



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY 30th JANUARY 2025

- 1. Present:** Councillors: T. Walton (Chair); A. Barton; R. Bean; J. Clifford; R. Davies; R. Haslett; N. Ingledew; I. Johnston; H. Parker; M. Tye; B. Walton

Mrs Carey (Clerk)

- 2. Apologies** Cllrs R. Bolton; D. Dorey; S. Roche; D Wright
Ms H. Barbrook (Assistant Clerk)
Wiltshire Councillors: B. Mathew; D. Walters

The apologies were accepted.

- 3. Absent:** Nil

- 4. Public Question Time;** There were four members of the public present.

Mr Brian Burchfield asked three questions as follows:

- What is the status of the discussions with Wiltshire regarding the TRO on Hazelbury Hill?
- When is the date and time of the next LHFIG meeting where this might be discussed?
- What is the name and email address of the LHFIG officer who Box Parish Council liaises with?

Mr Burchfield was informed of the Parish Council's resolution not to endorse the report from the Highways Engineer re the TRO for Hazelbury Hill. The date of the next meeting will be 4th June and the LHFIG officer is Sarah Dearden

Mr Phil Chamberlain introduced himself as the Lib Dem candidate for the Box & Colerne Ward and Mr Peter Wragg introduced himself as the Lim Dem candidate for the Corsham Without Ward which includes Rudloe

- 5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest:** Cllr Tye declared an interest in item 5 iii on the Agenda re the quotation from GreenAcres Electrical

- 6. Minutes;** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th December 2024 were agreed and signed as being a true record

- 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

Climate Strategy Working Group: Cllr Hazel Parker reported that there is now a new contact at Bloom and she was currently looking at how to get the Carbon reporting information out to parishioners

8. Committees:

- i. **Cemetery Management** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th January 2023 were submitted and agreed.

It was **resolved** unanimously that the increase in the Cemetery charges for 2025-26 be adopted

- ii. **Planning & Conservation**: The Minutes of the Meetings held on 19th December 2024 and 13th January 2025 were submitted and agreed.

- iii. **Buildings Management**: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2025 were submitted and agreed

It was **resolved** unanimously that the quotation from UltraWarm in the sum of £680 + vat to rectify the thermostat issues was accepted

It was **resolved** by ten votes in favour and one abstention that the quotation from GreenAcres Electrical for the installation of four hand dryers in the sum of £1575 + vat be accepted

- iv. **Highways**: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th January 2025 were submitted and agreed

It was **resolved** unanimously that an Issue Sheet be submitted to ask the Highways Engineer for advice on how the pedestrian access to the bus shelter at Hedgesparrow Lane can be improved which would not involve pedestrians having to walk on the busy A4

- v. **Personnel**: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd January 2025 were submitted and agreed

It was **resolved** unanimously that the Parish Council delegates the Personnel Committee to set up a working group, together with the two Clerks, to draw up the Advert, Job description, Application Form and Induction Schedule for the position of Council Clerk. The position should be for a Full Time role for 37 hours a week

It was **resolved** unanimously that the Manual Handling Policy be adopted with no changes. The review date had been added.

9. To receive any urgent correspondence: Nil

10. Items for discussion: Nil

11. Finance

Additional Accounts for payment; The following additional accounts were agreed for payment

BACS			
B. Walton	-	Expenses for Xmas refreshments	20.30
Water2business	-	Pavilion/Recreation Ground	27.99
LP Property Developments	-	Repainting NB in Chapel	125.00

Debit Card		
Amazon UK -	Heater	19.50

Statement of balances

Lloyds

Current Account	£ 12474.92
High Interest account	<u>18144.29</u>
	£ 30619.21
Less payments to go out	<u>493.72</u>
Working balance	£ 30125.49

Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ 25000.00
Balance in Lloyds	£ 55125.49

Held in BIBS	£ 83873.95
Held in Nationwide	£ 57748.52
	£ 141622.47

12. Chairman's Diary, Representatives' reports and report from County Councillors:

Cllr Parker reported on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy and the next round of consultation. She confirmed that the Bat Area in Box will be included on the map.

She also reported that she had been invited to a "hedge" event hosted by the CPRE who will be celebrating their centenary next year. It was suggested that the CPRE centenary could be combined with the centenary of the Deed of Gift and the Council could look at where any additional hedges could be planted. The School had asked for a new hedge to be planted along the boundary with the Recreation Ground

Cllr Ingledew reported on the LHFIG meeting held on 15th January 2025. Details of this were included in the Highways Committee Minutes. He reported that Wiltshire Council had agreed changes to the way in which Speed Assessments are carried out and that local concerns would carry more weight and the assessments would be less mechanistic

Cllr T. Walton reported that Cllr Walters had raised a question at Wiltshire Cabinet. The report had been published which stated that Wiltshire Council is currently reviewing the Housing Revenue Account 30 year business plan. a feature of this review is greater cost pressure across housing services and escalating cost of the development programme, this will be reported to Cabinet in February. This has meant that the ability to deliver some of the anticipated land led schemes in the short term have had to be reviewed and thus reducing the ability to review new sites, such as Rudloe. The outcome of this is that any review and then potential development of the Rudloe site is now much further along in the programme, this creates the opportunity to indeed extend the proposed break clause from 2 years. Officers will discuss this with Rudloe Community Association as soon as possible.

Cllr Ingledew reported on the recent meeting of the MoD Corsham Liaison Panel and stated that there may be volunteers to help on projects. The contact for this will be Mark Barker at MoD Corsham. The reopening of the Corsham Railway Station was currently high up on the light of projects that might happen. GWR are supporting this.

Cllrs Davies and Dorey had attended a pre-planning meeting with Corsham Town Council and prospective developers of a green field site on the B3109. This will be reported at the next Planning Committee meeting on 10th February

13. Items of report and future Agenda items:

- a. Cllr Bean stated that with regard to moving the Parish Council Offices to the Pavilion he felt that there was probably no need for a transfer of land from the Trustees to the Parish Council when the Pavilion was built and as a consequence the Pavilion as it currently stands should only be used for "public recreation or playground" purposes. He felt that this was not insurmountable but arguably the Parish Council cannot use the Pavilion however they want and therefore should not even be hosting Council meetings in there at the moment or at all.
- b. The Community Pay Back team will shortly be working on the Recreation Ground
- c. Cllr Parker was progressing plans for the Wild Rivers Festival on 7th June. Thanks were given to her and Mr Tye for organizing this
- d. Cllr Tye reported that she had met two parishioners on the Recreation Ground who were praising the ecological work carried out on the Recreation Field
- e. Bench by tree on Playing Fields – discuss at the Playing Fields Committee meeting

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Chair