved for payment. A list had previously been circulated to all Councillors and agreed by Cllr Wilson.

To Whom Paid	Chq No	Details of Payment	Amount	Power to Pay
Boughton Village Hall	1556/V683	Hall Hire BPC Meeting 12 th May 2014	£18.00	LGA 1972 s133
Mrs J Bunting	1557/V684	Clerk's April 2014 Salary (net of deductions).	£725.60	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1558/V685	Clerk's Monthly Office Expenses April 2014 (Telephone, Broadband and Electricity)	£43.33	LGA 1972 s 111
M & K Gardening	1559/V686	Village Greenworks	£239.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
E.ON	1560/V687	Street Lighting Electricity 1/1/14 to 31/3/14	£480.98	HA 1980 s301 Parish Councils Act 1957
Northamptonshire ACRE	1561/V688	Annual Subscription 2014/2015	£35.00	LGA 1972 s111
NCALC	1562/V689	Annual Subscription 2014/2015 & Internal Audit Fee	£437.59	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1563/V690	Reimbursement to Clerk for payment to Nominet to change name of Registrar for Boughton Domain Name	£12.00	LGA 1972 s111
TOTAL:			£1,991.50	

- c) Following a proposal from Cllr Wilson Councillors resolved that the following late cheques be approved for payment. Cllr Wilson proposed that the insurance premium be renewed annually and that the Parish Council would not take up the insurers invitation to renew for a period of three years and this was agreed unanimously.

To Whom Paid	Cheque No	Details of Payment	Amount	Power to Pay
Came & Company	1564/V691	Annual Insurance Premium 2014/2015	£617.43	LGA 1972 s111
MGT Design	1565/V692	Agreed 50% deposit for new website design	£1,110.00	LGA 1972 s111

- d) Cllr Wilson reported that the Half Year Precept in the sum of £13,550 had been received from DDC.

- e) Cllr Wilson reported that grant applications would be considered at the meeting in July.

14/1211 Highways

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance works, traffic calming matters

The Chairman reported that the costings for traffic calming proposals had been received from NCC. Councillors agreed that the sub-committee would progress.

- b) Progress Year 3 (2013/14) of Footway Lighting upgrade project

Cllr Parker reported that there were only three lights in Church Street to be replaced. The Clerk had approached the Conservation Officer at DDC for initial advice as the lights were located in the Conservation Area but had heard nothing further despite several telephone calls and emails. The Clerk would progress.

14/1212 Environment

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance work matters

- i. Councillors agreed that M & K be instructed to carry out additional work to remove overhanging vegetation on the footpath at the top of Spring Close, the overgrown ransom strip between Boughton Academy School and Orchard Cottage and the clearance of a small area of land on Vyse Road, opposite Howard Lane.
- ii. Cllr Wilson reported that a quotation had been received from M & K for a one-off tidy to the Village Hall. Cllr Wilson proposed acceptance of the quotation and this was unanimously agreed by Councillors.
- iii. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson and the Clerk would look at an additional location for the siting of the new dog bin.
- iv. Discussion took place regarding the parking of cars on Chestnut Tree Green. The Clerk was requested to write to the new owners of the property adjacent.
- v. The Clerk was requested to contact the Tree Officer at DDC regarding an inspection of the Chestnut Tree in Church Street.
- vi. The Chairman requested that Councillors give some thought to the use this year of the Empowerment Grant for the next meeting.

14/1213 Correspondence Received (not already on the Agenda)

- a) None

14/1214 Other Matters

- a) Review and progress any new/outstanding consultations

None to report.

- b) Progress/Receive reports on attendances since last BPC Meeting:-

- i. The Chairman reported that he had attended a recent Community Panel meeting. An alternative venue was being sought.

- c) Receive Reports from representatives of Village Hall, Pocket Park, Primary School and Richard Humfrey Charity Committees

- i) The Chairman reported that the Village Hall Committee would like a page on the new village website.
- ii) Pocket Park – There was nothing to report.

- iii) Boughton Academy School - Report as above.
- iv) Richard Humfrey Charity - There was nothing to report.
- d) There were no new Welcome to Boughton letters.

14/1215 Urgent Matters for Report Only (notified to the Chairman before the Meeting)

- a) None

14/1216 Confirm Date of Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting of Boughton Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th June 2014 in Boughton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

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Cllr J Clarke (Chairman)

Dated this 9th day of June 2014