

BOYLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Via Zoom on 22nd June 2020

Present

Clr P Wilkins
Clr R Watson
Clr D Watkins
Clr S Lees

Also present G Upson (Clerk)
S Elliot
D Waterhouse

- 1 Apologies
Clr S Bull DCCⁱ
Clr M Moore
Clr A Morley DDDC

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. The Non-Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th May 2020 were approved

4 It was agreed that none of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

5. Police Matters

None

6. Items Brought Forward

a) Village Plan

Action Councillors to put on hold until after the current lock down

b) Millenium Seat

Clerk confirmed that this had been bought by the Ladies Group

Clerk confirmed that £200 had been received from Cllr Morley at DDDC from the communities fund towards refurbishing the Phone Box

New Road Drainage and Ditches

The Clerk Reported that Cllr Bull had awarded £800 from DCC local projects funds to fund the financial Gaps towards the drainage project.

Cllrs asked that thanks be passed to Cllrs Morley and Bull for their help in funding these items in the Village

Action Clerk

Other Funding sources

Cllr Watson confirmed that he had now obtained formal quotes from Richard Spendlove the preferred contractor.

The works to be undertaken were from the Twisses Bank junction onto New Road down to the drainage ditch into Cubley Brook

The preferred option includes new pipework where the existing ditch had collapsed halfway along the road from the Pub to the Brook

where it would then link to the existing pipework across the road to the Brook Farm side and thence down to the Brook.

The area created by the new pipework would become a passing place for traffic using New Road

Additionally dependant on funding a sump could be created against the Twisses Bank / New Road Junction to collect silt run off from the fields and reduce blocking of the ditches.

adjacent landowners affected by the works had been approached to ascertain what contribution they were able to offer either by cash or the supply of transport to remove the silt etc. from the site recognising their riparian obligations as the ditches served their land as well as the highways.

Mr Bill Holland had offered the use of a Tractor and Trailer to remove the spoil

Mr Colin Prince had offered £500 towards the costs

Clr Bull from DCC had offered £800 from his local projects fund.

From the Floor Mr Elliot said that whilst he agreed with the proposal and that the work needed doing, he felt that other ways of funding the deficit should be being sought such as increasing the precept as all the Village benefited from the planned works and not solely land owners

The Clerk said that given the current Government guidelines Precept increases were limited to inflation. This would bring in some £8 to £20 increase pa only. If the Parish Councils Reserves sank too low this year the Parish Council would have to seek a local referendum explained the issue and why additional funding was required by increasing the precept funding beyond inflation.

Clr Watson said he would be approaching other local businesses to see if they might be willing to help financially.

All Councillors agreed to support subject to the Financial constraints of the Parish Council Budget

The Chair asked that thanks be noted to Clr Watson for his work and to Messrs Holland and Prince for their contributions

6. Financial Matters

a) Update of Budget and Banking Position

The Clerk reported that the balances of the two accounts were

Lloyds TSB Current Account £1966.53

Lloyds TSB 30 Day Account £3450.43

b) Invoices for Payment

Zoom (paid by Clerk) reduced Month 2 Sub £7.19

B Wood Audit Fees £25

6.2 Annual Accounts

6.2.1 Councillors agreed unanimously that the Chair sign the Certificate of Exemption

Having considered the findings of the review by the members meeting as a whole

6.2.2 approved the Annual Governance Statement

6.2.3 and agreed that the Accounting Statements should be signed and dated by Chair and Responsible Financial Officer

7. Planning issues

The Chair expressed concern that some breaches of planning were not being either picked up by the planning / building inspectors or their findings were not being reported back to the Parish Council. These included

The Orchard Audishaw Lane

No progress appears to have been made the breach of planning and building regulations

Alkmonton Rd

Building waste had been dumped in a ditch (possibly impacting on drainage) as part of works to create/improve the entry to the field

Land opposite Claremont Farm (previously Market Garden)

Clerk to write to Cllr Morley and Planning to ask for update.

Hallmark Tractors

The Clerk reported that an application had been received for a hybrid Change of use from Light Industrial B1(c) to Retail (A1), Cafe (A3) and Office (B1(a) uses Former Hallmark Tractors Site Ashbourne Road Sudbury Derbyshire DE6 5HL
Ref 20/00482/FUL

As this was in Sudbury Parish the Parish Council could not comment directly on this, but Villagers had expressed concerns over Road Safety and access onto the A515 from New Rd.

The Clerk recommended that any objections should be made as individuals using DDDC planning portal

<https://planning.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/online-applications/>

using the above reference number.

8. Reports of meetings of Outside Bodies

None

9. Items for information:-

The Clerk reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed that the Village Hall should remain closed for the foreseeable future given the workload involved in reopening

10. Other Items

Footpaths

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints from Villagers regarding the following footpaths

Footpath at the top of Malthouse lane Boylestone Footpath 14

blocked at one end and as a result overgrown

Footpath at Younds Farm Boylestone Footpath 5

Footpath sign is missing and stile/gate access been removed and blocked.

Additionally traffic safety hazard created by the siting of large stones on verge

Church Broughton footpath 44 stile not accessibility friendly and path through drive not accessibly friendly

Footpath also blocked by fallen trees on route

Mr Waterhouse agreed that the paths should be kept clear as they were an asset to the village

Councillors agreed that the Clerk should formally report these issues

11. Dates of next meeting

Meeting closed at 8:30

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