

# Boxted Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall  
on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2009

## 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	Yes
David Thomas	Yes		
Nigel Chapman (CBC)	yes	Paul Evans (Clerk)	Yes
Member of the Public	Mick Holland (Chairman SSC), Stephen Whybrow (Chairman of the Cricket Club)		

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

None

## 3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup> 2009

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

## 4 Clerks Report.

The report had been previously distributed.

### 4.1 Allotments

There had been expressions of interest by 20 people. The clerk reported that he had sent the list to the Allotments officer at CBC.

### 4.2 Fire damage to the Junior Play equipment.

The insurers have agreed with the Work being done by Lappsett (the equipment manufacturers). The replacement parts have been ordered from Finland and they expect to fit them on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### 4.3 Fireworks Night.

Mick Holland reported that the SSC had abandoned the plans for 2009, but were working on holding an event in 2010.

## 5 CALC

Cllr grant said that he would represent the parish at Future meetings, but he was unable to go to the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## 6 Pre-School.

The Council resolved (proposed by Cllr Brentnall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cllr McLauchlan) that the Council (nem con) would Grant a 25 year lease on sufficient ground between fence and the Sports & Social club for Boxted Little Owls to erect a new building. This lease is subject to contract and agreement by FIT.

The Clerk reported that he had had a long conversation with Rocky Shorrocks (FIT) and Rocky would put the plans forward to the FIT Council meeting in December.

## 7 To receive correspondence.

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## 8 King George Playing Field

### 8.1 Cricket Club

Stephen Whybrow brief the Council on the long term plans of the Cricket Club.

He reported that:

1. They had over 40 playing members and ran 3 senior teams.
2. There was an active Kwik Cricket section that had between 20-30 kids every Saturday.
3. They doubled the number of Vice-Presidents, 9 of the new ones live in the village..
4. They had successfully applied for grants, to cover the purchase of a bowling machine and had refurbished the hard wicket.
5. They had set up winter nets.

The main weakness was that the Cricket Club did not own (or have a long term lease on the square) their playing field. This weakness severely limited their ability to apply for grants.

The fact that they shared the far side of the outfield with the football club meant that they can't have home fixtures at the beginning and end of the season.

The Cricket club want to go forward. This means that they will have to look for land for another ground for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 ladies and colts teams. There is a lot of development money available for the purchase of land and the erection of pavilion.

If the SSC development went ahead they would want to stay and use the King George field as their main pitch.

The Cricket club has spent a lot of money maintaining the square. They would like to have a long term lease and also the right to fence off the square. The Parish Council said that they were quite happy to give the Cricket Club a long term lease on the right to play on King George Playing Fields. However they would have to take advice on whether they could allow the cricket club the right to fence off the square as it is a Public Playing field ( there could be health and Safety Issues). The Parish Council said that they would consult with FIT on the lease.

At the same time as giving the cricketers a lease, the Parish Council would wish to give a long term lease to the footballers.

### 8.2 Football Pitch

Cllr Pugh said that he would move the bench between the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pitch and the Skate Park. This would allow the pitch to be moved towards the Skate Park and keep the 20 yards separation form the edge of the pitch from Robin Human's land (as per terms of the grant of land).

The Clerk was asked to check with the insurers that there were no problems with the limited separation between the Pitch and the Skate Park.

Mick Holland (Chairman of the SSC) gave a brief report on the state of the SSC. The Clerk asked Mr Holland to send him the list of problems so that he could circulate it to the Council and get a quote for the work.

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## 9 To review planning applications and confirm comments thereon.

Application Number.	Location	Decisions / Status
090465	Extension to Kitchens at St Peters Church	No objection

It was noted that further work had taken place on the Summer House at Haveli. It was agreed that this should be brought to the attention of the Planning Department at CBC.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact the owners of the Wig & Fidgett and suggest that they secure the site. The clerk was asked to see if we can make a contribution to securing the site.

## 10 Freedom of Information Request.

### 10.1 Complaints procedure.

Cllr Brentnall suggested that the Council needs a formal procedure to deal with any FOI act enquiries and other problems. The Council agreed that a Sub-Committee should be set up as the primary interface. Councillors Large and Brentnall agreed to sit on the sub-committee.

### 10.2 FOI request by Buntings.

The Council discussed the request. The Council holds no information that was not already in the public domain, on the Bunting, or the Great Horkesley Park development, other than that provided by the Buntings. The clerk was instructed to reply to the FOI request with the statement that all the Council information was already in the Public Domain.

## 11 VDS

The VDS was with CBC for approval..

## 12 Finance -

The financial position (cleared balance) at 30/8/9

Current account :	13290.25
30 day account :	302.55
Close Brothers High Interest Account	31764.20

### 12.1 Payments

The council approved the payment of the invoices listed below.

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
CBC	Business rates for KG Field	chq000711	325.00
Peke Services Ltd	Clerks expenses	chq000712	67.00
Roy Andrews	Invoice no 70	chq000713	37.95
Mclauchlan	Work on KGC supply of diesel etc.	chq000714	215.62
Renegade Publishing	Hosting fee for www.boxted.org.uk	chq000715	69.00
Mark Healy	Re goalposts	chq000716	54.91
Paul Evans	Clerks Salary for September 2009	Chq00706	511.66
Heelis & lodge	Internal audit for 2008-9	Chq000718	115.00

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### 12.2 Old School / Camping Close

Cllr Brentnall reported that the sale of the Old School had been completed and the Camping Close Charity, administered by the Parish Council would receive £53000. The Council briefly discussed where the funds should be deposited. The clerk was asked to report on the options. The clerk reported that the Charity Commissioners had told him that these funds do not have to be in a separate bank account but need to be shown as special reserve in the Accounts.

The clerk was instructed to arrange a meeting with Stephen Whybrow on the request from the Church for an extension to the graveyard.

### 12.3 Internal Auditors report.

The Internal Auditor recommended that the Fidelity Insurance should be increase. The Council agreed that with the funds from the sale of the Old School the Fidelity Cover should be increased to £100,000.

The meeting closed at 2010.

Signed	
Date	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2009