



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

- 1. Present:** Councillors: T. Walton (Chair); A. Barton; R. Davies; D. Dorey;  
R. Haslett; N. Ingledew; I. Johnston; H. Parker;  
S. Roche; M. Tye; B. Walton; D. Wright  
Wiltshire Councillors: B. Mathew; D. Walters  
  
Mrs Carey (Clerk) Ms H. Barbrook (Assistant Clerk)
- 2. Apologies** Cllrs R. Bean ; R. Bolton and J. Clifford  
The apologies were accepted.
- 3. Absent:** Nil
- 4. Public Question Time:** There was one member of the public present.
- 5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest:** Nil
- 6. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were agreed and signed as being a true record with one small amendment
- 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**
  - i. Climate Strategy Working Group:** There was no further update
- 8. Committees:**
  - i. Playing Fields Management** The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were submitted and agreed.

It was **resolved** unanimously that the Playing Fields Committee delegates the Tennis Working Group to complete the procurement matrix and present it to the Full Council meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> December for a decision on which is the preferred contractor.

The preferred contractor was given as Grimshaw Sports and this was unanimously accepted. Currently enough money has been raised to resurface one of the courts. It was agreed to accept the contract price of **£20,507 ex VAT** which is less than the £20,804 ex VAT quote (**EQ-6582/24**)

This is because the Parish Council:

- Accepts the £132 discount for the work to be done prior to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- Accepts £165 reduction for the reconditioned aluminium posts (cleaned and polished, checked over, winder and pulley lubricated etc)

- ii. **Finance & Governance:** The Minutes of the Meetings held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were submitted and agreed.

It was **resolved** that the Inclusion Policy is agreed, subject to one deletion in the first paragraph

It was **resolved** that the Precept for 2025/26 is set at **£237739** which will result in a Band D charge of £133.69 which is an increase of £21.23 (£18.88%) on last year

It was **resolved** that a grant of **£1000** be made to the Selwyn Hall Management Committee

- iii. **Planning & Conservation:** The Minutes of the Meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 were submitted and agreed.

- iv. **Box Hill & Rudloe Open Spaces:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December were submitted and agreed.

**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

<u>BACS</u>			
Westcare Supply Zone	-	Copier paper, shorthand notebooks	77.88
Water2Business	-	Rec Grd/Pavilion	20.07
James Long (Masons) Ltd	-	Repairs to Tucker Memorial (recoverable)	384.00
WALC	-	Clerk's training	48.00
Water2Business	-	Council Offices (May-Dec)	115.24
Ultra-Warm	-	Repairs to pressure in Pavilion boiler	171.00
John Miller	-	Repairs to ego strimmer	252.29
<u>Direct Debits</u>			
Octopus Energy	-	Pavilion – Gas £155.20 Electric £50.96	206.16

**Statement of balances**

**Lloyds**

Current Account	£ 17080.99
High Interest account	<u>33119.59</u>
	£ 50200.58
Less payments to go out	<u>9612.96</u>
Working balance	<b>£ 40588.32</b>
Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ 25000.00
<b>Balance in Lloyds</b>	<b>£ <u>65588.32</u></b>
Held in <b>BIBS</b>	<b>£ 83873.95</b>
Held in <b>Nationwide</b>	<b>£ <u>57748.52</u></b>
	<b>£ <u>141622.47</u></b>

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

Cllr Brian Mathew thanked the Parish Council for their hard work. As the local MP he would be holding another surgery and a newsletter would come out shortly.

Cllr Walton reported on the recent meeting of the Area Board. A report had been given by the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police and the head of Neighbourhood Policing.

Grants had been awarded to Corsham Windband and to Corsham Rugby.

Cllr Parker attended the Wiltshire Health & Wellbeing Group: There had been a presentation by Age UK on Health & Wellbeing. It was reported that a lot of people are being directed to the website – however a lot of the elderly do not have internet use. The Primary Care Team has stated that if anyone is struggling they can get help view their GP/Primary Care Team. Age UK were looking at vulnerable groups of people who may develop health problems. There is a new organisation – Rethink Mental Illness. The Integrated Care Board were reviewing the situation re the Pharmacy in Corsham.

Cllr B. Walton stated that she had presented the books to the Broadwood School and Cllrs Parker and Tye would be presenting the books to the Box C of E School on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**13. Items of report and future Agenda items:**

- The Parish Council Offices will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

*Meeting closed at 6.50 pm*

**Chair**