

Boxted Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the Boxted Village Hall
on Wednesday 8th September 2010

1 Present

Councillors	Present	Councillors	Present
Liz Bazeley	Yes (Chairman)	Tim Brentnall	No
Tracey Doolin	Yes	Brian Grant	Yes
Hugh Large	Yes	Steve Lawrence	Yes
Angela McLauchlan	Yes	Gene Pugh	Apologies
David Thomas	No		
		Paul Evans (Clerk)	Yes
Nigel Chapman (CBC)	Yes	Mrs A Brown (ECC)	Apologies
Member of the Public	Darren Grove		

2 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda.

None.

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th July 2010

The minutes were approved nem con.

4 Clerks report.

4.1 Broadband

Cllr McLauchlan suggested that we should do a door knocking exercise and establish extent of the problem.

4.2 Work on the exterior of the Sports and Social Club.

Darren Grove reported that he has fitted a new front door and has organised volunteer labour from members of the SSC to help and replace the gutters, soffits etc. The SCC has asked for a small contribution, £300, from the Parish Council towards the direct cost of the work.

The Parish Council ask Mr Grove to confirm that they would not be disturbing any asbestos and that the "plastic materials being used" had come from reliable sources. The clerk asked for authority to pay the £300 assuming a satisfactory response to the Parish Council concerns.

Mr Grove also reported that the contractors for the new pre-school had knocked out a few bricks from the wall along the front of the building.

5 Correspondence Report.

The report had been previously distributed

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6 King George Playing Field.

6.1 Play Equipment for teenagers

Cllr Doolin has discussed the proposed Play Equipment with the Youth Club (15/7/10) and the School(19/7/10). Both parties supported the proposal and the input from the meeting was included in the final specification. Cllr Doolin tabled the detailed proposal from Playdale for the Play Equipment -(cost £21300).

Cllr Doolin has spoken to Wicksteads about the project but had not had a proposal from them.

Cllr Doolin said that the next stage was to look for Grant Funding and requested a letter of consent form the Parish Council.

The Clerk asked that the Parish Council should consider how much money it was prepared to spend on the project. The Council agreed to put between £4-5000 in to the scheme by spending Playground Committee, junior football monies and any monies left over from RCCE grants.

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

Mr Grove reported that the Cricket Club and the Footballers had done some preliminary scheming on what could be done. The idea would be to have 2 permanent nets and a Multi-use games Area (MUGA), which would be big enough for a full size basket ball court / 5 a- side football court. It would be big enough for a tennis court .The outline cost of the scheme is £93 -102K.

The council thought that there could be problems in using the area for Tennis as the nets posts would need to removable. The Parish Council approved the project in principle.

The Parish Council is concerned about the use of bad language on the Football pitch. Darren Grove reported that the FA have brought in a bad language control scheme this season. However, it is up to the referee to enforce it.

6.3 Waste on the King George Playing Field.

Darren Grove reported that the SSC is paying for a fortnightly collection of waste from the SSC. He offered to share the facility with the Pre-School.

7 Pre-School

Nothing to report, fitting out is in progress,

8 Traffic measures.

Cllr Chapman explained that the portable Vehicle Activated Signs were no longer available.

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The clerk was asked to check with Highways about the positioning of a salt bin at the Junction of Queens head Road and Straight Road. The Parish Council as prepared to buy the bin, if Highways would supply the salt.

9 Village Design Statement.

Cllr Lawrence thanked all those who had worked on the VDS, especially Cllr Large who had prepared the many drafts that the VDS had gone through. Copies of the final version were hand out to the Council.

It is planed to have the winding up meeting before the October meeting of the Parish Council. Cllr Lawrence suggested that any spare cash from the grant towards the VDS could be put towards the Youth play project.

10 Planning and other Developments

10.1 101734 - 22 Straight Road,Boxted.

Single storey rear extension (replacing existing conservatory) and first floor side extension.
No comment

10.2 101754 - 2 Horkesley Road, Boxted.

First Floor extension & new sun lounge.
No comment.

10.3 101639 - 6 Windmill Close, Boxted.

Extant permission to extend time limit for implementation of 2 storey rear extension granted under planning permission no. 071801.
No comment.

10.4 101679 - Orchard Leigh, Langham Road, Boxted.

Proposed bedroom extension to existing annexe.
When the original planning permission was given for this annexe, no supporting statement was issued. We are concerned that this extension is increasing the size of the annexe into a stand-alone house. There is no supporting statement as to why the annexe needs to be extended. We note that there is a condition that this should not be a separate dwelling and that Highways were not happy about the original application and recommended refusal due, among other reasons, to increased traffic on that busy road. A new drive/exit was made onto the Langham Road (as far as we can see, without permission) prior to the annexe being built. We feel this application should be refused.

10.5 101801 Land Adjacent to 1 Horkesley Road, Boxted, Colchester, CO4 5HS

This application was only received on 8/9/10. A response will be circulated to the parish Council when drafted

10.6 Bunting - Great Horkesley

The Parish Council commented that the response from Buntings on the Litchfield report was over 400 pages long.

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11 Finance

The financial position (cleared balance) at 31/8/2010

Current account :	72096.416
30 day account :	302.70
Close Brothers High Interest Account	31923.22

11.1 Payments

The council approved the payment of the invoices listed below.

Invoice from	For	Cheque No.	Amount
	Payments already made.		
P J Everette	Lawn-mower maintenance	000794	71.62
Cllr Bazeley	Re Mikka's leaving present	000796	50.00
	To be authorized		
Paul Evans	Salary – July	000797	519.97
Paul Evans	Salary – August	000797	516.26
Paul Evans	Re Tax & NI	000797	32.28
Peke Services - Office expenses	- office expenses	000798	67.86
Birketts LLP	Legal expenses re preschool	000799	262.50
CBC	2 nd payment of the NDR for Playing field	000800	275.00
Roy Andrews	Work at KG playing fields -77	000801	81.90
Boxted historical Society	Granttowards Village recorder	000802	50.00
Langham with Boxted PCC	Graveyard grant	000803	570.00
Boxted Methodist Church	Graveyard grant	000804	230.00
	Total		2605.77

11.2 Authorisation of new slab for the roller.

The council decided to postpone any decision on a new slab for the heavy roller until after the completion of all the works for the pre-school.

11.3 Authorisation of the £300 for the work on the exterior of the SSC.

The Council authorised the clerk to raise a cheque for the payment of the £300 to the SSC on receipt of satisfactory guarantees about asbestos and the source of the goods.

12 Any Other Business

Concern was expressed about the development of the bungalow opposite Anglia Skips on Straight Road.

The developments at 6 Line Cottage were noted.

Mrs Bran has complained about the blue signs regarding the Match day closure of Straight Road.

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Signed	
Date	13 th October 2010