

Boxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Sports & Social Club on
Tuesday 8th April 2008

1. Present

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

Members of the Public.

Chris Tadman , Phil Dibbins, Mark Healey.

1 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

Cllr Pugh declared an interest in a Planning Application from Anglia Skips.

2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th March 2008.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 Clerks Report.

The report was received.

3.1 Overflow Car Parking.

Cllr Pugh tabled a quotation for the work, which came out to £40 per square metre. The use of the area as overflow car-parking was discussed. It was felt that for about 4 times a year it was not cost-effective to proceed.

Mr Tadman reported that the village hall did not want the trackway to the emergency doors improved as they were trying to stop people using them.

4 Pre-School

The Council will be visiting the pre-school on Tuesday 29th April at 1000. The state of the ceiling was briefly discussed. Any decisions on what to do with the building were postponed until after the visit.

5 New School.

Cllr Doolin reported that the School were bringing in Contractors to do the work on the lights. The cost would be similar to that quoted by Ruddicks.

The Primary School was worried about traffic congestion and pupil safety during the re-development of the Hill Farm Industrial Estate. The Council agreed that the School should approach CBC direct and that they should monitor the traffic.

6 To receive correspondence.

The report had been previously circulated to the Council.

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7 Planning -

7.1 Great Horkesley Park (Buntings)

The Clerk reported that after consulting Cllr Bazeley, he had requested a hard copy of the proposed development.

7.2 To review planning applications and confirm comments thereon.

Existing Planning Applications

080042,	9 Songers Cottages	Approve Conditional
080075,	Oaks farm	Approve Conditional
080153,	The Haven Dedham Road	Approve Conditional
080253,	Great Oaks	Approve Conditional
080229	45 Straight Road	Approve Conditional
080451	Lavender house -	No decision
080460	Boxted House	No Comment

New Planning Applications.

080514	62 Straight Road	No comment
080554	Kings Cottages	No comment
080599	16 Accommodation Road	Comment made
080692	Luckfield	Comment made

7.3 New Colchester Borough Plan

The need for the completing the VDS was emphasised as it is required as input to the New Colchester Borough Plan.

7.4 Village Design Statement.

A 60% response rate has been achieved. The analysis is complete and the first draft of the report has been prepared. The AGM will be held on 1/5/08.

8 Sports & Social Club, King George Playing Field and Village Hall

8.1 Sports & Social Club,

Mark Healey (Boxted Dodgers) briefly outlined the developments of the SSC needed to bring the changing facilities up to specification if they were to achieve promotion to a higher league. These improvements have been agreed to by the Cricket Club.

1. Separate shower facilities for the Home & Away teams. These could be added next to the existing shower facilities. Estimate cost £2900.
2. 20 ft Container (minimum) for the storage of football equipment. This would free up the garage for the parish Council maintenance equipment. . Estimate cost £1600.
3. New removable floodlights. . These would enable the footballers to move the training area around which would decrease Estimate cost £500

50% finance would be available form the FA.

The Football club are not thinking of a 2nd adult team.

Cllr McLauchlan said that they need a system to maintain the SSC. Cllr Doolin commented that the Football Section and the Cricket sections are working together. The Internals are being effectively cleaned. Mark Healey said that the team of Cllr Doolin and Elaine Starling have had a remarkable effect on the SSC. The Footballers are trying to get Charter Status, and the Cricketers are trying to get the youth involved.

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The Parish Council agreed that these proposals should be supported. Cllr Brentnall said that he would like to see the new committee in action before committing Parish Council money.

8.2 Village Hall

Chris Tadman from the village Hall reported that the light outside the Village Hall had failed. He believed that this was the responsibility of the parish Council.

The Village Hall exterior is in need of work and that they would also like to buy some new chairs. They would like a £6000 contribution from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this should go on the May Agenda.

9 Finance -

9.1 Payments

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

Financial Report:

The financial position at 31/03/2008

Current account :	7612.63
30 day account :	171.03
Close Brothers High Interest Account	30266.51

Payments authorised:

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
Roy Andrews	KGV maintenance	Chq000589	40.95
Michael Newman	Fuel for strimmer	Chq000590	5.19
Alan Pittard	Digital enhancement of Village Sign	Chq000591	65.00
Peke Services Ltd.	Clerks expenses to 31 st March 2008		
Peke Services Ltd.	Clerks expenses 1/4/8 -8/4/8	Chq000592	69.28
Paul Evans	Clerks Salary - Month 1		496.63
CBC	Rates for KGV	Chq000593	309.15
EALC	Subscription for 2008-9	Chq000594	257.95
RCCE	Subscription	Chq000595	28.00
Total			1272.15

10 Chapel Lane

Cllr Chapman reported that the 21 days notice on the "traveller" site is up and the official procedure had been started. He said that he would do a monthly report to the Parish Council.

Cllr Chapman said that he would take up the problem of the 20-40 propane gas cylinders and the mound of tyres. These are a definite fire hazard.

11 Corner of Straight Road around Boxted Cross.

The problem was briefly discussed. The clerk reported that he had raised the problem with Highways.

12 Other Business.

Cllr Bazeley reported that the lead had been taken off the roof of the old school, the tiles were slipping and children were playing on the site. The Clerk was asked to inform Lewis Chambers of the problems.