



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 17th DECEMBER 2020

1. Present: Councillors: S. Parker (Chairman); N. Botterill; R. Campbell; R. Case; J. Clifford
R. Davies; D. Evans; H. Parker; M. Tye; B. Walton;
A. Woollard
Unitary Councillors: B. Anderson; B. Mathew

Mrs Carey (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Councillors J. Cox; S. Gould; R. Smith

3. Absent: Nil

4. Public Question Time: There were 2 members of the public present

Mr Phil Bewley from GreenSquare gave a presentation and update re the Rudloe Steering Group. They were continuing with the consultations and he gave details of some of the feedback that had been received.

He stated that he hoped a planning application would be submitted in the New Year. A councillor asked about the designation of the green as a park and how much of this would be demolished. He also stated that more community facilities were needed. Mr Bowley explained that it was a Steering Group and not a consultation group.

The issue of using the community centre as a vaccination centre was raised. However it was stated that at the moment only hospitals are being used to give the vaccine.

5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest. The councillors were reminded that they could ask questions on the Committee minutes but they were only for ratification at this meeting, and approved as correct or amendments made at their next meeting.

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on 26th November 2020 were taken as a true record and will be signed at the next proper meeting.

7. Matters Arising: Nil

8. Policy & Finance Committee: The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 7th December 2020 were submitted and agreed.

Budget for 2021/22:

The recommendation that the fees/charges for 2021/22 were adopted unanimously

The rationale for the reduction in the precept was questioned. The Chairman explained the process for setting the budget and stated that the working party had felt that the council should be mindful of the hardship for some parishioners.

There was a discussion on various options for the precept and the unknown elements the council may face in the coming year an amendment to the recommendation was made by Cllr Campbell that an additional £5,000 be added to the precept bringing the total to £145613. This was seconded by Cllr Tye.

A vote was taken and the amendment was carried by seven votes in favour and four against. The original recommendation was defeated. It was agreed that the additional £5000 would be put in as a contingency fund

In light of the current situation with Covid 19 and the uncertainty of the income for the forthcoming financial year it was agreed that the precept for 2021/22 would be **£145613** which would be a decrease of £8126 on last year's precept and will give a Band D charge of **£85.44 pa** ie a decrease of £3.11 pa

Speed Indicator Device: The recommendation that the SID is left in situ for one month at a time and rotated between the agreed sites was carried unanimously.

There was a discussion about the various options re the situation with the SID over the Christmas period and it was agreed that this should be taken down over the Christmas period.

9. Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee: The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 30th November 2020 were submitted and agreed.

10. Planning & Conservation Committee: The Minutes of the remote meetings held on 26th November and 7th December 2020 were submitted and agreed.

Planning notices: It was reported that some of the planning notices for pending applications are not being displayed locally by Wiltshire Council. Clerk to take this up with the Planning Officer.

11. To receive any urgent correspondence

- a. **Use of Rudloe Community Centre as a Covid-19 Vaccination Centre:** Letter from Mr Turner had been circulated to all Councillors and had been discussed during the presentation by Phil Bowley
- b. **Selwyn Hall Management Committee:** Letter received with details of the new officers of the Management Committee and a copy letter offering the hall as possible vaccination venue.
- c. **Adoption of telephone box at Ditteridge:** Consultation from Wiltshire Council re the adoption of the BT kiosk at Ditteridge. The Parish Council has no objections to this

12. Highway matters:

- **Speed Indicator Device:** This was now in position
- **A365 – issue with large lorries and the resurfacing of the road:** This was discussed at CATG and felt to be a maintenance issue which is being dealt with by David Arnup and Brian Mathew
- **Speed on Leafy Lane and safety of pedestrians:** This was discussed at CATG and will be raised again as a priority. It was stated that MoD has offered to help will any funding for a crossing
- **A4 opposite Budgens:** Letter from David Arnup, Highways Engineer. He feels that this is a catch 22 situation and that any work to the pavement prior to enforceable parking would likely to be undone by HGVs. However he would look to see if anything could be done with the drainage in the interim..
- **B3109 by Dickens Gate:** Issue Sheet submitted to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph with a 20 mph zone by the school. Cllr Davies raised concerns about the siting of the new crossing.
- **The Ley:** There had been incidents of lorries going the wrong way on the one way system. Letters sent to the users of the business park asking them to inform their drivers to turn left when exiting
- **The Ley:** It was reported that a car coming from Melksham had tried to turn right down the second Ley turning and had got stuck. An Issue Sheet for a "No Right Turn" sign raised.
- **Metro Count at Wadswick:** The results of the metro count recently carried out show the 85th percentile speed was 49.8 mph which is below the speed limit of 60 mph
A further metro count in a different site will be carried out in the New Year.

13. Additional Accounts for payment: The following additional accounts were submitted and agreed

BACS

Westcare Supply Zone	-	Printer cartridges/refuse sacks	243.43
Consortium	-	copier paper; notebooks	53.91
Wessex Water	-	Account for Council Offices	58.76
D.J. Mathias	-	Test at Pavilion for water loss	90.00

14. Statement of Balances:

Current Account	13834.15
High Interest account	<u>38284.91</u>
	£ 52119.06
Less payments to go out	<u>1640.70</u>
Working balance	£ 50478.36
Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ <u>37500.00</u>
Balance in Lloyds	£ 87978.36
Held in BIBS	£ 81666.53
Held in Nationwide	£ <u>76327.15</u>
	£ <u>157993.68</u>

15. Chairman's Diary, Representatives' reports and report from County Councillor

The Chairman reported that she and Cllr Campbell had met with Chris Morris from Gigaclear to look at the location of the proposed boxes for the fibre broadband. Most of these would be underground.

Cllr Mathew reported that the A4, and hopefully the A365, would be resurfaced again shortly. The Parish Council felt that a new HGV survey should be carried out on the A365. Clerk to write re the resurfacing of the A365 to stress that this is more urgent than the A4.

Church Lane and Barn Piece would also be resurfaced

A broken drain on the Lower Kingsdown Road was being investigated with a camera

16. Items of Report and Future Agenda Items

- Barn at Ashley Road – when this was built there was supposed to have been a soakaway but it appears that this has not been done and the road is flooding. Clerk to contact the Enforcement officer to check if this has been carried out.
- Grit bins – purchase these for Ditteridge/Middlehill
- Pavement on A4 – this needs cleaning
- Cllr Walton had attended a meeting with the Bybrook Preservation Trust. The Council will liaise with the studio regarding the site of the proposed information board.
- Cllr Case gave her thanks to the members of staff
- Cllr Case asked for a future discussion on how correspondence is handled and how the Council discussed items outside of committees. She felt that any talk should be more inclusive for the whole of the parish. She felt that Councillors should be conscious of the way in which they speak.
- The increased building site traffic along the Lower Kingsdown Road/Wormcliffe Lane was raised and stressed that a weight restriction and width limit should be requested
- It was reported that the road to Kingsdown by the traffic lights was flooding
- It was agreed that due to Covid 19 restrictions not being met over the holiday period, the public toilets should be closed. A notice will be put on the door to this effect