

# BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Boxford Parish Council Extra Ordinary Virtual Meeting Held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 7pm Hosted on Webex

### Present:

Cllr. P. Thompson (Chair)

Cllr. M. Hayes-Newington (Vice Chair)

Cllr. J. Wilcox

Cllr. P. Harris

Cllr. J. Minchin

Cllr. P. Kidling

S Youldon (Clerk)

**8 Parishioners**

### Apologies

Cllr. J. Cole (Hungerford & Kintbury Ward)

Cllr. C. Rowles (Hungerford & Kintbury Ward)

Matters Arising	Action
<p><b>WBC Proposed Changes to the Settlement Boundaries:</b> Cllr. Thompson explained West Berkshire Council as part of the emerging draft Local Plan 2037, were reviewing settlement boundaries for all parishes. This is something they felt must be done to manage development across the district. It was explained that the Planning Policy team had chosen to consult with parishes at this stage to benefit from their local knowledge and request their feedback before proceeding to the next step of a wider public consultation later this year.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting letters from 7 parishioners had been received and reviewed, all parishioners were also given the opportunity to speak on each area discussed. Positives and negatives were discussed on each proposed amendment before the Councillors voted as follows:</p> <p><u>Proposed Extension to the North of Knapps Farm:</u> All agreed this was an unjustifiable extension that would be taking the boundary into open countryside and onto Agricultural land and was contrary to the guidance provided by WBC. All voted to reject the proposed extension.</p> <p><u>Proposed Extension to the West of Knapps Farm:</u> All agreed this was a valid extension to include the existing dwellings in this area. All voted to accept the proposed change.</p> <p><u>Area Opposite Westbrook House on the East side of Westbrook:</u> Councillors heard representations from landowners, the more northern end was part of a garden and the current boundary line cut through the garden for no apparent reason. Owner wished the full garden to be included making a more logical boundary. It was also added that old maps show buildings at this end of the garden and original footings were still place. Majority voted to recommend an extension to include this garden. The tennis court adjoining this had also been excluded and the owner wished it to be included in the boundary. Again, a majority vote agreed that was in line with the WBC guidance and a logical extension in line with that recommended for the garden. Clerk to provide enhanced map so exact boundary line can be agreed prior to submitting the response.</p> <p><u>Addition to the West side of Westbrook in incorporating dwelling:</u> Councillors agreed this was a logical addition to include the house footprint. Councillors all agreed to accept proposed extension.</p> <p><u>Extension to the East of Southfields including Old Railway Line:</u> Parishioners offered additional information on this section being covered by covenants preventing building of permanent structures on the old railway line. Councillors agreed, therefore that an extension here would encourage unlawful development. Councillors voted to reject the proposed extension.</p> <p><u>Land opposite the telephone exchange to the South:</u> Proposal had moved the boundary line around the existing properties here but did not include their gardens. All voted to recommend extension of the boundary line out to include the gardens, then going round behind Pump Cottage.</p> <p><u>Proposed extension around old village hall site:</u> Councillors agreed this seem a logical extension, including the new dwellings into the boundary. All voted to accepted proposed extension.</p> <p><u>Central Boxford:</u> It was noted that there were no proposed changes to the boundary to the East of the river and the Councillors agreed there were no comments to make.</p> <p>Clerk to draft response to WBC with images, map and reasoning behind PC input and circulate to Councillors prior to sending.</p> <p>Chair thanked the parishioners for their input and sharing of local knowledge which has been helpful in agreeing the consultation response.</p>	SY

**The 2021 meetings will be held:** 4<sup>th</sup> May; 6<sup>th</sup> July; 7<sup>th</sup> September; 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Meeting Closed at 8.30pm**

**Signed:** *S Youldon* – Clerk, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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