

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2013 at 7.00 p.m. in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton

Present: Councillors: J Clarke (Chairman), K Greatorex (Vice-Chairman), A Dale, R Greener, Mrs G Kingston, J Parker, S Potter, R Wilson

In Attendance: Mrs J Bunting – Parish Clerk

Other Attendees: None

13/1099 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Cllr B Frenchman and Cllr Mrs J Shephard.

13/1100 Members Declaration of Interest (on Agenda Items Only)

None

13/1101 To sign the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 9th September 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

13/1102 Public Open Forum Session

There were no questions from members of the public.

13/1103 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Full Council Meeting (not covered by items on the Agenda)

None to report.

13/1104 To Receive District Councillor's Report

There was nothing to report.

13/1105 To Receive County Councillor's Report

There was nothing to report.

13/1106 Clerk's Salary/Performance Review

Following receipt of the 2013/14 National Salary Awards from NALC Councillors resolved that the Clerk's salary from the 1st June 2013 be increased to £11.296 per hour (SCP 25).

13/1107 Village Design Statement

Notes from the recent VDS meeting together with advice from DDC had previously been circulated to Councillors. A further VDS meeting to be arranged.

13/1108 Village Website

The Clerk reported that DDC had indicated that they were unable to provide any support with updating the Parish Council website. The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Cllrs Greener and Potter to progress.

13/1109 Village Hall

Cllr Wilson reported that an enquiry had now been lodged with the Charity Commission regarding locating the original Deeds to the Village Hall.

13/1110 Planning

a) New Planning Applications

- i) K6 Telephone Kiosk, Church Street, Boughton
Listed Building Consent for addition of shelving to Telephone Kiosk for use as a Book Exchange

There were no observations by the Parish Council as the applicant.

b) Planning Application Decisions Received

- i) DA/2013/0564 15 Howard Lane, Boughton
Construction of double garage

Application refused by DDC. The proposed garage due to its size and massing and positioning would be a prominent feature in the street scene and would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the area contrary to saved policies GN2 and EN42 of the Daventry District Local Plan, the Boughton Village Design Statement and Paragraph 17 and 58 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

- ii) Councillors agreed to bring forward the planning conditions for Marken House to the November meeting.

c) Review any matters relating to Planning Policies

There were none to report.

d) 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)

Notes from a meeting with Mr Ian Boyes from MGWSP to discuss traffic calming measures had previously been circulated to Councillors. Mr Boyes will cost the traffic calming proposals discussed and a further meeting will be held to agree the best options. The Chairman stated that the directional signs to Moulton College through the village had been raised again as had the removal of the wooden sign post in the Conservation Area mentioned in the Village Design Statement. There was nothing further to report on Buckton Fields (East).

- ii) Boughton Quarry (General)

The Chairman reported that he had attended the local liaison meeting on Thursday 26th September 2013 and there were several matters to report. Stone quarrying was more in demand and could lead to Pitsford Quarry being quarried again but this was not definite. There were no industrial processes planned for the site. There is a new Monitoring Officer at NCC and the site is

being monitored more carefully. Lorries are being sub-contracted by Bennies and the Chairman felt that it was important to monitor this as Bennies had had regard for the 7.5 tonne weight limit through the village. K-Lime is due to finish at the end of October and the concrete batching is not now going ahead. The Chairman confirmed that the Minutes of the Meeting would be circulated to Councillors in due course.

iii) Pitsford Quarry/Pond

The Chairman reported that the Environmental Report will go to the Planning Committee in November.

13/1111 Finance

- a) The Financial Statement for the month ending 30th September 2013 had been circulated to all Councillors. This had previously been approved by Cllr Wilson. The Chairman proposed approval of the Financial Statements by the Council and this was unanimously agreed by Councillors. The Financial Statements were 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 approved by Cllr Wilson.

To Whom Paid	Chq No	Details of Payment	Amount	Power to Pay
Boughton Village Hall	1498/V625	Hall Hire BPC Meeting 14 th October 2013	£18.00	LGA 1972 s133
Mrs J Bunting	1499/V626	Clerk's September 2013 Salary	£697.76	LGA 1972 s112
Mrs J Bunting	1500/V627	Clerk's Monthly Office Expenses September 2013 (Telephone, Broadband and Electricity)	£43.33	LGA 1972 s 112
HMRC	1501/V628	Employers N.I. Contributions (3 Months)	£46.20	LGA 1972 s112
M & K Gardening	1502/V629	Village Greenworks	£217.50	Open Spaces Act 1906
M & K Gardening	1503/V630	Additional Village Greenworks	£110.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
Mrs J Bunting	1504/V631	Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of stamps and planning copies for Village Hall	£9.12	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1505/V632	Clerk's Mileage Expenses (1 st July 2013 to 30 th September 2013)	£110.40	LGA 1972 s112
E.ON	1506/V633	Street Lighting Maintenance for qtr. Ending 30 th September 2013	£163.04	HA 1980 s301 Parish Councils Act 1957
E.ON	1507/V634	Electricity 1 st July 2013	£491.66	HA 1980 s301

		to 30 th September 2013		Parish Councils Act 1957
TOTAL:			£1,907.01	

- c) Cllr Wilson asked Councillors to consider any proposals for the 2014/2015 budget as this would need to be drafted and approved by January 2014. Preparatory work had begun.
- d) The Clerk read out thank you letters from Boughton Village Hall and Pocket Park Committees for recent donations from the Parish Council.
- e) Report on the financial position with regard to the New Venes Playground Project
Cllr Wilson stated that there is £1,273.95 in the earmarked Pocket Park Reserve. Cllr Creatorex agreed to make enquiries at the next Pocket Park meeting and report back to the Parish Council at the meeting in November.

13/1112 Highways

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance works, traffic calming matters
None to Report.
- b) Progress Year 3 (2013/14) of Footway Lighting upgrade project
Cllr Parker reported that work by E.ON to the column/lantern changes in Howard Lane and Devonshire Close had started.
- c) Post & Chain Link Fencing – Village Green
The Clerk reported that the Parish Council's request to MGWSP for a Utility Enquiry had been completed. A brief on site meeting with M & K Gardening had been arranged for Wednesday 23rd October 2013 at 4.00 p.m. before work commences.
- d) Parish Mowing 2014/2015
- e) Councillors resolved to take over the Highway mowing from NCC for the 2014/15 season. The contribution from Highways would be £353.00. Discussion took place regarding tendering for the Village Greenworks for the 2014/15 season. Councillors resolved that as this would be an enhanced contract three quotations be obtained.
- f) Harborough Road and Brampton Lane proposed amendments to speed limits
The Chairman reported that Northamptonshire Highways proposed to implement a 40 mph speed limit on the length of Brampton Lane. This would replace the current 40/60 mph speed limit. This would include the construction of a traffic island on Brampton Lane and a pedestrian crossing on the A508 on Harborough Road North. Discussion took place and in view of a general speeding problem at this location the Clerk was requested to respond to request a 30mph speed limit. This additionally took into consideration the Brampton Valley Way, Boughton Quarry and use of the road by cyclists. The Clerk was also requested to obtain further information about the roundabout and the pedestrian crossing.
- g) The Clerk was requested to establish the cost of the village's involvement in the Community Speed Watch Programme for 2014/15.
- h) The Chairman reported that recent speed data requested from Northamptonshire Police for Boughton had detected 32 offences over the last three visits by the mobile police van. Of the 100 sites that the Police enforce at it put Boughton in the middle for offences per hour.

13/1113 Environment

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance work matters
None to report.
- b) Councillors resolved to purchase a Dog Bin for the top of Butchers Lane near to the electricity sub-station. Cllr Greener agreed to pursue the possibility of sponsorship to cover the cost.
- c) Telephone Kiosk/Book Exchange
The Chairman had previously reported that listed building consent had now been applied for. Cllr Potter suggested that an alternative use for the Telephone Kiosk for Councillors to consider was for locating a defibrillator. This was being trialled by the Fire Service in Berkshire. The Clerk was requested to seek advice regarding locking the Kiosk overnight.
- d) Overgrown Tree and Hedge – Spring Close
Cllr Parker reported that residents in Spring Close had still not yet responded to trimming a tree in their garden which was now totally obscuring a street light. NCC Highways had written to a resident regarding an overgrown hedge at the top of Spring Close and although NCC had reported that this work had been done it had not and the footpath was now almost impassable. In addition, overgrown conifer trees from a property in Spring Close have totally encroached overhead wires that run the length of the road, a tree has self-seeded on the pathway at the top of Spring Close, a tree is obscuring a street light in Vyse Road and an evergreen tree is blocking the footpath in Spinney Close. Regarding some of the issues the Clerk had sought advice from NCCALC and would pursue through NCC as Councillors felt that all avenues to get the work done had been exhausted.

13/1114 Correspondence Received (not already on the Agenda)

- a) NCCALC update was available.

13/1115 Other Matters

- a) Review and progress any new/outstanding consultations
None to report.
- b) Progress/Receive reports on attendances since last BPC Meeting:-
 - i) Housing Summit DDC
Cllr Potter reported that he and the Clerk had attended a recent Housing Summit at DDC. There had been updates on the Core Strategy, Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning. Various Workshops had included “Housing Need and Demand” and “The Future for Housing”.
 - ii) The Chairman reported that he had been unable to attend the Police Community Panel Meeting on the 9th October 2013.
- 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 was currently being redecorated.
 - ii) Cllr Groatorex reported that a Firework Party was planned on the 2nd November in the Pocket Park.

- iii) Cllr Potter reported that disappointingly the Walking Bus to School initiative had not been very successful. He confirmed that the School was already oversubscribed for the September 2014 Term as 22 places were needed.
- iv) Cllr Greatorex reported that at the next meeting of the Richard Humfrey Foundation in November applications for educational funding would be considered and the main charity would be considering the distribution of funds for the elderly and needy in the Parish.
- d) The Clerk was requested to send "Welcome to Boughton" letters to new residents in Howard Lane and Harborough Road North.

13/1116 Urgent Matters for Report Only (notified to the Chairman before the Meeting)

- a) The Chairman reported that the WNJCS/Local Plan Part 1 resumed hearings had been pushed back to March 2014.
- b) The Chairman reported that an e-mail had been received from DDC regarding the centenary of the First World War on 4th August 2014. It was agreed that possible commemorative events could be considered at a later meeting.
- c) The Chairman reported that that the Infrastructure and Developer Contributions supplementary planning document had been adopted by full council at DDC on 3rd October 2013. A copy was available on DDC's website www.daventrydc.gov.uk

13/1117 Confirm Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of Boughton Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th November 2013 in Boughton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

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Cllr J Clarke (Chairman)

Dated this 11th day of November 2013