

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Boxford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2017 at the Heritage Centre.

Present: Cllr. V. Sandars (Chairman)
Cllr. A. Britton
Cllr. P. Thompson
Cllr. C. Oliver-Bellasis
Mrs K Clinton (Clerk)

Six members of the public

ACTION

1. Apologies for absence have been received from Cllr P. Kilding, Cllr M. Hayes-Newington. The chairman approved a change in the order of the agenda.

2. Coombesbury Lane

Coombesbury Lane discussions took place with the councillors and members of the public. It is clear the Lane does cause various issues to the residents due to increased traffic and the speed of the traffic. It was agreed that the next steps would be to put together a case for support for some kind of traffic calming measure. It was agreed that a Coombesbury Lane resident takes the lead in this activity which will be supported by the Parish Council. A councillor will contact the residents to progress this.

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3. Declarations of Interest – None

4. To approve the Minutes of July 2017 meeting

Minutes for the meetings will be reviewed and agreed in principle by all the councillors that attended the meeting. Once agreed, the minutes will go onto the notice board and website. The minutes will then formally be approved by the chairman at the next meeting. **ALL**

Minutes of last meeting – MH-N/PK to progress improvement to bus shelter.

MH-N to put together proposal for litter picking on a twice yearly basis. All agreed that mid-October would be a good time for this to take place.

5. Planning Applications – None

For future planning applications, the councillors will consider building works conditions, such as Saturday work should finish by middays and no Sunday working. This will be added to the councillor's response to the planning application.

Copies of the planning applications are currently sent to the Clerk to Boxford Parish Council. This means physical drawing plans will not be easily available to all the councillors because clerk does not live in Boxford. To resolve this, the clerk will contact the Newbury Planning Office for the copies to be sent to the Chairman. **KC**

6. Financial Matters

Approval of Expenses: 1) BALC subscription invoice £133.00, BALC Chairman Training £48.00, BALC Councilor/Clerk Training £48.00, 2) Clerk Wages (August 2017) £176.00, (Sept 2017) £176.00, Mazars (external auditor) £150.00

7. Matters for consideration and future discussion from open forum, councillor questions and reports

a) Cycling Events – notification to parishioners

Where possible, residents would like notification of future cycling events which pass through Boxford. Currently, only events which require road closures would result in formal notification. There are potentially future events which will use the Recreational Ground/Village Hall as a base. If these events are planned, the Village Hall has agreed to notify the Parish Council / residents. The Village Hall is introducing a new website. The cycling events will be added to the website. PT also will contact the Newbury clubs requesting notifying of any future cycling events.

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b) Roman Cleaver

In principle, the councillors will support the request for a donation for the preservation of the Roman Cleaver. The councillors however would like to know how parishioners can view the cleaver before finalising the contribution.

c) The Parish Council has received a request from a resident re a Village Fete in 2018. Parish Council to reply and put resident in touch with other villagers currently looking at organising something like this.

The next meeting is Monday 6th November 2017 to be held at the Parish Room / Heritage Centre.