



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 11th AUGUST 2025

- 1. Present:** Councillors: S. Roche (Chair); R. Davies; D. Dorey; R. Duncan;
R. Leach and T. Walton.
County Councillor P. Chamberlain

Mrs Carey (Clerk) Mr S. Vickery (Clerk)
- 2. Apologies** Nil
- 3. Absent:** Councillor R Haslett.
- 4. Public Question Time:** Mr Jon Byrn and Mr Jeremy Ackdown attended to speak to the Committee re works at No.1 Pye Corner, Box
- 5. Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest
- 6. Minutes:** The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 31st July 2025 were taken as read and signed as being a true record.
- 8. Matters Arising:**
 - a. **War Memorial:**
 - i. **Milestone.** The quote to repair the milestone was not agreed as its ownership rested with Wiltshire Council. The County Conservation Officer would be asked to consider the repair.
 - ii. **Shrub-cutting.** It was agreed that the cut back of the large dog-wood shrub would be done in time for the Remembrance weekend. In 2026, a new planting regime would be considered (with advice from Cllrs Tye and B Walton).
 - iii. **Road Sign.** Wiltshire Highways have indicated that the large road sign (which obscures the memorial) would not be moved, however a request could be submitted to appeal this stance. It was agreed to submit an issue sheet. To be put on the Highways Committee agenda
 - iv. **Poppy Project.** It was reported that some 100 poppies have been prepared to help adorn the Memorial for Remembrance Day.
Actions: Clerk and OSM to action points I to iii above.
 - b. **Viewing Platform:**
 - i. **Plaque.** It was **recommended** to accept the quote to repair the bronze plaque at the Platform. Cost £260+ VAT.
 - ii. **Brunel Tunnel.** Network Rail have now confirmed that repair work will be carried out to the tunnel on 2026. It was agreed to further ask NR to refurbish the while tunnel entrance in time for the 185th anniversary.

- c. **The Fountain:**
- i. **Gate Plaque.** It was **recommended** to accept the quote to repair the gate plaque. Cost £360+ VAT.
 - ii. It was agreed that budget permitting, the refurbishment of the Fountain at cost £950+VAT could be progressed later in the year.
- d. **Blind House:**
- Quotations received for the necessary repair work. It was agreed to pause any repair work on the Blind House until the latter part of the Financial Year; English Heritage and Wiltshire Conservation would need to be notified of work. The work will be discussed at the budget-setting meeting.
- e. **Information Board:**
- The wording for the boards and locations would need to be confirmed with quotes. This remained an outstanding action.
- f. **Bus shelters:**
- The County Arts Officer was supportive of the mosaic on the Rising Sun bus shelter but stated that no funding was available to support. It was agreed to draw up a design and take it back to Wiltshire Council.

Action: Clerk to undertake actions for e and f.

9. Correspondence: Nil

10. Applications granted permission or refused:

Granted

PL/2025/05440	Ashley Cottage, Ashley Box Cob nut tree – cut down and completely remove
PL/2025/05534	Ashley Cottage, Ashley Box Walnut tree – reduction in overall tree size by a third

Refused

PL/2025/02988	No 1 Boxhill Corsham (Albion Terrace) Change of use of 3 garages to a residential C3 dwelling.
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11. Applications considered: The following applications were considered

PL/2025/05453	Land opposite 8 Prospect, Kingsdown Intermittent use of static caravan for teaching the ukulele. No objection but with a Condition that the caravan cannot be used as a dwelling and only used for the intended purpose of music instruction and providing that there is no noise nuisance to neighbouring properties
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PL/2025/05989	1 Pye Corner, Devizes Road, Box Conversion of outbuilding into dwelling.
	No objection
PL/2025/05991	Barn Hayes, Lower Kingsdown Road Proposal to extend the perimeter walls of the existing two storey dwelling whilst maintaining its current footprint; and to construct an additional storey over the existing double garage to the side in order to create an additional bedroom with an en-suite and large wardrobe on the first floor
	Objection. Over sized proposal not in keeping with the Parish character.
PL/2025/06460	10 The Brownings, Box Fell one Alder Tree
	No objection.

12. Neighbourhood Plan: Nothing further to report.

13. Forward Plan/Risk Assessment/Asset Register On-going.

14. Items of report and future agenda items: Nil

15. Date of next meeting: Committee meeting – 1st September.
Prior to Full Council on 28th August.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Chair