

Boxted Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall on
Wednesday 13th February 2008

1. Present

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

Members of the Public.
Mr Kettle

Councillor Thomas had advised the chairman that he would be late. Cllr Bazeley took the chair as Councillor Brentnall was unable to attend.

1 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

None

2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2008.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3 Clerks Report.

The report was received.

Village Sign.

The council agreed to get a digitally enhanced image of the Boxted Cross made, before finally deciding on what to hang.

4 Pre-School

A discussion of the Surveyor's report was postponed until the next meeting.

The money for the existing building had been raised by the Playground Committee. Subsequently the Parish Council adopted the building.

It was agreed that the Clerk should forward to Mrs Gilbert the results of the funding search.

Mr Kettle said the Methodists owned a field next door to the Chapel and it might be possible to use it as the new site of the Pre-school. He also said that the pre-School had approached them on the use of the Methodist Hall for the pre-school. There were problems concerning the need to tidying things away. The Pre-School prefer a single use Building.

5 To receive correspondence.

The report had been previously circulated to the Council. Cllr McLauchlan said that she was not able to go to the RCCE seminar on "Play it Safe" It was agreed that the Clerk should go.

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

Existing Planning Applications : 72901, 72965, 73101, 73154

072901-	Luckfield	refused
072965	Isola, Ellis Road,	approved
073101	3 Langham Road	approved
073154 -	7 Accommodation Road	No decision

The Haveli out house is going to Committee on the 14/2/2008. The Parish Council have commented on the application.

New Planning Applications. 080153, 080253

080153	The Haven Dedham Road.	No comment
080253	Great Oaks Horkesley Road	No Comment

7 King George Playing Field

The Council discussed the option of re-registering the KGV Playing Field as a charity in order claim the maximum rebate on the Business rate.. They confirmed their previous decision not to re-registering the Playing Field.

7.1 Sports & Social Club.

The clerk reported that Award of All application was being processed. The Council passed a vote of thanks for all the work that Cllr Doolin had put in to the application.

8 Litter Collection

The Parish Council agreed that the local initiative was a good thing. The Clerk was asked to explore the possibility of getting reflective jackets and other litter picking equipment from the Borough Council.

9 Village Design Statement.

Cllr Lawrence reported that they had had 280 responses. David Lovall will be completing the analysis within the next fortnight.

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 31/01/2008

Current account :	9111.31
30 day account :	154.15
Close Brothers High Interest Account	30000.00

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Payments authorised :

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
David Isted	Hedge trimming	chq000563	88.12
Playground services	Refurbishment of swings & see-saw	chq000564	1600.75
Findlay Roofing	Pre-school repairs	chq000565	129.25
Playdale	Play equipment final invoice	chq000566	571.05
Littlethorpe	Bus shelter & delivery	chq000567	5146.5
Anglia Skip Hire	Bus shelter foundations	chq000568	528.75
Mclauchlans	Invoice 89 re delivery safety trac	chq000569	112.8
EWD	Super Trac	chq000570	474.94
Paul Evans	Clerks Salary	chq000571	493.07
Peke Services -	Clerks Expenses	chq000572	34.18
John Vickers -	Pre School Survey	chq000573	264.37
Roy Andrews -	Invoice No 52	chq000574	97.65
Michael Newman	Extra keys & Strimmer line.	chq000575	6.11
CBC	Re advert for code of conduct.	Chq000576	48.00
Total			9595.54

10.2 Grants.

The clerk was asked to get quotes for improving the parking conditions in the overflow car-park and the emergency exit from the village hall which is used as access for equipment with the idea of applying for grant funding.

Bill Kettle asked about the possibility of the Parish Council giving a grant to the Methodists to help with the refurbishment of the Hall. The Clerk said that he needed a formal costed proposal from them. Any such grant needed to be an Agenda Item before it could be discussed.

11 Web-site.

The Village web-site has been brought up to date and relaunched. The Council passed a vote of thanks for all the work that Howard Gilbert had put in to the new site.

12 Other Business

The clerk was asked to talk to Highways about the bus stopping at the junction of Horkesley Road / Straight Road.

The Clerk was asked to ask Highways about the Straight Road after the S bend and alongside Rose Cottage. HGVs travelling towards Colchester appear to be cutting the corner and crossing the verge and pavement by as much as 3ft..

13 Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on March 12th in the Village hall starting at 1900.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on 14th May.

Coffee and biscuits at 1830,

the meeting to start at 1900

to be followed by the Parish Council meeting.