

# BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE PARISH ROOM/HERITAGE CENTRE ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016

Present: Mr.P.Kilding (Chairman)  
Mr.A.Britton  
Mr.M.Hayes-Newington  
Mr.C.Oliver-Bellasis  
Mrs.V .Sandars  
Mr P.Thompson  
Mrs.S.J.Appleton (Clerk)  
Cllr.P.Bryant

### Action

1. There were no apologies for absence
2. **Declarations of Interest** – all councillors – Items 4 and 6
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting** held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 were unanimously approved (prop.PK; sec.AB.)
4. **Financial Matters**  
The status of the bank current and deposit accounts and the prognosis for the current year previously circulated, were noted. There were no questions. The second draft budget for 2016-17 was studied and the following was agreed (prop.PT; sec.VS): Precept rise of 2%; clerking costs @ initially 5 hours per week, reducing thereafter; Coronation seat shot blasting and repainting £750; 2 stage project to maintain the Station Waiting Room in the budget at £2000 but funding applications to GWR by MHN and Greenham Common Trust by the Clerk and help from the community was essential to make the project viable. The year-end figure stands at £1030.41. **MHN/Clerk**
5. **Planning Matters**  
West Berkshire Approvals: 15/02109/HOUSE Shepherd's Cottage despite objections from the owners of Shepherd's Hill House. It was noted that the solar panels had been removed from the garage roofs on the Combesbury Barn development, following representations by Boxford Parish Council to West Berkshire Council's Conservation Officer and Enforcement Officer.
6. **To receive an update re fraudulent activity and consider options**  
This matter referred as a Part II item as parties were to be named.
7. **To consider safety/speed improvements to the Lambourn Valley Road between the village and the Lambourn Valley Road**  
This matter had been one of a number of items raised in a letter by a resident of Southfields. At the suggestion of Cllr.Paul Bryant, it was agreed to ask West Berkshire Council: for a speed check; to consider revising the speed limit to 20-30mph near the Recreation Ground because of the full time Pre-School; and to consider adjusting road marking to allow for turning across the carriageway. In response to the resident's queries about a 20mph speed limit in Westbrook, different factors explained the different approach to the District Council

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**8. To receive reports:**

Boxford Village Hall – Peter Thompson reported that at the last meeting the annual accounts had been approved; a dog bin had been purchased; money was to be spent on items in the play area and the Annual General Meeting was set for January 14<sup>th</sup> at 19.45. He agreed to stand as the Parish Council representative on the Council of management.

**Off street parking at Southfields** – The Chairman reported on a meeting held with the clerk and two members of Sovereign Housing. They had listened attentively to the proposals to construct driveways for four properties and were sympathetic but had since replied that there were insufficient funds for this option. In reply they had been asked to consider the option of a layby to provide parking and had agreed to reply in January.

**Condition of Highways, paths and stiles** – It was agreed to request the replacement of the stile on footpath 15 with a kissing gate.

**Public Questions:** none.

Meeting closed at 20.50

The date of the next meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7pm in the **Parish Room/Heritage Centre.**