



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**

- 1. Present:** Councillors: S. Parker (Chairman); N. Botterill; R. Campbell; R. Case;  
R. Davies; D. Evans; R. Smith; M. Tye; B. Walton; A. Woollard  
  
Mrs Carey (Clerk)
- 2. Apologies:** Councillors J. Cox; S. Gould
- 3. Absent:** Nil
- 4. Public Question Time:** There were 3 members of the public present  
Members of the public were reminded that they would not be able to speak during the meeting.
- 5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest:** It was agreed to offer Cllr Gould a six months sabbatical until he is able to rejoin the meetings.
- 7. Minutes:** The Minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were taken as a true record and will be signed
- 8. Matters Arising:**  
**Use of recreation ground:** It was reported that the Zen of Sport group had agreed a Licence and had paid £50 for using the Recreation Ground  
**Letting of Lodge:** Letter received from HF Lettings asking the Council to consider reducing the rental slightly. It was agreed that this should be reduced to £850 pm
- 9. Policy & Finance Committee:** The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were submitted and agreed.  
  
**Use of land on Quarry Hill for allotments:** The recommendation that the Council accepts the offer of the land at Quarry Hill for allotments was discussed. Some councillors had reservations about this, particularly the water supply and the access. Also it was stated that the council would be responsible for the stone wall and fencing. It was **resolved** that the decision be deferred to the end of the month to enable costings to be drawn up.  
  
**Bowls Club:** The recommendation that the Parish Council waives the contribution from the Bowls Club for the maintenance of the Bowling Green for this financial year was discussed. After discussion it was **resolved** by eight votes in favour and two against to accept the recommendation.
- 10. Playing Fields and Pavilion Management Committee:** The minutes of the remote meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 were submitted and agreed.  
  
**Vine Court bedding:** The recommendation that the grass is dug up and replaced with plants, trying a small section on the left hand side to start with was discussed. It was stated that a Licence for this would be required from Wiltshire Council. The maintenance for this was currently in the Groundsman's terms of reference and these would need to be discussed at a Personnel meeting. After discussion it was **resolved** by seven in favour, two against and one abstention to accept the recommendation.

**Use of tennis courts by Team Bath netball:** The **recommendation** that the Council cannot agree to this proposal because of existing use of the courts was accepted unanimously.

**Condition of Recreation Ground and football pitch:** It was unanimously agreed to accept the **recommendation** that the Parish Council pays to get a professional assessment of the pitch from the FA next year and to look at aerating it when appropriate

**Use of football pitch by AFC Corsham Youth FC:** The **recommendation** that the Council agree in principle to AFC Corsham using the pitch was agreed unanimously.

**Use of the football pitch by Corsham Youth FC for a mini tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> September:** A letter had been received requesting permission to hold a mini tournament on 5<sup>th</sup> September. After discussion it was agreed to allow this subject to the appropriate Risk Assessment being provided and details of the car parking, toilets etc be agreed beforehand.

**11. Planning & Conservation Committee:** The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were submitted and agreed.

**Green Square Steering Group:** Following the report that, as David Moore was no longer a Parish Council and that he could not sit on the Green Square Steering Group, this was raised at a recent meeting of the Steering Group and they have stated that he is able to stay as a member.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** A meeting with Lemon Gazelle to be held on 3rd September

**12. Personnel Committee:** The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were submitted and agreed

The **recommendation** that Cllrs Case and Cox fulfil the role of Liaison Councillor with the members of staff until a replacement for Cllr Hill can be appointed was agreed unanimously

**13. To discuss the possibility of the reopening of the Pavilion:** A request had been received from the Youth Club to start this up again with reduced numbers from 9<sup>th</sup> September if possible. It was agreed unanimously to allow this to go ahead subject to the receipt of the risk assessments and that all the regulations can be complied with.

**14. Missed opportunities in Rudloe:** A statement was read out by Cllr Davies. To be discussed at Policy & Finance Committee. It was agreed that further representatives would need to be appointed for the Steering Group

**15. To receive any urgent correspondence:**

- a. **Real World Studio:** Confirmation that the footpath had been cleared and the wire on the bridge was being dealt with by Wiltshire Council.
- b. **Restoration of Box historic quarry crane:** Letter received regarding the restoration of the stone quarry crane. The Parish Council gave its full support for the project.
- c. **Parking of lorries on A4 opposite the garage:** Letter received from a resident regarding the damage caused to the pavement. This is Wiltshire Highways' responsibility and the issue has been raised with them on numerous occasions. Waiting to hear from them what action will be taken.

**16. Highway matters:**

- Heavy lorries using the A365 following the B&NES diversion – speed watch to monitor
- **Speed Indicator Device;** The Wiltshire Highways Engineer has visited the site and confirmed the use of the SID at four locations – one of which will need some groundwork and a new post. Quotation for this has been requested. Full costings to be discussed at P&F and brought back to the next Council meeting.

- Pavements through the village: The Parish Steward has started work on the pavement at the top of Rudloe and is working his way down.

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

Cheques

Cotswold Voluntary Wardens Countryside Fund	-	Grant	500.00
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BACS

South West Ambulance Service	-	Defibrillator by PO	2160.00
Consortium	-	Stationery	50.94
Thierry Sarkissian	-	Work to Lodge	500.00

Direct debits

Fuel card services	-	petrol	41.86
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Lloyds

Current Account	17012.50
High Interest account	<u>3414.11</u>
	£ 20426.61
Less payments to go out	<u>957.29</u>
Working balance	<b>£ 19469.32</b>

Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ <u>37500.00</u>
Balance in Lloyds	<b>£ 56969.32</b>

Held in BIBS	<b>£ 81666.53</b>
Held in Nationwide	<b>£ 76327.15</b>
	<b>£ 157993.68</b>

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

The Chairman reported that she had met with parishioners regarding the swimming in the bybrook who had stated that they wished to make a nature reserve on part of the bank and asked for the Parish Council to support this. Wiltshire Council had been asked to install the kissing gate that they had agreed to.

**19. Items of Report and Future Agenda Items**

- It was reported that a child had run off in Leafy Lane towards Tunnel Inn. It was felt that there should be a sign for the footpath that motorists could see. Clerk to raise this with the Rights of Way Warden
- A4 Shockerwick – it was reported that there was a tree down by the bridge which was blocking the footpath
- Broadwood School – the children are crossing the Bradford Road from Belway Homes and there are concerns about the speed limit. It was agreed to raise this at CATG
- Footpaths steps at Alcombe need attention
- Covid-19 Contingency Plan – it was stated that this should include all members of staff
- It was reported that the stones by the common at Hazelbury Manor are on private land
- Short Hill – It was requested that the rest of the road needs clearing
- Bus stop from Fiveway junctions – needs clearing

