

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Boughton Parish Council held on Monday 9th November 2015 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

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

Other Attendees: None

15/1459 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs: Mrs J Shephard and R Wilson. These apologies were approved.

15/1460 Members Declaration 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.

15/1461 To sign the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2015

The Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

15/1462 Public Open Forum Session

There were no questions from members of the public.

15/1463 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Full Council Meeting (not covered by items on the Agenda)

- i. Book Exchange Update
The Clerk confirmed that the Book Club had agreed to assist with the Book Exchange once it was up and running. Cllr Potter agreed to obtain a quote for shelving.
- ii. Replacement Finger Post Sign – The Green Butchers Lane
The Clerk reported that the wood for the finger post sign had been collected and it had a number of cracks which were not acceptable. Some other posts have been chosen and will be machined ready for installation the week beginning the 16th November 2015 although the date is to be confirmed by the contractors.
- iii. Land at Chestnut Tree Green
General discussion took place and Councillors resolved that the Parish Council had officially recorded their ownership of the land with the adjacent resident and that this was sufficient protection to prevent a legal prescriptive right being created.

- iv. Footpath Butchers Lane/Kissing Gate
In the absence of Cllr Mrs Shephard there was nothing to report.
- v. Staggered Times – Boughton Primary School
Cllr Potter reported that the strip of land adjacent to Boughton Primary School had now been cleared but there were still on-going discussions about who would be responsible for managing the land in the future. Councillors agreed to keep the matter on the Agenda and the Clerk was requested to liaise with the land agents. Cllr Greatorex reported that he had raised concerns with the Head Teacher about the staggered times at the beginning and end of the school day. He confirmed that the school traffic was acceptable in the morning but more of a problem in the afternoon. Cllr Potter agreed to raise this at the next Governors meeting and would report back to the next council meeting on the 11th January 2016.

15/1464 To Receive District Councillor's Report

There was nothing to report.

15/1465 To Receive County Councillor's Report

There was nothing to report.

15/1466 Planning

- a) **New Planning Applications**
 - i. **DA/2015/0616 (Amended) Land at Boughton Green Farm, Moulton Lane, Boughton NN2 8RF**
Demolition of existing commercial units. Construction of detached dwelling with new access and double garage for existing dwelling
Councillors considered that whilst the height of the building had been reduced the footprint of the building appeared to have increased. As a consequence, the Parish Council maintained their objections to the development on the grounds contained in their previous objection of the 16th September 2015.
 - ii. **DA/2015/0936 Redwood, Butchers Lane, Boughton, NN2 8SH**
Remove tree within a conservation area.
Councillors agreed to support the views of the Landscape Officer at DDC.
- b) It was agreed to organise a Planning meeting for Monday 23rd November 2015.
- c) **Planning Application Decisions Received**
None
- 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)**
Buckton Fields Local Liaison Forum
District Councillor Shephard reported that an initial meeting of the Forum had taken place on Friday 23rd October 2015 and draft minutes had been circulated. A direct point of contact had been established with a Joint Project

Manager for the site who was reporting to both developers. All concerns from the development were to be directed through him although David Joseph from Bloor Homes would remain as a default point of contact if matters were not addressed. The Clerk will be the single point of contact for raising any issues. District Cllr Shephard reported that he had prepared a short press release for Boughton Village Matters highlighting what would be happening on the site over the next six months.

Following concerns raised by Cllr Greener regarding the recent highway chaos with the closure of Welford Road coupled with the temporary traffic lights on Brampton Lane the Clerk was requested to raise this with the Joint Project Manager for his consortium meeting on the 10th November 2015. Councillors emphasised that this should not be allowed to happen again and that there should have been some co-operation between the developers and NCC Highways.

The Clerk was requested to raise the issue of the damaged verges on Harborough Road North.

The Chairman reported that he had received e-mails from concerned residents in Vyse Road as a property website had located an initial release of properties at Buckton Fields erroneously in Vyse Road. This matter had been raised with the developers and had now been rectified.

ii) Meeting with Chief Executive of DDC S106 contributions

The Chairman reported that he had met with the Chief Executive of DDC on the 6th November 2015 and had taken the opportunity to stress the point that the parish had not had a good deal from the S106 Agreement for Buckton Fields.

iii) Boughton Affordable Housing Allocation

The Chairman reported that affordable housing at Buckton Fields will be allocated on a “cascade” basis, which did not necessarily mean Boughton Parish residents will have first preference. First preference will go to residents in Northampton Borough area.

iv) Boughton Quarry (General)

There was nothing to report.

v) Pitsford Quarry/Pond

There was nothing to report.

15/1467 Finance

- a) The Financial Statement for the month ending 31st October 2015 had previously been circulated to all Councillors. 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 resolved 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
HM Land Registry	1725/V852	Application for a copy of Title Plan Land in	£7.00	LGA 1972 s111

		Humfrey Lane/Howard Lane		
Boughton Village Hall	1726/V853	Hall Hire BPC Meeting 9 th November 2015	£18.00	LGA 1972 s133
Boughton Village Hall	1727/V854	Hall Hire 23 rd October 2015 Buckton Fields Liaison Forum	£36.00	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1728/V855	Clerk's October 2015 Salary (net of deductions).	£983.36	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1729/V856	Parish Office Expenses October 2015 (Telephone, Broadband and Electricity)	£43.33	LGA 1972 s 111
MGT Design Ltd	1730/V857	Monthly village website maintenance October 2015	£60.00	LGA 1972 s111
Mrs J Bunting	1731/V858	Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of refreshments Buckton Fields Liaison Forum Meeting	£5.50	LGA 1972 s111
M & K	1732/V859	Village Greenworks	£240.00	OSA 1906
TOTAL:			£1,393.19	

c) Income was reported as follows:-

Payee	Details of Payment	Amount
NCC	Empowerment Grant	£173.77
Nat West Bank	Bank Interest	£1.57
TOTAL:		£175.34

d) Budget 2016/2017

A copy of the draft budget proposal and precept figure for 2016/2017 had previously been circulated to all Councillors. District Councillor Shephard suggested that the percentage increase in the precept proposal was too high and recommended increasing the precept by a more acceptable percentage increase. Following discussion Parish Councillors unanimously resolved to amend the budget/precept proposals as follows:-

- i) £2,000 would remain in the budget for Footway Lighting
- ii) £1,000 would remain in the budget for the purchase of a new lap top
- iii) £1,000 would be removed from the budget for the purchase of a Bench Seat
- iv) £600 would be removed from the budget for a Village Day
- v) £3,000 would be removed from the budget for Buckton Fields

- vi) Following agreement by Councillors at the full council meeting held on the 12th October 2015 to budget £1,500 for the parish council election in May 2016 Councillors unanimously resolved to now remove £1,500 from the budget for the election. In the event of a contested election Councillors unanimously agreed to meet this cost from General Reserves.
- vii) The Chairman reported that the final budget would be approved at the next full council meeting on the 11th January 2016.

15/1468 Highways

- a) Boughton Traffic Calming Proposals Update
The Chairman reported that a further on-site meeting had been arranged with NCC Highways on 18th November 2015.
- b) Highway Warden Scheme
Councillors agreed not to take this initiative forward as the necessity for a Highway Warden was not as urgent. Cllr Potter agreed to continue to monitor the staggered times at Boughton School at the beginning and end of the school day.
- c) Highway Grass Mowing 2016
Councillors resolved unanimously to enter into an agreement with Northamptonshire Highways to carry out cutting the grass within the highway for the 2016 grass mowing season. The contribution towards the cost would remain the same as this year at £353.00.
- d) Following a question from Cllr Greener the Clerk was requested to ascertain the date of the public consultation for the Northampton Orbital Road scheme. It was believed that this would be before Christmas.

15/1469 Environment

There was nothing to report.

15/1470 Correspondence Received (not already on the Agenda)

Following a recent parish walk-about with the Police & Crime Commissioner a letter detailed the next steps and the suite of actions being carried out.

15/1471 Other Matters

- a) Review and progress any new/outstanding consultations
None
- b) Progress/Receive reports on attendances since last BPC Meeting:-
None to report.
- c) Receive Reports from representatives of Village Hall, Pocket Park, Boughton Primary School and Richard Humfrey Charity Committees
Village Hall – The Chairman reported that a Quiz Night would be held on the 21st November 2015 and a Table Top Sale would be held in early December.
Boughton Pocket Park – Cllr Greatorex reported that the Bonfire and Fireworks Display held on the 1st November 2015 has been a great success and had been well attended.
Boughton Primary School – Reported earlier on the Agenda.
Richard Humfrey Charities – Cllr Greatorex reported that the next meeting would be held on 10th November 2015.

d) There were no new Welcome to Boughton letters.

15/1472 Urgent Matters for Report Only (notified to the Chairman before the Meeting)

Following a request from Cllr Parker the Clerk was requested to contact NCC Rights of Way again as the footpath from Spring Close to Moulton Lane was nearly impassable with overgrown vegetation.

15/1473 Confirm Date of Next Meeting

The next Full Council Meeting of Boughton Parish Council will be held on Monday 11th January 2016 in Boughton Village Hall at 7.00 p.m.

A Planning Committee meeting will be held on Monday 23rd November 2015 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 11th day of January 2016