

Boxted Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall
on Wednesday 14th July 2010

1 Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Liz Bazeley	Apologies	Tim Brentnall (Chairman)	Yes
Tracey Doolin	Apologies	Brian Grant	Apologies
Hugh Large	Yes	Steve Lawrence	Yes
Angela McLauchlan	Yes	Gene Pugh	Yes
David Thomas	Yes		
		Paul Evans (Clerk)	Yes
Nigel Chapman (CBC)	Apologies	Mrs A Brown (ECC)	Apologies
Chris Arnold (CBC)	Yes		
Member of the Public	Darren Grove and others for the Wind power presentation.		
Wind power (Agenda Item 3)	Chris Dowsing (CBC Strategic Waste & Sustainability Manger) Samantha Preston(CBC Climate Change Officer) Chris Pullen (Partnership for Renewables).		
Transport (Agenda item 4)	Danny Douglas RCCE Rachel Price (ECC)		

2 Wind Turbines at Cuckoo farm

Chris Pullen from Partnership for renewals gave a presentation on the proposal for 2 125m high wind turbines at Cuckoo farm.

A feasibility study of the project has been completed and presented to CBC. The study included.

- site accessibility (good straight off the new junction),.
- initial wind speed study 6.7m/s. (the wind speed at the hub needs to >6.1m/s for satisfactory power generation).
- No ornithology constraints
- Connection to the national grid (East Anglia has poor connectivity).
- Distance from local housing
- does not interfere with telecommunication

The last 2 criteria heavily constrain the positioning of the turbines.

There are no lease issues with the use of the site for agricultural purposes.

The next stage is to do the development stage of the plan, which includes public consultation and would take between 12-36 months. This stage includes a 6-12 months wind speed survey covering at least the winter period.

After the Development stage, site construction would take 9 months and the turbine installation a further 4-12 months.

Further points made :

- The design life of the turbines is 25 years.
- The payback time is around 6months at which time the project would be carbon neutral
- The 2 turbines would generate sufficient power to supply around 2400 houses.

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- The Wind Turbines would eliminate housing development in the area.
- The income would be split between PFR and CBC with some money going to the local parishes.
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3 Transport access to Boxted by bus

Danny Douglas (RCCE) introduced the idea to trying to get the two providers of Bus services to Boxted to accept each others tickets. The Council agreed that this would be a very useful development. Cllr Mclauchlan suggested that Mr Douglas should meet with representatives of the bus users. (Vick Iait, Ros Freeland Passenger transport rep and Ruth Sycamore (Evergreens) to further refine the needs of Boxted residents.

4 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

None.

5 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16th June 2010

With the corrections to item 9.2, the minutes were approved nem con.

6 Clerks report.

6.1 SSC repairs

The clerk reported that, as at 14/7/10) he had only received 1 quotation.

6.2 Travellers

The clerk had circulated a report from Clerks & Council Direct on travellers disregarding planning requirements. Cllr Large reported that there had been 2 attempted break-ins around Boxted Church and that it would appear that the travellers are back..

7 Correspondence Report.

The report had been previously distributed

8 King George Playing Field.

8.1 Play Equipment for teenagers

The Council is awaiting the detailed quotation from Playdale. The Clerk suggested that we should obtain alternative quotations.

8.2 Ideas from Boxted Lodgers and Boxted Cricket Club on the use of the land previously used by the pre-school.

The council considered that they should consult with the potential users of the area on what could be done. The clerk reported that he would meeting Mr Groves on site after the Parish Council meeting to look at how much land could be made available..

9 Pre-School

Nothing to report, building work has started.

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10 Broadband

Cllr Lawrence reported that he had not been able to make any progress. The Clerk said that he would contact Lloyd Fenton at Count broadband

11 Mobile Phone Coverage

To be completed.

12 Planning and other Developments

12.1 Illuminated Sign at the new service area

The planning application for the BP Filling Station (A12 new Junction) was granted with a lot of restrictions on the what signage could be erected.

12.2 Bunting - Great Horkesley

The report from the Consultants (Nathaniel Litchfield) to CBC suggested that the application is not of national importance. ECC Highways has not made any objections on traffic volumes along the A134. However, Natural England is pressing for ECC to conduct an impact study of the traffic on the lanes between the site and the Dedham vale. AONB. CBC will also be pressing for this impact study to be completed.

13 Finance

The financial position (cleared balance) at 31/6/2010

Current account :	76013.97
30 day account :	302.65
Close Brothers High Interest Account	31844.26

13.1 Payments

The council approved the payment of the invoices listed below.

Invoice from	For	Amount
	Already paid	
Anglia Water	Water supplied to King George Playing field	489.45

To be authorized		
Invoice from	For	Amount
Roy Andrews	Work at KG playing fields	138.60
Paul Evans	Salary – July	508.84
Peke Services - Office expenses	- office expenses	66.79
Brennan Research	Re FIT – Mr James	140
CALC	Annual subscription 2010-11	35

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Birketts LLP	Re Pre-school & FIT	1864.50
Langham with Boxted PCC	Village Directory	36.66

The council also approved the spending on the leaving present to Mrs Derry, the headmistress of Boxted primary School.

The Clerk explained that the he had not received the original bill from Anglian Water and that he raised the cheque immediately he had received the final demand. However, he had received a copy invoice and a notice of rebate (Anglian Water had not subtracted the cost of supplying water to Songers on the original bill) on the same day.

13.2 To consider and draft a reply to the letter from Cllr Dopson On Grant Funding for 2010-11

The council considered that it was an ridiculous idea to bid for the Parish Support Grant.

Cllr Arnold suggested that we should look at what the Parish spends on facilities etc. that CBC pay for in the Non-Parished areas of Colchester.

14 Any Other Business

None

Signed	Cllr Bazeley
Date	8 th September 2010