

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2014 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, Mrs J Shephard and R Wilson

In Attendance: District Councillor: J Shephard
Mrs J Bunting – Parish Clerk

Other Attendees: Mr P Archer – Head Teacher Boughton Primary School
Mr G Quine – Chair of Governors
Mr S Walker – Vice-Chair of Governors
Mrs H Gowler – Parent Governor
13 Members of the Public

14/1285 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Barry Frenchman and PCSO Natalie Halling.

14/1286 Members Declaration of Interest (on Agenda Items Only)

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest
Cllr Mrs G Kingston	Planning Application DA/2014/0868 Boughton Primary School, Moulton Lane, Boughton	Adjacent Neighbour
Cllr S Potter	Planning Application DA/2014/0868 Boughton Primary School, Moulton Lane, Boughton	Boughton Primary School Governor

14/1287 To sign the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2014

Following two small amendments requested by the Vice-Chairman and Cllr Wilson, the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 13th October 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

14/1288 Public Open Forum Session

- i. Due to the attendance of members of the public and representatives of Boughton Primary School, Councillors resolved to discuss planning application DA/2014/0868 Boughton Primary School under the Public Open Forum Session.
- ii. General discussion took place and the overriding concern from residents was the additional and increased traffic movements in the village particularly in Moulton Lane. However, it was recognised that there was a wider problem with traffic

accessing the village to go to Moulton Park and that far more cars pass through the Village than go to the School. Mr Archer reported that due to the results of consultations with the Highway Authority the creation of a new vehicular opening in the Moulton Lane frontage to provide an “in/out” arrangement for the “drop-off” of children had been removed from the proposal. The front of the school would remain as parking with additional disabled parking spaces. Further access to parking at the rear of the school would be through the right of way at the side. This would be on school land for staff parking only. The school currently operates at 144 children spread over five classes (7 Years). The additional two class rooms would enable a single-form entry school, with the view to increasing the targets to 28 children per class, with a maximum of 196. Residents were concerned about the increase in the size of the School and Mr Quine explained that the School is now breaching health and safety regulations and in years 5 & 6 they had had to take radiators off the walls to accommodate more space for the children.

- iii. Following a question from a resident the Chairman stated that there was no provision for a new School at Buckton Fields on 376 houses and this had been a major concern for the Parish Council under the S106 agreement.
- iv. The Vice-Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mrs Shephard had attended a recent meeting with representatives of the School and were given assurances that there would be a proposal to stagger School times.
- v. Residents left the meeting at 8.10 p.m. and the Chairman thanked them for their attendance. The Chairman explained that although the Parish Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications, Daventry District Council (DDC) makes the final decision, and the matter will come before the Planning Committee at DDC on Wednesday 19th November 2014.
- vi. District Councillor John Shephard stated that development is allowed as long as it is sustainable and members of the Planning Committee at DDC will consider and hear all representations in terms of planning guidance. The Highway Authority acknowledges that there is congestion at the beginning and end of the School day but in the absence of any objection from them DDC’s hands are tied and the application will be granted.
- vii. Discussion took place and Councillors recognised that although it was acknowledged that local residents had raised valid concerns about existing highway problems that occur in Moulton Lane during the beginning and end of the school day, this needed to be balanced against support for an important local facility in the village ensuring the continued success of the School. Councillors particularly stressed to the Head Teacher and Governors the importance of working with the Parish Council and it was considered that the implementation of a School Travel Plan would go some way towards ensuring that existing problems do not get any worse as a result of the construction of the new classrooms and the associated increase in pupil numbers. One resident suggested a Park & Ride system.
- viii. The Chairman stated that a public meeting in School to showcase the plans would have been most beneficial to residents. Residents had felt aggrieved about the lack of communication and transparency by the School.

- ix. The Vice-Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the application but requested that the School do everything possible to mitigate the traffic situation. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Parker and was unanimously agreed by Councillors.

14/1289 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Full Council Meeting (not covered by items on the Agenda)

- i. The Clerk was requested to chase again the work to the overgrown hedge at the top of Moulton Lane.
- ii. The Clerk had contacted the Planning Officer at DDC regarding land adjacent to The Lawns on Moulton Lane but was awaiting a response.

14/1290 To Receive District Councillor's Report

There was nothing to report.

14/1291 Grant Application for St John the Baptist's Church, Boughton

Cllr Wilson reported that an application for grant funding in the sum of £500 had been received from Boughton PCC towards replacing a window in the Church Rooms. The application and a copy of the estimate in the sum of £1,197 plus VAT had been circulated to Councillors. Cllr Wilson proposed supporting the application as a one-off project, but which would not set a precedent, which was seconded by Cllr Mrs Shephard. On being put to the meeting, the proposition was declared carried with 7 voting in favour and 2 against.

RESOLVED:

That the application for grant funding be approved.

14/1292 To Receive County Councillor's Report

There was nothing to report.

14/1293 Village Design Statement

Cllr Mrs Shephard reported that a meeting of the VDS group had taken place on the 6th November 2014 with Tom James a Senior Policy Officer from Daventry District Council. The meeting had been informative and Mr James had given some helpful guidance. The Clerk would now update the Word document of the VDS with comments put forward by Mr James and previous VDS meetings. Cllr Mrs Shephard thanked the Clerk for the prompt notes from the meeting.

14/1294 Planning

a) **New Planning Applications**

- i. DA/2014/0868 Boughton Primary School, Moulton Lane, Boughton NN2 8RG Extension to rear of school to provide new teaching space including new infill extension to form new entrance and offices. External covered play area to new classrooms. External alterations including new junction to front to provide new drop-off parking area and new staff only parking at the rear
As reported above.

b) **Planning Application Decisions Received**

- i. DA/2014/0747 25 Howard Lane, Boughton, NN2 8RS
Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension
Planning permission granted by DDC subject to conditions 26th September 2014.
- ii. DA/2014/0787 Brickhill Spinney Farm, Harborough Road North, Boughton, NN2 8SW
Extensions and alterations including new raised roof
Planning permission granted by DDC subject to conditions 7th November 2014.
- iii. DA/2014/0828 Woodview, Butchers Lane, Boughton NN2 8SL
Alterations and extensions to include demolition of existing garage and rear kitchen extension. Construction of a 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.
Planning Permission granted by DDC subject to conditions 7th November 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.
There was nothing to report.
- iii) Buckton Fields Street Names – Letter from DDC
Resolved that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Mrs Shephard on a final list of suitable street names for the Buckton Fields development.
- iv) Boughton Quarry (General)
The Chairman reported that all work at the Quarry had now ceased.
- v) Pitsford Quarry/Pond (General)
There was nothing to report.

14/1295 Finance

- a) The Financial Statement for the month ending 31st October 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	1618/V745	Hall Hire BPC Meeting 10 th November 2014	£18.00	LGA 1972 s133
Mrs J Bunting	1619/V746	Clerk's October 2014 Salary (net of deductions). To include 15 hrs approved overtime and mileage expenses.	£983.68	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1620/V747	Clerk's Monthly Parish Office Expenses October 2014 (Telephone, Broadband and Electricity)	£43.33	LGA 1972 s 111
Mr J Clarke	1621/V748	Reimbursement to Chairman for Hall Hire for Police Community Liaison Meeting 29/10/2014	£18.00	LGA 1972 s111
M & K Gardening	1622/V749	Village Greenworks	£90.00	OSA 1906
Mrs J Bunting	1623/V750	Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of stamps and stationery	£9.42	LGA 1972 s111
Wilby Trees Ltd	1624/V751	Work to Chestnut Tree Butchers Lane	£672.00	Open Spaces Act 1906
TOTAL:			£1,834.43	

c) Budget 2015/2016

A copy of the first draft proposals for the budget 2015/2016 had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Wilson reported that £1,000 had been added to the budget for Village Grants, £1,000 for the Village Design Statement, which would bring the VDS reserve to £3,000 for the next financial year, and £2,000 for the on-going maintenance of the footway lighting in future years. The rest of the budget was consistent with the 2014/2015 budget. Cllr Wilson stated that the budget must be approved at the January 2015 meeting and if Councillors had any projects to be considered for next year to notify the Clerk as soon as possible.

14/1296 Highways

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

i. The Clerk was requested to organise a meeting of the Highways sub-committee (The Chairman and Cllrs Greener and Potter) to discuss the traffic calming proposals.

b) Footway Lighting Upgrade – Church Street

Cllr Parker reported that subsequent to the recent site meeting, Balfour Beatty were now unable to provide a quotation. Having looked at the locations again they believed that the housing containing the electrical supply to each unit would have to be replaced and this work was something that only Western Power or E.ON could

carry out. As a consequence they felt that it would be prudent for E.ON to carry out the three installations. Following discussion Councillors resolved to proceed with E.ON's quotation for the Metcraft "Victoria" design in the revised sum of £4,188 plus VAT. The Clerk was requested to now write to the three residents in Church Street on whose properties the lights were located and the Conservation Officer at DDC. Delegated powers were agreed to Cllr Parker and the Clerk so that the work could proceed forthwith.

Cllr Parker reported that following a query from Cllr Wilson regarding the electricity consumption the Clerk had now contacted Western Power Distribution and had sent them an up to date footway lighting inventory. This should have been done at the end of the footway lighting upgrade and brought to the attention of the Parish Council by E.ON at that time. As a consequence, the Parish Council would qualify for a refund in electricity charges which could only be back dated fourteen months.

- c) The Chairman reported that Ravensthorpe Construction on behalf of Anglian Water was required to carry out repairs to a foul sewer which is in the carriageway. As a consequence, part of Humfrey Lane would be closed from the 1st to the 12th December 2014. The Clerk had already forwarded details to Boughton School and the editor of Boughton Village Matters.

14/1297 Environment

- a) Review/Progress any maintenance work matters
None
- b) It was resolved that the Clerk could progress the refurbishment of the K6 Telephone kiosk in Church Street.
- c) The Clerk reported on the "Big Switch" scheme aiming to get residents a better deal with their energy bills. DDC is working with switching partner iChooser to use collective purchasing power to secure better energy for everyone. Residents can register for free at www.daventrydc.gov.uk/bigswitchdaventry or call 01327 871100.

14/1298 Correspondence Received (not already on the Agenda)

- i. A thank you letter had been received from Mrs Sue Greatorex for the donation of £170 for Boughton Elderly from the Village Day held in July.
- ii. A thank you letter had been received from the Chairman of Boughton Village Hall, Mr David Whalley, for the recent grant donation of £500 from the Parish Council.

14/1299 Other Matters

- a) Review and progress any new/outstanding consultations
None
- b) Progress/Receive reports on attendances since last BPC Meeting:-
 - i. The Chairman reported that he had attended a Police Community Panel Meeting on the 29th October 2014. Unfortunately, the local PSCO and the Police want to discontinue these meetings due to a lack of resources. It was hoped that a more informal group would continue to meet on police matters. The Chairman reported that the new Area Sergeant for SCT Daventry Rural North was Sergeant Matthew Moore.

- c) Reports from representatives of Village Hall, Pocket Park, Primary School and Richard Humfrey Charity Committees
- i. The Chairman reported that the Quiz Evening held on Saturday 8th November 2014 had been well attended. The Chairman would raise the question of increasing the level of support given by the Parish Council to the Village Hall for the next financial year.
 - ii. The Vice-Chairman reported that the Bonfire Evening held in the Pocket Park on the 8th November had been a huge success. Through good advance ticket sales the final numbers had exceeded last year.
 - iii. There was no further report on Boughton Primary School.
 - iv. The Vice-Chairman reported that a number of applications for student grants had all been approved at a meeting held on the 4th November 2014. However, the Trustees are minded to look at how grants can be distributed to the needier. Cllr Mrs Shephard reported that eight elderly residents had been assisted in the village. Councillors agreed that Mrs Sue Greatorex and Mrs Barbara Piggins do an excellent job for Boughton Elderly.
- d) The Clerk was requested to send a Welcome to Boughton letter to new residents in Butchers Lane.

14/1300 Urgent Matters for Report Only (notified to the Chairman before the Meeting)

None

14/1301 Confirm Date of Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting of Boughton Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th January 2015 in Boughton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the above meeting.

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Cllr J Clarke (Chairman)

Dated this 12th January 2015