



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28th NOVEMBER 2019

1. Present: Councillors: S. Parker (Chairman); N. Botterill; R. Case; J. Cox;
R. Davies; D. Evans; S. Gould; D. Moore; R. Smith; M. Tye;
B. Walton; J. Whitford; A. Woollard
Mrs Carey (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Councillors R. Campbell; V. Hill

3. Absent: Nil

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

Ben Jones from Proludic gave a presentation re the proposed play area at Dickens Gate, Rudloe. He stated that Wiltshire Council was keen for local Councils to take over these areas which is a planning requirement within S106 Local Equipped Area for Play which will be 400 m sq with a minimum of five pieces of equipment.

If the Parish Council took over the management there would need to be a weekly H&S check and an operational check four times a year as well as mowing, emptying bins etc. The lifespan of the equipment would be about 20 years.

It was stated that the Council would consider this offer.

Mr Elliot reminded the Council that the illegal signs by the Pedestrian Crossing were still in place. These would be removed immediately.

5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest. It was reported that the Highways item would be moved up the Agenda

6. Actions: See Appendix to the Minutes

7. Minutes: The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 31st October 2019 were taken as read and signed as a true record.

8. Matters Arising:

Wiltshire Council verges – to be left uncut; Waiting for further information - to be discussed again in the Spring.

Japanese Knotweed: Cllr Walton asked for this to be chased with Wiltshire Council.

9. Highway matters:

- **Request for pedestrian crossing by the Northey Arms:** Issue sheet to be submitted to CATG asking what could be done about the safety of children crossing at this point
- **The School:** Cllr Smith reported on the recent CATG meeting. It had been agreed to relocate the School sign from opposite the Pharmacy to near the Manor House/Manor garage and

“SLOW” would be painted on the road. This would cost an estimated £3500 with a 25% contribution of £875 from the Parish Council. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Smith will pursue the “Taking Action on School Journeys” with Box C of E School

- Provision of Speed Indicator Device - the provision of this at a cost of £1828 would be considered with the budget. Wiltshire Council would have to agree where this was located and the Speed Watch would still be required as it does not register number plates.
- **Lorry Watch**; It was agreed that this was not applicable to Box

Cllr Smith had raised the issue of whether there should be a Highways Committee to meet and discuss items prior to the CATG meeting. It was agreed that the items for the next meeting in March could be discussed at the Full Council meeting on 27th February.

10. Policy & Finance Committee: The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2019 were submitted and agreed

Future of Rudloe Green and Community Centre: Cllr Tye reported on the Meeting of the Steering Group and stated that there will be an Open Space within the new development and this will be the same size

Cllr Davies made a statement about the proposed Community Centre and stated that he felt let down by the Parish Council and felt that the three representatives on the Steering Group were not in agreement. He queried items on the minutes of the Steering Group and he was advised that he would have to query these if he did not feel they were correct.

It was **resolved** by ten votes in favour and one against that, in the current circumstances, the Council will not be discussing the issue of the Community Centre any further unless there is any new information.

Xmas Tree The Council had been offered a tree by a parishioner. Lights, cabling and stays will need to be supplied. The Chairman offered to purchase the lights out of the Chairman’s allowance.

11. Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee; The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2019 were submitted and agreed

Willow trees: Quotation received for the two willow trees received. Further quotes to be obtained. It was stated that the work should be carried out as soon as possible as one was considered dangerous.

It was unanimously **resolved** to purchase the trolley for the tables at £280

12. Planning & Conservation Committee: The Minutes of the meeting held on 31st October and 11th November 2019 were submitted and agreed

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Botterill reported that he had received the results of the Neighbourhood Plan Survey from Lemon Gazelle. The next meeting scheduled for 6th January would discuss this.

Blind House: Waiting for a report from the Listed Buildings Officer for the internal work. Quotation received from Marcus Mitchell.

There is a large sign for the Queens Head on the wall by the Listed Building which the Listed Buildings Officer had stated should be taken down and a small sign on posts erected.

13. Personnel Committee; The Minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2019 were submitted and agreed.

The changes to the Terms of Reference for the Open Spaces Groundsman and Assistant were agreed.

14. To receive any urgent correspondence:

Poppy Appeal: The collection in the Parish Council office had raised £10.40

Painting of the Recreation Ground: An offer of a painting had been received at a cost of £200. It was **resolved** by nine votes in favour and three against not to purchase this.

16. Applications for grants: The following applications were considered:

Box Pantomime Group	-	Grant towards cost of two scaffold towers	£166
Leafy Lane Playing Fields	-	Grant towards cost of new goals	100
Box Bowls Club	-	Grant towards defibrillator	200
Victim Support	-	Grant	100

16. Additional accounts for payment:

The were no additional accounts for payment

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

<u>Lloyds</u>	
Current Account	18401.35
High Interest account	<u>29534.96</u>
	£ 47936.31
Less payments to go out	<u>275.77</u>
Working balance	£ 47660.54

Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ 37500.00
Balance in Lloyds	£ 85160.54

Held in BIBS	£ 71117.13
Held in Nationwide	£ 55848.21

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

19. Items of report and future Agenda items:

- Thanks were given to Cllr Cox for her part in the Remembrance Day Service
- It was reported that there is increased traffic using Wadswick Feeds
- It was stated that local farmers will be asked to contribute towards the cost of the sign for "Farm Vehicles"
- Leafy Lane – It was reported that heavy lorries using this because of the Bradford Road diversion were ruining the road
- Under 7s Play area – It was felt that there was a Health and Safety issue in the Under 7s re the slippery slope and some of the repair work that needed carrying out and it was agreed to close this area for two weeks.
- Apologies – Cllr Woollard gave her apologies for the next Full Council meeting

Chairman

