

Boxted Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Boxted Village Hall on
Wednesday 10th October 2007

1. Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Liz Bazeley	Yes	Tim Brentnall (Chairman)	Yes
Tracey Doolin	Yes	Brian Grant	Yes
Hugh Large	Yes	Steve Lawrence	Yes
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 - Chris Tadman.

1 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

Cllr Bazeley re planning Application for Boxted Hall.

2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2007.

The minutes were approved with the correction to the list of attendees (nem con) and signed by the Chairman.

3 Clerks Report.

Cllr Doolin will contact the School concerning the external lighting.

4 To receive correspondence.

The report had been previously circulated to the Council.

5 Planning - To review planning applications and confirm comments thereon.

Planning Applications : 072288, 07342, 072468

The Parish Council had no comments to make on the above application.

Planning Application : 072403 - 10 Holmdale Cottages.

The council agreed that the application was an overdevelopment of the site and the council would make a formal comment on the application.

Planning Application : 072290 Wig & Fidgett - Change of Use from Public House to Private Dwelling.

The Council discussed the proposal and felt that the proposal would remove the last chance of a social focal point in the village. The Council agreed that it would make a formal objection to the application.

Planning Application : 072382 Hill House Farm. - phase 2.

Cllrs Bazeley & Brentnall withdrew from the discussion of this item.

The Council felt that phase 1 should be completed first and the effect (traffic, light etc) of the development on the village could be gauged. Currently lorries are turning round using the new school's car park. The council felt that this was unacceptable.

1. The proposed building were out of character with the village, being more suitable for an Industrial Park.
2. There is only 1 2 storey building currently on the site. The proposed buildings are higher than the existing building on the site and would be visually intrusive and overlook nearby housing.

Overall it was felt the proposed development was out of control and not appropriate for its setting.

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Planning Enforcement.

Currently Colchester Planning enforcement are looking into three sites :
Haveli, 42 Peppers lane & 25 Straight Road.

6 New School / Pre School.

The clerk was asked to check the New School's planning application for the specification of the hedging etc that should have been planted.

7 Sale of Old School.

Cllr Brentnall tabled the signed documents. The Council has only given right of access.

8 King George Playing Field

The installation of the new heavy weight goal posts is ongoing. The clerk was asked to ensure that all of the various old posts were either removed from KGV or safely stored.

Maintenance on going.

The clerk reported that he had not heard whether the Cory Application had been successful.

Sports & Social Club

They have a water meter for installation on the feed to the square.

9 Village Design Statement.

Cllr Lawrence reported that the village questionnaire had been discussed with CBC Planning and had been considerably slimmed down. It was hoped to distribute it in the 1st week of November.

10 Finance -

10.1 Payments

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

Financial Report:

The financial position at 30/9/7

Current account :	£12003.81
30 day account :	£33347.18

The "Tennis Club" monies were received at the beginning of October and have been deposited in the the 30 day account. These funds are held in a specified reserve.

Payments authorised :

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
Kent Blaxill	Paint for Play equipment	000530	73.82
Roy Andrews	KGV maintenance	000531	146.45
Peke Services -	Clerks Expenses September	000532	196.61
HMG	Quarterly Tax & Ni	000533	56.50
Paul Evans	Clerks salary	000534	503.07
Boxted Methodist Church	Graveyard	000535	230.00
Langham & Boxted PCC	Graveyard	000536	570.00
Lubbock Fine external Auditor	Accounts for 2006-7	000537	334.88
K Glazing	Pre- school repairs post 2 nd break-in	000538	139.12
L Clark	Playground maintenance	000539	180.000

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Maclauchlans	Supply of Diesel., Rat poison, paint etc.		335.29
			0
Total			2765.74

10.2 High Interest Account

The Chairman & Vice Chairman signed the Application Form for the Close Brother's Deposit Account. It was agreed that £30000 should be transferred to the account.

11 Other Business

Chris Tadman raised the problem that Heavy Goods Vehicles were trying to use Hundreds Lane. The Council asked the Clerk to write to ECC to try and get the installation of warning signs that the lane was not suitable for HGVs.