



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING **HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2020**

- 1. Present:** Councillors: S. Parker (Chairman); N. Botterill; R. Campbell; J. Cox; D. Evans;
S. Gould; V. Hill; D. Moore; R. Smith; M. Tye; B. Walton;
J. Whitford
Councillor: B. Mathew

Mrs Carey (Clerk)

- 2. Apologies:** Councillors R. Case; R. Davies; A. Woollard
The apologies were accepted

- 3. Absent:** Nil

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

Charlotte McNelis read a statement about the safety of people crossing Leafy Lane and asked for the Parish Council's support. She stated that MoD could help contribute towards making any improvements.

Elaine Watson raised the issue of EU Citizens living in the parish post Brexit and asked for an article to be put into the Parish Magazine. Cllr Mathew stated that Wiltshire Council had passed a motion on this similar to the one made by Bristol Council that Elaine Watson had referred to.

- 5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest:** The Chairman stated that she was looking for the meeting to finish by 9.30 pm and asked Councillors not to talk over each other. She also reminded Councillors that the Minutes were for ratification only and to vote on any recommendations.

Cllr Botterill declared an interest in the item relating to Ashley Lane

- 6. Actions:** See Appendix to the Minutes

- 7. Minutes:** The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30th January 2020 were taken as read and signed as a true record.

- 8. Matters Arising:**

New website: The content of the website was discussed. The Minutes for the past three years will be put on to the website together with the three years Audit documents. The Cemetery Rules, Management Plans, Application form to apply for Grants and Allotment map and rules will be added shortly. It was agreed that if, for some reason, Cllr Campbell was unable to upload the website Cllr Walton would stand in.

VE Day Celebrations: A meeting had been held and there will be celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day on Friday 8th May. These will be held at the Queens Head and will be free to everyone who attends. Older residents and Youth groups will be invited and Link will help with transport. An application for a grant of £700 towards the funding of the event had been received and this was agreed by ten votes in favour and two abstentions.

Refuge on B3109: Simon Smith had stated that the refuge had been agreed in the permission granted in 2014

9. Policy & Finance Committee: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020 were submitted and agreed

Notice Boards: Quotation for new boards received. It was agreed to take this back to the relevant committees for further quotes to be obtained.

Change of road name for the Ashley road: It was **resolved** that the council would look into getting the whole of the road called "Ashley Lane". Clerk to contact the Post Office.

Proposed diversion of part of footpaths 50, 52 and 53 Wadswick: It was **resolved** by nine votes in favour and three against not to object to the proposals.

Use of Recreation Ground: It was **resolved** that permission should be refused for a marquee on the Recreation Ground for a wedding reception.

10. Cemetery Management Committee: The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd February 2020 were submitted and agreed.

Chapel roof: Three quotations had been sought and two had been received in the sums of £15,454 and £23040 for the front elevation and £25756 and £45080 for the whole roof. These were discussed and because of the urgency of the situation and the health and safety issue it was **resolved** that the quotation from A.L. King Ltd for the whole roof in the sum of £25756 be accepted.

11. Planning & Conservation Committee: The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th January and 10th February 2020 were submitted and agreed

Blind House: There had been further damage to the stonework in the recent storms and quotation for the work is being sought.

Bus shelters: The Rising Sun bus shelter had more graffiti on it again. This will be treated with anti-graffiti solution. Cllr Mathews to take this up with Wiltshire Council

12. Personnel Committee: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd February 2020 were submitted and agreed. It was **resolved** that the public toilets would be open in daylight hours during the winter months and left open throughout the summer months.

13. To receive any urgent correspondence:

- **Draft newsletter;** This was agreed with the addition of a statement re EU residents in Box
- **Business Plan:** This was agreed and will be put on the website
- **Application for use of the Common:** Received from the Pig and Jig Committee to hold the event on 4th July 2020. This was granted
- **Netball:** It was agreed that the netball club could use the top court on a Monday evening from 5-6 pm
- **By Brook Action Plan:** Received from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. This had been circulated
- **Use of Tennis Court by a film crew;** The use of the tennis court on the 3rd March was agreed submit to a contribution
- **Changes to kerbside recycling collections;** Information received and circulated

14. Highway matters:

- **CATG meeting 4th March:** The Agenda had been received. Cllr Campbell will attend to support the Councils views on the issues that it had raised.

- **Leafy Lane:** The result of the recent metro count had been received as follows:
- Speeds for a total of 17523 vehicles in free-flowing traffic in both directions were recorded
- Total traffic volume during this period was 20506 vehicles
- The 85th percentile speed was 33.3 mph. this is the speed at or below which 85% of the traffic is travelling and is used nationally as a criterion for Community Speed Watch interventions
- The mean speed was 28.3 mph
- 1.3% of recorded vehicles were exceeding the posted speed limit. The mean speed of these vehicles was 42.8 mph

After discussion it was **resolved** that the Council supported the local residents request for safer crossing of Leafy Lane and would put forward the following:

- Ask SSE to modify the fencing around the substation
- Ask for the speed limit to be reduced
- Signs for the School to be put up. MoD be asked to contribute towards the cost

15. Additional accounts for payment:

<u>Cheques</u>			
SSE	-	Tractor shed	35.80
Dawson Steeplejacks Ltd	-	Testing lightning conduction	48.00
<u>BACS</u>			
T. Sarkissian	-	Additional work in Lodge	650.00
Marcus Mitchell	-	Market Place, wall, Pound gates	
		War memorial	690.00
John Miller	-	Spares	65.40
Ultra-Warm Ltd	-	Boiler check Office/Pavilion	312.00
<u>Direct debit</u>			
Plusnet	-	Telephone Office	36.72
Plusnet	-	telephone Pavilion	30.98
Fuel Card services	-	Petrol	31.00
<u>Debit card</u>			
My Memory	-	Memory cards for CCTV	26.92
Wiltshire Council	-	council tax for Lodge	390.00

16. Statement of Balances: The statement of balances as follows prior to cheques signed today:

<u>Lloyds</u>	
Current Account	38756.21
High Interest account	<u>7537.59</u>
	£ 46293.80
Less payments to go out	<u>1399.27</u>
Working balance	£ 44894.53
Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ 37500.00
Balance in Lloyds	£ <u>82394.53</u>
Held in BIBS	£ 71117.13
Held in Nationwide	£ <u>55848.21</u>

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

Cllr Mathews reminded Parish Councillors that the next Area Board meeting would be held at Wadswick Green

Cllr Moore reported the meeting of the GreenSquare Steering Group. GreenSquare had been granted the lease on the Community Centre and had gone to preapp. There would be a survey on

the open space and a soil survey carried out. The proposals included a community shop attached to the community centre. Next meeting to be held on 22nd April at 6.30 pm

18. Items of Report;

- New grit bin needed at Middlehill and Ditteridge
- It was stated that Wiltshire Council are poor at promoting recycling of food waste. They are currently looking into this and who could collect it
- It was reported that a McColls lorry had knocked down the school wall whilst reversing
- Wall at Fairmead View – Wiltshire Council are trying to trace the owner
- A camper van had been left in the Car Park
- The fallen tree on one of the footpaths at Hazelbury Manor will be cleared shortly.

19. Personnel – Confidential item: Members of the public and press were excluded for this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to meeting) Act 1960
See confidential appendix to these Minutes

Meeting closed at 10.20 pm

Chairman