



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### A MEETING OF THE BOX HILL & RUDLOE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019

1. **Present:** Councillors: R. Case (Chairman); R. Davies; S.Gould;  
B. Walton; J. Whitford  
Mrs Carey (Clerk)
2. **Apologies** Cllr J. Cox; D. Moore; Cllr Parker
3. **Public Question Time:** There were no members of the public present.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil
5. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 were taken as read and signed as being a true record
6. **Matters Arising:** Issues – see attached
  - a. **Lacy Wood:** Cllr Davies reported that he had walked round the wood and it was in a good state. He will put up a couple more bird boxes
  - b. **Box Hill Common:**  
**Lower Common** The Grassland Wildflower seeds had been received and will be planted.  
The Cotswold Wardens had offered a couple of days work during the winter and the Clerk will write to them  
**Creation of parking space;** The planning application had been submitted to Wiltshire Council. The Clerk had chased the Council for a decision
  - c. **Japanese Knotweed:** Continue to monitor
  - d. **Pig and a Jig:** On-going
  - e. **Boundaries by Albion Terrace;** continue to monitor
  - f. **Removal of shed:** Letter received from the Solicitor stating that he will write to the owner of the shed. The Clerk had forwarded the necessary information
  - g. **Interpretation Board;** Cllrs Case and Walton to look at the photos and decide on the wording for the board.
  - h. **Seats;** The seats had been treated. Clerk to ask Joel to replace the rotten wood on the GWR seat.
  - i. **Clearing of saplings by Quarrymans Arms and Ash Cottage;** Clerk to remind them that the work can now be carried out.
7. **Trees;** The work to the trees will be carried out in the New year.

**Ash dieback:** Cllr Case had spoken to the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust who had stated that in some areas they would not be doing anything about Ash dieback. They had stated that Ash trees do shed dead branches but this does not necessarily mean that they have dieback. It was agreed to monitor the Ash trees and if necessary the Committee could approach Richard Cripps for his advice.

8. **Rights of Way:**  
**Matters Arising:**
  - a. **Clearing of footpaths:** On-going.
  - b. **Monitoring of footpaths:** Committee members to monitor some of the

paths

c. **Items that have been reported:**

- Stile on Boxfields Road – Cllr Gould and Davies to look at this
- Quarry Woods – Clerk to inform the landowner that a lot of trees have fallen down and some look unsafe.
- Footpath 70 – Longspatt to the Golf Course – this is part of the MacMillan Way and needs clearing

e. **Footpath 59 and 60 – Hazelbury Manor:** Clerk and Cllr Gould had taken these up with the Rights of Way Warden as a matter of urgency

f. **Bridge by Real World Studios:** Clerk will check if this has been done

g. **Sign for Middlehill:** This is on the list of work for the Shed

**9. Management of the Rudloe Area:**

- **Rudloe Steering Group:** The present position had been discussed at the last Full Council meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November
- **Mosaic sign:** Clerk to ask Cllr Anderson when this will be erected
- **Play Area:** The work to repainting the play equipment will be carried out in the Spring

**10. Purchase of shredder:**

The shredder had been purchased and it has proved extremely useful. Clerk to ask Joel to put any spare chippings at the bottom of the allotments

**11. Correspondence:** Nil

**12. Items of report and future agenda items:**

- a. **Snowdrops:** it was suggested that some of the snowdrops on the top Common can be split and replanted elsewhere.
- b. **Walkround:** It was agreed to have a walk round on the Common on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2 pm meeting by the picnic table. The focus will be on the Lower Common.
- c. **Grit bin:** Joel had been asked to clear the brambles from the grit bin on Barnetts Hill.

**13. Date of next meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020

*Meeting closed at 7.45 pm*

**Chairman**