

Boxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall
on Wednesday 10th March 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	Apologies		
		Paul Evans (Clerk)	Yes
Nigel Chapman (CBC)	Apologies	Mrs A Brown (ECC)	Apologies
Member of the Public	Howard Gilbert		

2 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

None.

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

The minutes were signed Cllr Brentnall

4 Clerks Report.

The report had been previously distributed.

4.1 SSC Club.

There had been a separate meeting with the SSC to facilitate progress.

5 Boxted pre-school (Little Owls).

The council agreed that

1. there should be a peppercorn rent and the pre-school would be responsible for the maintenance & repair of the building and grounds.
2. Any under-letting would have to be submitted to the Parish Council for their agreement. Any under-letting would be on the same terms and agreement as the lease.
3. There would be no need for a Guarantor. However we would need an appropriate covenant in the lease about the maintenance of the building. The lease would go into default if the building was not satisfactorily maintained.
4. The Parish Council would bear the cost of laying an additional blanked off water mains in the trench that the contractors would have to dig to provide the water supply to the new building. However all of the original trenching work would be paid for by the pre-school as one would expect.
5. The electricity supply company will install a new supply to the Pre-School. The existing supply will be capped.
6. The Parish Council's solicitors will write to the holders of the Covenant saying that the new pre-school building is of similar size to the existing building that is being replaced. And the development is non-commercial.
7. Howard Gilbert gave an undertaking on behalf of the pre-school that the contractors would liaise with the cricket club and ensure that the outfield was maintained in a suitable condition so that the cricket club was not constrained by the building works.

8. Fields in Trust.

The Parish Council agreed that in exchange of removing the whole of the bottom corner, i.e the land outside the concrete perimeter path on which the new pre-school would be situated and the land between the SSC and the pre-school land, it would be prepared to dedicate the whole of the "King George Playing field including the land acquired in 1995 to the FIT.

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6 Correspondence Report.

The report had been previously distributed.

7 Village Design Statement

The council agreed that the current draft of the VDS should be published on the Parish Council's website.

8 Planning

8.1 Oak Tree Farm

The Council agreed that it should object to the application for a certificate of lawfulness.

8.2 New Junction with A12.

Councillor Bazeley tabled the plans she had obtained at the exhibition on the new junction. Overall the council approved of the junction / Park & Ride scheme; however the council thought that the proposed exit of the cycleway at Betty Potter's Dip was not well considered.

8.3 Village Design Statement

The parish Council agreed that the latest final draft should be posted on the web site.

8.4 Enforcement.

Councillors Bazeley and McLauchlan would attend the proposed training meeting on enforcement. The clerk was asked to check with Councillor Lawrence whether he wished to attend.

9 Finance

The financial position (cleared balance) at 1/3/2010

Current account :	69448.57
30 day account :	302.62
Close Brothers High Interest Account	31844.26

9.1 Payments

The council approved the payment of the invoices listed below.

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
Frank SANDERSON	Re playground fencing	000759	317.25
E & J Fire & Security Ltd	Pre-school inspection	000760	129.19
Paul Evans March	Salary – March	000761	515.86
Peke Services - Office expenses	- office expenses	000762	102.17
Boxted Village Hall	Village Hall hire	000764	180.00
			0
	Total		1244.47

10 Review of Standing Orders & Financial Regulations.

To be completed.

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11 Allotments

Cllr Brentnall reported that he had spoken to Mr Minter and that there is a possibility of getting some land., but not before Michaelmas.

12 Any other Business

12.1 Consultation on the frequency of Borough Elections.

The Parish Council instructed the clerk to reply to CBC "It would be preferable to elect the whole council at the same time once every 4 years"

12.2 Closure of Botted / Straight Road.

This item was deferred to when Cllr Chapman would be able to attend the parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 2010.

Signed	
Date	14 th March 2010