

# Boxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall on  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008

## 1. Present

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

Members of the Public.  
Mr Kettle

Councillor Thomas had advised the clerk that he would be late. .

## 1 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

None

## 2 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 3 Clerks Report.

The report was received.

### 3.1 The Hedge along Cage Lane.

A decision on how to proceed was deferred until the quotation from Mr Isted had been received. Cllr. McLauchlan was worried about the stability of the bank if the whole hedge was taken out and replanted.

### 3.2 Overflow Carparking.

The clerk was asked to obtain a more complete quotation for the project.

## 4 Pre-School

The Council agreed that they would make a formal visit to the pre-school. The clerk was asked to liaise on the date. (The first Tuesday in the "Summer" Term was suggested).

The clerk was asked to get a copy of the Inspectors report which suggested that a disabled access ramp should be installed.

The clerk was asked to clarify the position on what the Council has to do in terms of disabled provision.

Mr Kettle briefly reported to the Parish Council on the results of his conversations with the planners and the Building Control Office at CBC and Mr Buckland of Tudor Trading Modular Ltd., about the use of the existing site. There is no reason to stop the existing building from being repaired or replaced. It would be extremely costly to repair the building so that it met today's building regulations and would be cheaper to put in a new building. The timescale for a new building is of the order of 12 weeks.

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### 5 New School.

The Council instructed the clerk to re-contact Bowling Garrard to restart the job of installing a control system for the new-school lighting. Mr Kettle said that he could give us the name of a second Electrician so that we could have two quotes.

The Primary School was worried about traffic congestion and pupil safety during the re-development of the Hill Farm Industrial Estate. The clerk was asked to check up on the conditions set by the Colchester Borough Planners.

### 6 To receive correspondence.

The report had been previously circulated to the Council.

Cllr Large volunteered to look at the NATS consultation.

### 7 Planning - To review planning applications and confirm comments thereon.

Existing Planning Applications : 073154, 080042,, 080075, 080153

073154, 7 Accommodation Road - Approved Conditional

080042, 9 Songers Cottages No decision

080075, Oaks farm No Decision

080153, The Haven Dedham Road No decision

New Planning Applications.

080253, Great Oaks No Comment made.

080229 45 Straight Road Comment agreed on 12/3/08

080451 no comment

080460 no comment

### 8 King George Playing Field

The Council discussed longer term issues involved with the Sports & Social Club and the pre-school.

### 9 Village Design Statement.

David Lovall will be completing the analysis by 27/3/08.

### 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 31/02/2008

Current account :	2190.34
30 day account :	170.66
Close Brothers High Interest Account	30266.51

Subsequent to the above the Parish Council has made nett deposits of £7255 from the receipt of Grant income.

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Payments authorised :

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
Colchester United - Community Sports trust	Junior Football training	chq000577	338.40
E&J Fire & Security Ltd.,	Pre - school building fire check	chq000578	61.61
Bowling Garrard -	Floodlight renewal	chq000579	587.50
Roy Andrews	KGV maintenance	chq000580	69.30
Boxted History Group	- Village recorder	chq000581	50.00
Paul Evans	Clerks Salary - Month 11	chq000582	493.07
Peke Services Ltd.	Clerks expenses	Chq000583	69.70
Paul Evans	Working from home allowance	Chq000584	260.00
HMG	Tax & National Insurance	Chq000585	21.56
Fields in Trust	Annual subscription	Chq000586	35.00
Paul Evans	Clerks Salary - Month 12	chq000587	493.07
Total			2479.21

### 10.2 Village Sign and New Notice Board.

The Clerk was authorised to go ahead and get a new village sign.

The clerk was authorised to give the go-ahead for the Ashley Slater to make and fit the new notice-board in the bus shelter.

### 11 Other Business

Mr Kettle raised the environmental health / control problems in Chapel Lane . Mr kettle reported that there were problems with rats and storage of gas cylinders which could be a fire hazard. The Chairman requested that this should be placed on the Agenda of the April Council Meeting.

(i) Can we, not the school, put in motion getting a quote from Bowling Garrard. We know BG are acceptable to the School. You will need to send them the quote from the lot that have gone bust and see if they can match it or indeed improve upon it.

(ii) On the Chapel Lane gypsy site I would like a little more detail on the environmental problems that Bill was describing. In particular the rat problem - the dangers of the gas cylinders exploding etc.