

Boxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall
on Wednesday 10th February 2010

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		
		Paul Evans (Clerk)	Yes
Nigel Chapman (CBC)	Yes	Mrs A Brown (ECC)	Yes
Member of the Public	Mr Holland (chairman SSC) Mrs E Starling (Treasurer SSC).		

2 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

None.

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2010

The minutes (proposed by Cllr Bazeley and seconded by Cllr McLauchlan) were approved and signed Cllr Brentnall

4 Clerks Report.

The report had been previously distributed.

4.1 SSC Club.

The SSC is owned and insured by the Parish Council. The land is subject to a trust given to Fields in Trust.. To facilitate development of the SSC, the Parish Council is prepared to grant a long term of the building. However, the Parish Council will need to see a realistic business plan before going forward.

4.2 Runkins Corner

The council discussed the request from Langham Parish Council to support their wish for way-markers at Runkins Corner. Boxted Parish Council are unsympathetic to this request.

4.3 Boxted pre-school (Little Owls).

Cllr McLauchlan asked whether there had been any provision for a temporary road over the cricket outfield when the new building was being brought into place. Cllr Pugh responded that it had been part of the contract specification from the ground-works etc. Cllr McLauchlan reported that the grant include an allowance of £7000 for the demolition and removal of the old building..

Cllr Thomas tabled an email from Howard Gilbert concerning progress over the contracts for the new building.

The Clerk pointed out that the lease would have to come before the full council for ratification, (it needs to be a formal agenda item with a resolution). before it can be signed.

The Council appointed Wendy Martin at Birketts as their Solicitor.

5 Correspondence Report.

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6 Village Design Statement

Cllr Lawrence had sent the clerk a copy of what he hoped would be the final draft. The clerk had printed 1 copy and asked whether any councillor wanted a copy for their own use.

7 Planning

7.1 Oak Tree Farm

The Council discussed the Oak Tree Farm site, whether it had been used for industrially purposes as against agricultural use. The clerk was asked get clarification on this point from Sarah Hayes (CBC)

7.2 New Developments in Myland.

Cllr Bazeley reported that she and Cllr Mclauchlan had visited the offices of the Myland Parish Council to look their proposals as an alternative development to the proposal from CBC. CBC are suggesting that a new playing field would be created next to the Park & Ride and the existing playing fields would be developed. Karen Syrett (planning CBC) was not happy with the Myland proposal.

There would be no direct access from Boxted to the new Park and Ride.

7.3 Wind Turbines at Cuckoo farm

The council was informed that there was a proposal from HMG to set limits of how close Wind Turbines could be erected to a Major Highway.

The clerk was asked to arrange a meeting (possibly a joint meeting with Langham) with CHB on this proposal.

7.4 New Junction with A12.

The clerk was asked to check whether he had received the printed leaflet on the proposal. Cllr Brown (ECC) reported that Highways would monitor the traffic flows for 6 months after the the new junction was opened before putting in any traffic restrictions.

7.5 Enforcement.

The Parish Council decided that they would like another meeting with CBC planning enforcement to review the current situation.

7.6 Horkesley park

The Council were informed that CBC will be employing a planning consultant to advise when the the applications comes up for appeal.

8 Finance -

The financial position (cleared balance) at 1/2/2010

Current account :	72005.60
30 day account :	302.61
Close Brothers High Interest Account	31844.26

After looking at the Market Rates , it was decided that £50000 should be transferred from the Current Account and put into an 18 month bond at 3.4% interest.

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8.1 Payments

The council approved the payment of the invoices listed below.

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
Langham with Boxted PCC	re Amen field	000746	5.00
Martin Stone	- Tractor maintenance	000747	125.79
Adam mason	- tree surgery	000748	235.00
Paul Evans	Salary – February	000749	512.86
Peke Services	- office expenses	000750	131.40
langham with Boxted PCC	Anglican Grave yard Grant	000753	570.00
Methodist Church	Methodist Graveyard Grant	000751	230.00
Boxted History Group	Village recorder	000752	50.00
Fields in Trust	Annual membership	000754	35.00
Fern Heating	- plumbing repairs at Pre-school	000755	63.00
Fenn Wrght	- re sale of old school	000756	690.00
CALC	CALC membership	000757	35.00
Information Commissioner	Annual subscription	000758	35.00
	Total		2718.05

8.2 To resolve to pay the legal costs of the Parish Council in drawing up the lease for the Little Owls Pre-School.

The resolution was amended to read :

Boxted Parish Council will pay the legal costs of the Parish Council in drawing up the lease for the Little Owls Pre-School subject to cp of £1000.00

The amended resolution was proposed by Cllr Bazeley and seconded by Cllr Mclauchlan and was passed nem con.

The money for this spend will come from the Playground Reserve and be counted as part of the Section 137 spend..

8.3 To resolve that the match fee for the formal use of the King George Field should be raised to £10 per match.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr Bazeley and seconded by Cllr Grant and was passed nem con.

9 Review of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations.

However since circulating updated copies of the Standing Orders & Financial Regulations, the Council had received copies of the 2010 model Standing Orders from EALC. The clerk said he would compare the revised Standing Orders etc with the latest Model Standing orders and bring them back to the Council.

10 Allotments

Cllr Brentnall volunteered to talk to the local farmers about getting a formal offer of land.

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11 Appointment of the New Clerk.

The Council agreed that the post should be advertised on the same basis as the existing clerk.

12 Other Business

Cllr Mclauchlan tabled a petition from the older Botted Residents for some Bungalow. Cllr Chapman suggested that the Council should initially write to the Rural Housing Association.

Cllr Chapman raised the issue whether there was sufficient demand for bus service running at 1630 from Colchester to Botted. The service provider is prepared to run an additional service if sufficient demand can be proved.

Cllr Brown stated that a pilot scheme for free bus passes for the under 19s would start in the Borough on 1/4/2010.

Cllr Brown asked whether the villages had problems with the closure of the road by the Community Stadium on match days. She would like to see a road closure notice at the junction of Langham & Straight Roads.

The meeting closed at 2010.

Signed	
Date	10 th March 2010