

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 11th April 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in Boughton Village Hall, Butchers Lane, Boughton

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

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

Other Attendees: None

In the initial absence of the Chairman Councillors resolved that Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard would chair the beginning of the Meeting.

16/1519 Apologies for Absence

- a) Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: K Greatorex, J Parker and R Wilson. These apologies were approved.
- b) Apologies were received from District Councillor Barry Frenchman.

16/1520 Members Declarations of Interest (on Agenda Items Only)

There were no Declarations of Interest. Councillors Declarations of Interest are recorded in their statutory declarations which are held on the Daventry District Council website.

16/1521 To sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard as a true and accurate record.

16/1522 Public Open Forum Session

There were no questions from members of the public.

The Chairman, Cllr John Clarke, joined the meeting at 6.40 p.m.

16/1523 To approve adoption of Street Lighting Policy

Councillors resolved to adopt a Street Lighting Policy which had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

16/1524 Queen's 90th Birthday Party Celebrations

Cllr Potter agreed to be the parish council representative on a committee organised by Mrs Charlotte Mackaness to progress a village celebration for the Queen's 90th Birthday. The first meeting would be held on the 27th April 2016.

16/1525 Memorial Service of Dr John Barry Nuttall

The Chairman, Cllr John Clarke, reported that a Memorial Service will be held on Friday 15th April 2015 at 2.30 p.m. at St John the Baptist Church in Boughton. Cllr Mrs Shephard stated

that Dr Nuttall had served the Parish Council for many years as a Councillor and had been Chairman for fifteen years. Councillors agreed that he would be fondly remembered not only as wonderful G.P. but also for his outstanding years of duty and devotion as a Councillor.

16/1526 Finance

- a) The Financial Statement for the month ending 31st March 2016 had previously been circulated to Councillors and approved by Cllr Wilson. The Chairman proposed approval and this was seconded by Cllr Potter and 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 approved by Cllr Wilson.

To Whom Paid	Chq No	Details of Payment	Amount	Power to Pay
Boughton Village Hall	1764/V891	Hall Hire BPC Meeting Full Council 11 th April 2016	£18.00	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1765/V892	Clerk's March 2016 Salary (net of deductions)	£983.36	LGA 1972 s 111
Mrs J Bunting	1766/V893	Monthly Parish Office Expenses March 2016 (Telephone, Broadband and Electricity)	£43.33	LGA 1972 s 111
HMRC	1767/V894	Employer and Employee N.I Contributions (January to March 2016)	£427.68	LGA 1972 s 111
MGT Design	1768/V895	Monthly website maintenance March 2016	£60.00	
Northants ACRE	1769/V896	Annual Subscription 2016/2017	£35.00	LGA 1972 s143
Get Mapping	1770/V897	Parish Online subscription to provide parish maps for the Village Design Statement	£91.20 (Payment from VDS Reserve)	LGA 1972 s111
M & K Gardening	1771/V898	Village Greenworks	£439.00	OSA 1906
E.ON	1772/V899	Street Lighting Electricity	£337.74	Parish Councils Act 1957 s3
TOTAL:			£2,435.31	

- c) The Clerk reported income as follows:-

Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
Nat West Bank	Bank Interest	£1.26

d) To approve Asset Register as at 31st March 2016

The Clerk reported that the total asset value on the register was £52,908 which had increased by £7,700 from the previous financial year due to the completion of the street lighting upgrade. All the street lights were now shown at cost and included the purchase of three new lights in Church Street during this financial year. The Chairman proposed that the updated Asset Register as at the end of 31st March 2016 be approved and this was unanimously agreed by Councillors and signed by the Chairman. The Asset Register had previously been circulated to all Councillors.

e) To approve Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2016

- i) A copy of the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) had been circulated to all councillors. Councillors resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the Annual Return and this was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk/RFO as a true and accurate record.
- ii) The Clerk/RFO signed and dated Section 2 of the Annual Return – Accounting Statements for 2015/2016 to confirm that it properly presented the receipts and payments 2015/2016 for Boughton Parish Council.
- iii) A copy of the accounts 2015/2016 (Bank Reconciliation, Explanation of Significant Variances and Section 2 Accounting Statements) had been circulated and these were considered by Councillors.
- iv) It was unanimously resolved that the accounts for 2015/2016 be approved and Section 2 of the Annual Return - Accounting Statements 2015/2016 were signed and dated by the Chairman as confirmation of their approval as a true and accurate record.
- v) The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilson and the Clerk for their work in the preparation of the year-end accounts.
- vi) Following a request from Cllr Potter the Clerk was requested to obtain a list of parish precepts for the Daventry district.

16/1527 Highways

a) Northampton Northern Orbital Route Consultation

The Northampton Northern Orbital Route is a proposal for a new road which will relieve traffic from the north of Northampton and surrounding villages. There were four routes that had been proposed. Cllr Mrs Judy Shephard reported that it was anticipated that the road will be funded by, and is very dependent on, a combination of government and developer funding. Cllr John Shephard reported that DDC were, as consultees, considering a fifth option which would link the A508 and Round Spinney roundabouts. A paper will be submitted to the DDC Strategy Group on the 14th April 2016. The main objective of the initial consultation was for NCC to identify a route.

- b) General debate followed and it was unanimously agreed that the route should not go through or near the historic 18th century parkland of Boughton Park.
- c) Councillors noted that this is a very challenging road scheme and the consultation had not provided sufficient information on the impact of the four options to enable Councillors to make an informed decision as to the right solution.
- d) Councillors expressed concern that all four options include a link to Moulton Park which passes close to Spectacle Lane, Holly Lodge and The Spectacle. These are both

Grade II listed buildings associated with the historic parkland of Boughton Park. This spur route would have a negative impact on and would blight the landscape of the Park.

- e) Additionally, Boughton Park lies within a Conservation area and concern was expressed that there is no reference to the Conservation Area or to the TPO designations within the Park anywhere in the consultation documentation.
- f) Councillors debated that they were against the road completely but if they had to support a route the preference would be for Options 1 and 4. Routes 2 and 3 would run too close to Boughton and would affect the parkland of Boughton Park and the Conservation Area and designated TPO areas. Cllr John Shephard stated that a second consultation would follow in September 2016 and a decision would be taken by the Cabinet at NCC in December 2016.

g) Traffic Calming Proposals

The Chairman reported that the traffic calming proposals had now been finally agreed and these would be showcased at the following Annual Parish Meeting. The final proposals were as follows:-

- Timber Gateway to incorporate the village name at the entrance to the village on Vyse Road.
- Timber Gateway to incorporate the village name at the entrance to the village on Moulton Lane.
- New 30 mph VAS sign on Vyse Road
- Mobile Activated Speed Signs with recorded data
- Existing VAS sign on Moulton Lane to remain (to be upgraded and to show speed)
- A priority working (build-out) outside Boughton Primary School over the existing hatched area (This will follow a trial of a temporary priority working on Moulton Lane outside the School on receipt of the S106 monies)
- Removal and relocation of various signage

16/1528 Urgent Matters for Report Only (notified to the Chairman before the Meeting)

None

16/1529 Confirm Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Boughton Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th May 2016 in Boughton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

The Parish Council meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

16/1530 Northampton Northern Orbital Route Consultation

Following the Annual Parish Meeting that followed at 7.30 p.m. the Parish Council Meeting re-opened at 9.10 p.m. to enable Councillors to debate the comments and concerns raised by parishioners to the Northampton Northern Orbital Route Consultation.

- a) General discussion took place and Councillors felt that it was important to reflect the views and concerns raised by parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting to the four routes proposed.
- b) It was important to preserve the heart of the village and the heritage of Boughton.

- c) All routes through Boughton Park must be fiercely resisted.
- d) Two of the routes would go directly behind Dukes Clump but would run close to Fox Covert Farm.
- e) Although Councillors had previously considered that the less contentious routes would be options 1 and 4 it was considered following further debate that none of the routes put forward were acceptable and Councillors suggested and agreed that a potential route could be through the floor of the quarry at Pitsford. It was noted that all four options would lead to the loss of important and historic open countryside and councillors decided that it was imperative to preserve the unique heritage of the area.
- f) It was resolved to put a copy of the Parish Council's response to NCC onto the parish website.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Signed as a true record of the above meeting

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Cllr J Clarke (Chairman)
Dated this 16th day of May 2016