

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton

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

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

Other Attendees: None

14/1269 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs: R Greener and Mrs G Kingston.

14/1270 Members Declaration of Interest (on Agenda Items Only)

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
Cllr John Clarke	Correspondence from Mr Peter Kimbell	Adjoining Neighbour
Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard	Planning Application DA/2014/0828, Woodview, Butchers Lane, Boughton	Adjoining Neighbour
Cllr S Potter	Planning Application DA/2014/0868 Boughton Primary School, Moulton Lane, Boughton	Boughton Primary School Governor

14/1271 To sign the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 8th September 2014

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 8th September 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

14/1272 Public Open Forum Session

There were no questions from members of the public.

14/1273 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Full Council Meeting (not covered by items on the Agenda)

- i. Cllr Potter confirmed that the farmer had put the overgrown hedge on Moulton Lane on his schedule of works. The Clerk confirmed that she had also spoken to the Land Agents.
- ii. Cllr Potter reported that the work to the overhanging branch in the dip past the old St John's Church had been completed.

- iii. The Chairman reported that a response from the Planning Investigator at DDC stated that the caravan on the community farm on land at Welford Road was excluded from being development in the Town and Country Planning Acts and consequently was not in breach of planning control. The injunction on the site was issued to prevent unauthorised residential caravans by the traveller community and was not available in the current circumstances. General discussion took place and Councillors agreed that the area was a complete eyesore. The Clerk was requested to write directly to the land owner and the Environmental Health Officer at DDC.
- iv. An e-mail regarding planning permission for a gate and fence on Vyse Road had previously been circulated to Councillors.
- v. The Chairman confirmed that the matter of inappropriate parking in the village had been raised again with PCSO Natalie Halling and highlighted in Boughton Village Matters. Cllr Greatorex reported that the situation was particularly dangerous at the bottom of Humfrey Lane. Parishioners were directed to telephone 101 to report obstructions.

14/1274 To Receive District Councillor's Report

- i. District Councillor Frenchman reported that the Inspectors Report for the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy had just been published and he précised highlights of the report which could be viewed on the Joint Planning Unit website <http://www.westnorthamptonshirejpu.org/connect.ti/website>
- ii. In the report the affordable housing allocation in rural areas was 40% not 29%. The Chairman voiced concern that the recent planning application for land off Welford Road for up to 41 houses was an extension of Northampton Borough and being included in their land supply. Cllr Frenchman assured Councillors that this was not the case.
- iii. The housing requirement for the Daventry rural area from 2011 to 2029 was 2,360 dwellings.
- iv. The reserved matters application for the Harlestone Gateway had been approved by DDC and would include the first part of the Northern Relief Road which Cllr Frenchman suggested was significant to Boughton and Pitsford.
- v. Cllr Frenchman reported that as from January 2015 there will have to be solid planning reasons for objecting to a planning application. Observations will still be taken into account.

14/1275 To Receive County Councillor's Report

Cllr Mrs Shephard reported that an application for a proposed Toucan Crossing by NCC Highways on Harborough Road North had caused several objections from residents. The crossing was part of the S106 Agreement for Buckton Fields and consensus was that Highways had decided on the best position which was adjacent to the pedestrian access into the development. There was nothing further to report.

14/1276 Village Design Statement

The Clerk confirmed that a meeting had been arranged for 6th November 2014 with Tom James from Daventry District Council.

14/1277 Planning

a) New Planning Applications

- i. DA/2014/0787 Brickhill Spinney Farm, Harborough Road North, Boughton Extensions and alterations including new raised roof (For Report)
No objection by the Parish Council.
- ii. DA/2014/0828 Woodview, Butchers Lane, Boughton NN2 8SL Alterations and extensions to include the demolition of existing garage and rear kitchen extension. Construction of 1.5 storey side extension. Raise front roof ridge and reconfigure gable. Front entrance extension. Single storey rear extension. New dormer windows and general external remodelling.
No Objection by the Parish Council.
- iii. DA/2014/0821 Land between Boughton, Pitsford and Moulton Review of Mineral Planning Permission DA/97/1140C for Modern Conditions relating to the Extraction of Northamptonshire sand ironstone and overlying minerals.
Councillors resolved to write in support of the comments of County Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard and Pitsford Parish Council. The Chairman stated that the only viable working at Pitsford Quarry is in Phase 1 by Bunkers Hill Farm.
- iv. General discussion took place regarding a new planning application for Boughton School which was not on the Agenda. The Clerk was requested to ask the Planning Officer at DDC for an extension of time to enable Councillors to discuss at the November meeting. Cllr Greatorex reported that he and Cllr Mrs Shephard were meeting with the Headmaster on the 15th October 2014.

b) Planning Application Decisions Received

- i. DA/2014/0676 Ingatestone House, Vyse Road, Boughton Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
Planning permission granted by DDC subject to conditions 26th September 2014.

c) Review any matters relating to Planning Policies

None

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)
There was nothing to report.
- ii) 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 the developers had now indicated that they would not contribute to a "Wish List" for the village. Councillors resolved to keep this matter on the Agenda and the Clerk was requested to write to the Chief Executives of Bloor and Martin Grant Homes. Councillors felt strongly that the developers had given nothing to the parish from the development. The Chairman had raised this at the recent OMBBH Meeting.

- iii) Boughton Quarry (General)
The Chairman reported that he had attended a Boughton Quarry Liaison Meeting on the 16th September 2014. The batching plant had recently been dismantled and the metal stolen. The Chairman had asked if the Gate House could be removed.
- iv) Pitsford Quarry/Pond (General)
Report as above.
- v) Cllr Potter reported that a resident in the village had shown an interest in joining the Parish Council.
- vi) Cllrs Potter and Frenchman left the meeting at 8.00 p.m.

14/1278 Finance

- a) The Financial Statement for the month ending 30th September 2014 had been circulated to all Councillors and had previously been agreed by Cllr Wilson. The Chairman 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 been circulated to all Councillors and previously approved by Cllr Wilson.

To Whom Paid	Chq No	Details of Payment	Amount	Power to Pay
Boughton Village Hall	1607/V734	Hall Hire BPC Meeting 13 th October 2014	£18.00	LGA 1972 s133
Mrs J Bunting	1608/V735	Clerk's September 2014 Salary (net of deductions).	£768.98	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1609/V736	Clerk's Monthly Office Expenses September 2014 (Telephone, Broadband and Electricity)	£43.33	LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	1610/V737	Employer and Employee NI & PAYE Contributions	£97.01	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1611/V738	Reimbursement for purchase of stamps and replacement printer cartridge	£29.46	LGA 1972 s111
Information Commissioner	1612/V739	Data Protection Registration	£35.00	LGA 1972 s111
M & K Gardening	1613/V740	Village Greenworks	£157.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
E.ON	1614/V741	Footway Lighting Electricity	£492.62	Parish Councils Act 1957 HA 1980 s301
M & K Gardening	1615/V742	Village Greenworks	£239.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
TOTAL:			£1,880.40	

- c) Internal Review of Accounts 2015/2016
Cllr Wilson reported that he had undertaken a recent six monthly review of the Accounts which were in good financial order.
- d) Agree Adoption of New Financial Regulations
Councillors resolved to adopt the new financial regulations. A copy had previously been circulated to all Councillors.
- e) Agree Adoption of updated Risk Assessment
Councillors resolved to adopt the updated Risk Assessment. A copy had previously been circulated to all Councillors.
- f) Budget 2015/2016
A Forecast to the year end 2014/2015 had been circulated to all Councillors and Cllr Wilson reported on areas of likely underspend which included legal fees and the village design statement, parish lighting services and the village greenworks. Cllr Wilson stated that advice had been sought from DDC regarding the possible financial responsibility in the 2015/2016 budget for Buckton Fields for things such as litter/dog bins and street lighting. It was agreed that maintenance arrangements were covered at this point in time and there would be no need to precept additional funds for Buckton Fields.
- g) District Councillor Shephard requested permission either to bring Rev Trott or to prepare a report to the meeting in November to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council making a contribution to the Parochial Church Council towards the funding of St John's Church. General discussion took place and Cllr Wilson stated that the Parish Council had introduced a Grants Award Policy and the Parish Council may be able to consider a Grant. Councillors agreed that the matter would be included on the Agenda for the meeting in November for further discussion.
- h) Grant to Obelisk Spinney Pocket Park
General discussion took place regarding making provision in the budget for 2015/2016 to Obelisk Spinney Pocket Park. Cllr Wilson requested ideas from Councillors for any projects to be included in the precept for next financial year.
- i) Councillors agreed that two invoices presented by Cllr Greatorex at the meeting for the Pocket Park in the total sum of £820 could be paid out of meeting. The invoices were for work to the new Pocket Park website and Cllr Greatorex confirmed that this was within the terms of the grant monies. Cllr Wilson requested a copy of the Pocket Park Minutes showing approval of this payment by the Pocket Park Committee.

14/1279 Highways

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance works, traffic calming matters
 - i. Resolved to organise a sub-committee meeting to discuss traffic calming proposals.
- b) Footway Lighting Upgrade – Church Street
Cllr Parker reported that he and the Clerk had recently met with Balfour Beatty to discuss the replacement street lights in Church Street. Balfour Beatty to provide a quotation which may give a more competitive price. Metcraft had now been able to offer a revised price of £4,188.00. Cllr Parker reported that he and the Clerk had been looking into the value of the maintenance contract for the footway lighting

with E.ON. It appears that the contract may in fact be an agreement which was written some considerable time ago, to all Parish Councils. The lights are maintained on an "as and when" basis for repairs and then every three years all the lights are changed/replaced and the bowls are cleaned at the same time. The Depot Manager at Hinckley and Northampton has asked for a review to be carried out on the present agreement as the more modern type of lanterns have different properties on those installed 30 years ago and may require less/more maintenance to be carried out. His request has gone to the compliance team. Balfour Beatty had provided three options for maintenance and it was agreed that these would be looked at in due course by Cllrs Parker, Wilson and the Clerk. Cllr Wilson stated, however, that a maintenance contract gives certainty of cost. The Clerk was requested to contact E.ON regarding the cost of footway lighting electricity as savings were not showing on the bills. E.ON had given assurances that there would be a significant reduction on costs following the lighting upgrade.

- c) Island A508 Harborough Road North
Greenworks now completed by NCC Highways.

14/1280 Environment

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance work matters
None
- b) Councillors agreed that M & K could replace/repair two damaged bollards on The Village Green and Willow Tree Green.
- c) Councillors agreed that M & K Greenworks cut and tidy the overgrown vegetation along the railings on Vyse Road at the entrance to the village. The Clerk would seek the permission of the landowner in the first instance.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the work to the Chestnut Tree would take place on 31st October 2014 by Wilby Trees. Nearby residents would be informed of the work and permission had been agreed by the Landscape Officer at DDC.
- e) The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had been successful in their application for an Empowerment Grant in the sum of £750.00 towards the refurbishment of the Telephone Kiosk in Church Street.
- f) Following recent work to trees adjacent to Boughton School in Moulton Lane the site had now been cleared and tidied.
- g) Cllrs Mrs Shephard reported that Moulton College Farms have ploughed over the entirety of the permitted footpath that runs adjacent to the brook at the bottom of Butchers Lane and heads towards Spectacle Lane. The issue had already been brought to the attention of NCC Rights of Way who have investigated this issue and spoken with Moulton College who confirmed this permitted path was created as part of the old Countryside Stewardship Scheme run by DEFRA. The agreement to provide this path had now ended and as such the permitted path no longer exists. Unfortunately, because this path is permitted only and not a Definitive Public Right of Way, Rights of Way were unable to get involved or help in the matter as it was a purely private issue. The Clerk had spoken to the Farm Manager at Moulton College but Councillors agreed that the Parish Council should make further representations as this was an important and well used path.
- h) The Chairman read out correspondence from Green Energy UK.

14/1281 Correspondence Received (not already on the Agenda)

- a) Thank You letters had been received from Boughton School and Rev S Trott for the donations made from the proceeds of the Village Day in July.
- b) A recent review of polling stations by DDC had recently been completed and there were no changes proposed to the polling station currently used in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, as no major issues had been reported.
- c) The Clerk reported that a letter had been received from Mr Peter Kimbell regarding the review of the Village Design Statement. Further advice would be sought from the Senior Planning Officer at the meeting on the 6th November 2014. The letter had been acknowledged.

14/1282 Other Matters

- a) Review and progress any new/outstanding consultations

None

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

- i. Boughton Quarry Liaison Forum Meeting on the 16th September 2014 reported above.
- ii. The Chairman reported that he had attended the OMBBH Meeting on the 11th September 2014 and had made a specific point that the outline application for up to 41 houses off Welford Road appeared to be included in Northampton Borough. Highways had attended the meeting and had reported on the major works at the Round Spinney roundabout which were costing £3.4 million over the next six months.

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

There was no report from the Village Hall.

Cllr Greatorex reported that the £500 donation from the Parish Council was much appreciated in supporting the on-going cost of maintenance of the Pocket Park. He stated that an increase in this donation at the present time would not be justified. The recent "Posh Ploughman's" at the Whyte Melville had been very successful and had raised £1,000. A Bonfire and Firework Party would be held on Saturday 8th November 2014.

Cllr Greatorex reported that a meeting of both Richard Humfrey Charities would take place on the 4th November 2014.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Chairman would raise the question of increasing the level of support given by the Parish Council to the Village Hall at the next Village Hall Committee meeting.

- d) There were no new Welcome to Boughton Letters.

14/1283 Urgent Matters for Report Only (notified to the Chairman before the Meeting)

General discussion took place regarding some recent planning applications in Moulton Lane and Vyse Road.

14/1284 Confirm Date of Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting of Boughton Parish Council will be held on Monday 10th November 2014 in Boughton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

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Cllr J Clarke (Chairman)

Dated this 10th day of November 2014