



BOX PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY ZOOM ON 26th NOVEMBER 2020

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

Mrs Carey (Clerk)

2. Apologies: Councillors J. Cox; D. Evans; S. Gould

3. Absent: Nil

4. Public Question Time: There were 2 members of the public present
Members of the public were reminded that they would not be able to speak during the meeting.

Mrs Dutton spoke about the positioning of the Speed Indicator Device and suggested that this be moved closer to the edge of the village as the present position was a busy junction.

The Chairman informed her that the Parish Council had to get authority from Wiltshire Council as to the siting of the SID and these had to tie in with the Speedwatch approved sites. The SID will be moved to different locations around the village and the Parish Council will work with the Speedwatch team to ensure that they are not in the same position at the same time.

Cllr Walton asked to join the budget setting meeting and it was agreed that she could do this as an observer.

Chris Morris from Gigaclear gave a presentation on fibre optic broadband for the village. Copies of his presentation had been forwarded to the Councillors. The Initial design was for the centre of the village and Rudloe but there were no plans for Ashley, Kingsdown, Wadswick etc at the present time. A group of Parish Councillors will look at possible sites for the boxes with Mr Morris. Cllr Botterill asked that Gigaclear make sure that reinstatement after their work is carried out to a high standard.

5. Chairman's announcements and declarations of interest: Cllr Clifford was welcomed to her first meeting as a newly co-opted Councillor. There were no declarations of interest.

6. Minutes: The Minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on 29th October 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 9th November 2020 were submitted and agreed.

Vacancy on Parish Council: No applications had been received to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Vaughan Hill. As it is so close to the election it was **agreed** not to readvertise the vacancy. All Councillors were reminded that they would all have to stand down prior to the election next May

9. Cemetery Management Committee: The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 2nd November 2020 were submitted and agreed.

10. Planning & Conservation Committee: The Minutes of the remote meetings held on 29th October and 9th November 2020 were submitted and agreed.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Botterill gave a report on a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which was now considering the options in Stage 2. The Steering Group had agreed the business and employment section and this will be sent back to Lemon Gazelle.

11. Box Hill & Rudloe Open Spaces Committee: The Minutes of the remote meeting held on 16th November 2020 were submitted and agreed

12. Items for Discussion

To appoint a representative for the Rudloe Steering Group: Cllr Davies explained why he had left the Steering Group. Any Councillor interested in joining the Group should contact the Clerk.

13. To receive any urgent correspondence

- **2021 Census:** Details had been circulated to Councillors and a poster put on the website
- **Social media** – “Box Parish Discussion Forum”: The Chairman had received a letter regarding a post on the Box Parish Discussion facebook page and stated that there had been confusion as to whether this was a Parish Council social media. A notice had been put on the site stating that it was run by residents and not the Parish Council but it was suggested that the word “Parish” be removed from the title. Cllr Parker would take this back to the group

14. Highway matters:

- **Speed Indicator Device:** This was now in position
- **A365 – issue with large lorries and the resurfacing of the road:** This will be discussed at CATG
- **Speed on Leafy Lane and safety of pedestrians;** This will be discussed at CATG
- **A4 opposite Budgens:** Cllr Mathew had asked Wiltshire Council to look at pavement and the drain and the possibility of double yellow lines. Letter received from Kate Davey re double yellow lines stating that the assessment and installation of waiting and parking restrictions is not carried out via the CATG but instead through Wiltshire Council’s Network Management Team. Therefore any requests need to be submitted to the highways network management with a request for an assessment when the next review is carried out in Box. There are no financial implications relating to the request but the Parish Council would have to contribute for the cost of making any Order. After discussion it was to pursue the repairs to the drains and the reinstatement of the pavement before asking for an assessment although complaints have been received about walking along the pavement.
Letter from David Arnup (Wiltshire Highways Engineer) stated that the footway budget for the CATG no longer exists. However, Wiltshire Highways has funding for footway repairs but this years spend has been allocated. He will add the payment opposite Budgens to the list of priorities for next years spend. He may be able to carry out some form of small repair to help out. Ideally he would like to get the kerbs raised again but feels it would be almost a futile effort given that the source of the issue is HGVs parking here and suggested that a good solution could be to install double yellow lines.
- **B3109 by Dickens Gate:** Issue Sheet could be submitted to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph with a 20 mph zone by the school.
- **The Ley:** There had been incidents of lorries going the wrong way on the one way system. Clerk to write 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. Clerk to raise an Issue Sheet for a “No Right Turn” sign

Requests received for consideration:

- Positioning of a warning sign for horses at Prospect. Clerk to ask WC for permission
- Reflector posts – Lower Kingsdown Road where the telephone box used to be. Clerk to ask WC for permission
- Repositioning of metro count at Wadswick
- Alternative sign re farm vehicles at Boxfields road. Clerk to ask WC for advice on any appropriate signs
- Weight restriction for Lower Kingsdown Road to prevent the large lorries using this route

Road Closure

- The Ley – Temporary closure of The Ley from its junction with A365 to its junction with Bulls Lane to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out national testing of core extractions
- Part of Boxfields Road from its junction with White Ennox Lane for a distance of approximately 555 metres in an easterly direction to enable Wessex Water to court out installation of water mains plus three main connections

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

BACS

SSE	-	Council Offices	
		Gas £111.75 Elect £73.40	185.15
		Pavilion Gas	130.79
Wiltshire council	-	1/2 yr NDR Cemetery	698.00
		Offices	1023.00
Westcare Supply Zone	-	Printer cartridges	166.80
Marcus Mitchell	-	Repairs to Blind House	360.00
Consortium	-	Hand sanitiser refills	151.04
Fire Alarm Consultancy Ltd	-	Replacement batteries Fire Alarm	60.96

Direct debits

Fuel Card Services	-	Petrol	27.53
Plusnet	-	Telephone Pavilion	31.44
Plusnet	-	Office	37.56

16. Statement of Balances:

Current Account	11978.87
High Interest account	<u>58284.46</u>
	£ 70263.33
Less payments to go out	<u>4794.43</u>
Working balance	£ 65468.90
Held on deposit in Lloyds	£ <u>37500.00</u>
Balance in Lloyds	£ 102968.90
Held in BIBS	£ 81666.53
Held in Nationwide	<u>£ 76327.15</u>
	£ 157993.68

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

Cllr Mathew reported that he had chaired the Area Board meeting. Since April a number of projects had been supported. Any grant from Area Board has to be co-funded and perhaps the Parish Council could consider putting money aside to support any applications over the coming year.

The A4 would be resurfaced at some time over the next few years.

Cllr Mathew reported on the planning application at Manor Farm for the proposed agricultural building for a dairy herd.

18. Items of Report and Future Agenda Items

Councillors were reminded to sign up for the Cancer Research Xmas Trail on 4th December

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Chairman