

Boxted Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting held at the Boxted Sports & Social Club on
Wednesday 28th November 2007

1. Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Liz Bazeley	Yes	Tim Brentnall (chairman)	Yes
Tracey Doolin	Yes	Brian Grant	Yes
Hugh Large	Apologies	Steve Lawrence	Apologies
Angela McLauchlan	Yes	Gene Pugh	Apologies
David Thomas	Yes		
Nigel Chapman (CBC)	Apologies	Christopher Arnold (CBC)	No
Paul Evans (Clerk)			

1 Member of the Public - Pre-school representatives.

1 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

Cllr Bazeley re planning Application for Little Church House.

2 Pre-School

With the agreement of the council the item on the Pre-school was taken as the first item of business.

Cllr Doolin said that French Kier had never committed themselves to provide a building for the Pre-School on the New School Site and that the pre-school would need to take professional advice on a new building.

The Council considered the report on the pre-school roof and asked the clerk to get a few more quotes for the immediate repairs to stop the leak. (Cllr McLauchlan put forward the names of 2 other roofers, & Cllr Doolin suggested 1 other). The Council agreed that the work must be done and the Clerk was authorised to spend up to £450 for this emergency work. The work was to be completed by the start of the new term in January.

The Pre-School representatives stated that OFSTED would not allow the Pre-School to use the SSC even on a temporary basis.

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10th October 2007.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 Clerks Report.

The report was received.

Village Sign.

The clerk outlined his approach to a new sign. He has asked a graphic artist to prepare a digital image based on the old sign and then to go to sign-makers for a "print".

Notice Board

The Parish Council approved the quotation fro Ashley for a new board in Oak.

Village Hall

The Village Hall request for grant towards the cost of new chairs etc. was discussed. The Council agreed that in the light of the problems at the pre-school, they were not in apposition to be able to make a grant to them.

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5 To receive correspondence.

The report had been previously circulated to the Council.

6 Planning – To review planning applications and confirm comments thereon.

Planning Applications : 072713, 072823, 072675

072713 - Plains Farm, Straight Road - Granny Annexe
No comment

072823 - Little Church House, Church Road - One & a half storey side addition. Approved - the PC felt it would be more in keeping to have dormer windows on the east side as well as the west.

072675 - Land opposite 42 Peppers Lane, Boxted - Certificate of lawfulness for use of land as open storage.

This land has been used for a small amount of agricultural storage in the past.

Although the land been tidied up now, the amount of land has increased in size substantially and a large concrete base has been installed. The site is surrounded by a close boarded wooden fence.

The Parish Council considers that the close boarded wooden fence is out of character (loss of visual amenity) with the area.

The site appears to be housing vehicles and building materials & the Parish Council is concerned that this should not be turned into a commercial reclaim yard.

7 New School

Cllr Doolin reported that the School would check that quotation received from Ruddick's on the modifications to the external lighting was still valid. The school would try and get the work completed during the Xmas break.

Cllr Doolin reported that Mrs Derry was very concerned about the parking round the school at the beginning and end of the day. The Council agreed that Mrs Derry should write directly to Highways with her concerns. These problems could be magnified when building work on Phase I of the Hill Farm development begin.

8 King George Playing Field

8.1 New Play Equipmen

The clerk reported that the new Play equipment from Playdale would be installed early in December and the new see-saw etc was scheduled for installation early in January.

The football club has asked whether the Grounds-man could roll the pitch more frequently. Cllr Mclauchlan said that she would check with the Grounds-man. The clerk suggested that the Football club should deal directly with the Grounds-man.

8.2 Sports & Social Club

Cllr Doolin reported that

1. the grant application to Awards for All was waiting on a Statement of Youth Involvement from the Cricket Club.
2. They were preparing a standard set of charges for the hire of the facilities.

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9 Village Design Statement.

Cllr Grant reported that the village questionnaire had been distributed and about 50% had been returned.

10 Finance -

10.1 Payments

The payments listed on page 2 of the agenda were approved. (details in Financial Report).

The council agreed to the adoption of the NALC Pay rates for 2007-8 and that The Grounds-man should have an increase of £0.20p per hour.

Financial Report:

The financial position at 20/11/2007

Current account :	7374.48
30 day account :	7061.20
Close Brothers High Interest Account	30000.00

Payments authorised :

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
Roy Andrews	KGV ground maintenance	chq000544	63.00
Paul Evans	Clerks Salary	chq000546	1003.14
Peke Services	- Clerks Expenses	chq000547	81.13
Dennis Meekings	re Pre school repairs	chq 000601	260.00
Birkett	Legal expenses re Boxted Old school	chq000548	617.50
A L Argent	- Mole control	chq000549	181.62
Kent Blaxill	Materials re pre school	chq000550	75.29
L Clark	- play area fencing renovation	chq000551	402.00
Playdale	- deposit	chq000552	1036.94
Renegade Publishing	Web-site Hosting Charge	chq000553	70.500
Mclauchlans	Seed for KGV	Chq000554	27.86
Inspring Communities Ltd	Junior football	chq000555	208.00
Total			3999.12

Special projects

Cllr. Mclauchlan suggested that the driveway to the emergency exit in the Village hall needs attention.

11 Other Business

The clerk was asked to obtain details and plans of the Cuckoo Farm Park & Ride Scheme.

Cross Cottages

The council briefly discussed the problems caused by children playing in the Cross Cottages Cul de Sac. The clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of "No Ball Games" signs with Highways.