

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 3.00 p.m.  
Church Rooms, St John's Church, Church Street, Boughton**

Present: -

Cllr John	Shephard (Chair)	(JS)	Ward Councillor Daventry District Council
Cllr David	James	(DJ)	Boughton Parish Council
Cllr Judy	Shephard	(JMS)	Boughton Parish Council and Ward Councillor NCC
Paul	Watson	(PW)	Preston Hedges Academy Trust
Cllr Terri	Wright	(TW)	Boughton Parish Council
Jayne	Bunting	(JB)	Clerk to Boughton Parish Council

**ACTION**

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Millar (Daventry District Council), David Joseph (Bloor Homes), Richard Stibbs (Martin Grant Homes), Andy Leighton (NCC Highways), Richard Wood (DDC), Steve Ellis (DDC)

**2. To sign the Minutes of the last meeting**

The Minutes from the last meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were approved and signed.

**3. Matters Arising**

None

**4. Update on Buckton Fields Primary School**

- a) JS reported that in April the Department for Education (DfE) had confirmed to Boughton Parish Council that in consultation with NCC it had been decided to place Buckton Fields Primary School on hold. As a consequence, a Motion had been passed at Daventry District Council (DDC) who had written to NCC asking them to reconsider their decision.
- b) PW reported that the DfE had now agreed to take Buckton Fields Primary School off hold and he was now working towards an opening date of 2021.
- c) JS confirmed that the school site had now been transferred by the developers to NCC. The untidy condition of the site had been raised by DDC and the Parish Council and was being dealt with by the developers who are to clear the area and fence off as a matter of urgency.
- d) PW reported that NCC had endeavoured to move the school site but Preston Hedges Academy Trust had expressed concern as this would potentially delay the whole process by possibly another year, impacting on planning and surveys etc.

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- e) PW reported that as early as Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 he expected the Heads of Terms to be approved. This was the agreement between NCC and the DfE.
- f) Following this the government will then put out a tender to contractors to build the School. Contractors will then put their tenders together and following that process an appointment will be made and the building work will start. The process could take up to twelve months but building work would need to start by early summer 2020.
- g) As soon as the DfE start the tender process PW will arrange a leaflet drop and a social media push inviting residents of Buckton Fields to visit Pineham Barns Primary School which is nearby. This will give him the opportunity to bring residents, families and Councillors up to speed with the plans for the School. He will send an invitation to JS and invitations to the Parish Council will be circulated through JB. The meeting will be in November.
- h) The School will be a modular two-storey design. Pineham Barns did have a community centre but at the time that School was built there had been more flexibility on design and delivery.
- i) Every action that was not educational the DfE will drive and PW will look at education and other such matters, for example, parking and the provision of before and after school clubs.
- j) PW confirmed that the location of the School will remain as on the plans in the middle of the site straddling the current hedgerow.
- k) The pupil target is 40 pupils in group 1 in Year 1 and funding was driven by pupil numbers. It was expected that 25/30 pupils will come from Buckton Fields and there will be migration from surrounding areas but following the residents meeting in November there would be a better idea of pupil numbers.
- l) PW explained that there could be a risk with the Heads of Terms or the Tender Contract by the election of a Labour Government who were opposed to the opening of further academies. However, if the building of the School had gone out to tender it may be all right. There were also weather-related risks which could slow building work down.
- m) A School Principal will be appointed around Christmas time and recruitment for other posts would begin around Easter 2020.
- n) There will be joint use of the sports pitch and PW stressed that this should be as close to the school as possible.
- o) Between the hours of 8.35 am and 9.00 am parents will be encouraged not to park, unless there is a physical or medical need, and there will be drop off and pick up only. This will be supervised by the site manager. Commercial vehicles will have set hours for deliveries.

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- p) JS reported that there is a current initiative being looked at for the provision of ANPR cameras at the entrance to the Buckton Fields development. PW had no view from the school perspective but thought cameras would be a deterrent and a wise decision.
- q) PW agreed to provide an update on progress to JS and the Parish Council in due course.

**5. Any Other Business**

JS confirmed that he will raise the matters of concern discussed at the recent Buckton Fields Residents Forum with the developers and at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

**6. Dates of Future Meetings**

JS would contact the developers to request suitable dates from them for the next meeting which was agreed for January 2020.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.