



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### A MEETING OF THE BOX HILL & RUDLOE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE WAS HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

**1. Present:** Councillors: D. Wright (Chairman); R. Davies  
N. Ingledew; I. Johnston; S. Parker; M. Tye;  
B. Walton; T. Walton  
Mrs Carey (Clerk)

**2. Apologies** Cllrs R. Case; R. Smith

**3. Public Question Time:** There was one member of the public present

Mr Phil Rice from the Rudloe Community Group reported that the group had been looking at the Play Area. There were potholes in the football pitch. The Group were also unhappy about the Community Centre remaining empty and wanted to gauge interest in using this.

**4. Declarations of Interest:** Nil

**5. Walk round:** Members of the Committee had walked round prior to the meeting.

**6. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 were taken as read and signed as being a true record

**7. Matters Arising:**

a. **Risk Assessment:** This had been reviewed and was agreed.

**Forward Plan:** Cllr Wright had put budget implications against the items in the Forward Plan which totalled an additional £48K in the budget.

This included a total of 96 working days for the management of the Common (this includes the number of hours that are already spent on the Common but does not include the work done by the Cotswold Wardens or volunteers)

It was agreed that the Committee would look at the budget figures and prioritise/comment on them before the Budget Setting meeting

b. **Status of the Parish Council website:** This was now up and running again. Cllr Ingledew was carrying out a review of the website.

c. **Tree Stump Treatment:** A further supply of the treatment had been obtained. Cllr Wright will establish how much has been done. **Action: DW**

d. **Recycling bins on the Common:** Money to be put in the budget to add recycling bins at a cost of £500 each.

e. **Car Parking Area, Box Hill Common:** Cllr Johnston was waiting to hear from Paul Millard regarding a quote for the Mendip Dust. Cllr Wright agreed to approach him. **Action: DW**

f. **Albion Terrace retaining wall:** On-going. Cllr Johnston will draw up a specification and go out for quotes for a survey on the wall to see what work is required. Action plan to be developed and presented at the next meeting. Money to be put in the budget for this

**Albion Terrace:** The status of the road in front of the houses was raised. It was reported that this is an unadopted road, not owned by either Wiltshire

Council or the Parish Council.

- g. **Damaged seat**: £500 to be put in the budget for a replacement seat
- h. **Picnic Table**: It was agreed to look at this with the budget for next year
- g. **Tree work on Common**: David to liaise with Daniel Part
- h. **Update on Walking Map**: Additional funding needed to cover the cost of printing more leaflets.

#### **8. Management of the Rudloe Area:**

- a. **Rudloe Play Area**: The RoSPA report had been received and all the pieces of equipment show as very low or low risk.
- b. **Rudloe Green**: It was reported that there had been fly tipping on the Green. The Community Group were trying to discourage this.

The report from the Community Group has asked that Box Parish Council approach Wiltshire Council with an expression of interest in transferring ownership to Box Parish Council.

Cllr Tye stated that GreenSquare Accord are still going ahead with its proposals and felt that this was not a realistic proposition at this moment in time. If any of the land did go up for sale it could be all of the site.

The meeting was closed to allow Phil Rice to speak who stated that there is more interest in people wanting to use the Green.

The meeting was reopened.

After discussion it was **recommended** that Box Parish Council approach Wiltshire Council with an expression of interest in transferring ownership to Box Parish Council.

This was carried by six votes in favour and two against.

#### **9. Rights of Way:**

A lot of work had been carried out on the footpaths. There were two issues:

- i. **Bridleway at Lower Rudloe Farm**: The surface of the bridleway needs restoring.
- ii. **Footpath 80 Sheylors Farm by the new railway bridge**: The footpath needs restoring.

It was **recommended** that the Parish Council asks for a grant from the Corsham Area Board to be match funded.

**Footpath 11 Box Church to Hermitage**: The path is still closed. Clerk to ask Wiltshire Council when this will be reopened.

After discussion it was **recommended** that the Rights of Way issues be transferred to Highways Committee because of the link with LHFIG subject to Cllr Davies checking this with Sarah Dearden.

#### **10. Correspondence:**

Letter received stating that there are three cars parked behind the Community Centre with removal notices on them. One of these cars has had its windows smashed. Unfortunately this is not the Parish Council's responsibility and the resident should contact Wiltshire council. The Clerk will inform them of this

**East of Bath Express feasibility study**: Information circulated about the possibility of park and ride schemes at Ashley, Box and Rudloe. It was agreed to discuss this

at Full Council

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

Cllr T Walton asked about the Peppercorn Rental for the houses bordering the Common. Clerk to send him a copy of the documentation.

It was suggested that Phil Rice be invited onto the Committee as the representative from the Rudloe Community Group. To be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**12. Date of next meeting:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

**Chairman**

*Meeting closed at 8.00 pm*

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