

Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Green Committees of Boreham Parish Council held in the Village Hall Boreham at 7:30 pm on Monday 21st September 2015.

Present

Councillor S Harris (Chairman)
Councillor S Bass
Councillor L Mann
Councillor G Cooch
Councillor J Galley (ex-officio)

Also in attendance: Mrs Jackie Lane (Parish Clerk)

G926 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mrs Daniela Crick (Minute Secretary). All members were present.

G927 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

G928 Dispensation Requests

There were no dispensation requests.

G929 Public Participation Session

No members of the public were present.

G930 Minutes of the Greens 20 July 2015

The Minutes of the Greens Committee Meeting held on 20 July 2015 had been previously distributed. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting.

G931 Chase Field Play area

Members were disappointed to note that the basket swing seat had been vandalised on 1 September 2015. The Clerk advised that a claim has been made with the Insurance Company to pay for the replacement (£750). It was noted that there was an excess of £100 and members approved the expenditure.

G932 Working Groups Reports

a) Village Sign Working Group — Members noted that the sign had now been refurbished and would be installed on completion of the Recreation Ground Path.

b) Recreation Ground Working Group:

(i) There had been a build-up of grass cuttings from the cricket square on the recreation ground under a tree. These cuttings had now been removed and the Clerk would be speaking to the Cricket Club with regard to arrangements for the disposal of grass cuttings next season to ensure that this build-up does not occur again.

(ii) Members were pleased to note that the path was near completion. The following was AGREED:

- on the completion of the path and the installation of the village sign an event would be held to celebrate the successful conclusion of these projects.
- on completion of the recreation ground path, the Parish Council's handyman would be asked to re-seed areas where soil had been laid.
- on completion of the works a site visit would be made by some councillors to ensure that all works had been carried out to the complete satisfaction of the Parish Council.

It was noted that some of the boundary hedges and trees on the Recreation Ground, in particular adjacent to Plantation Road, needed cutting back and the Clerk was asked to speak to the ground maintenance contractor to arrange for the necessary work to be carried out.

G933 Seating in the Parish

A report on seating in the parish had previously been circulated to members, and the contents noted. Members were pleased to note that the Expression of Interest form submitted to Essex County Council was successful and the Parish Council had been invited to submit a full application for funding from the Community Initiatives Fund towards the cost of maintaining existing benches and installing new benches in the parish. The Clerk reported that from 30 completed questionnaires so far received from local residents, approximately half were in favour of additional seating and various suggestions had been made for additional locations. It was AGREED to await the outcome of the funding application and submission of additional suggestions from residents before finalising new bench locations. In the meantime, the Clerk was requested to complete the Community Initiatives Fund Application Form.

G934 The Willows Pond

A report regarding this area had previously been circulated to members for their information. The Clerk clarified that the Parish Council has a licence to cultivate this area from Chelmsford City Council and historically volunteers had been involved in its maintenance.

Following a problem with the lifebuoy at the site (the wooden post that the lifebuoy was attached to had gone rotten and fallen over), and advice received from Chelmsford City Council, Members ratified the decision taken between meetings to remove the lifebuoy. It was proposed by Councillor G Cooch, seconded by Councillor L Mann, and unanimously AGREED that the Parish Council make enquiries with Chelmsford City Council with regard to revoking the Licence to Cultivate for this area (for ratification at the next full Parish Council meeting).

G935 Financial Matters:

a) Receive a budgetary control report.

Members noted and agreed the report.

- b) Maintenance of Sewage Treatment Plant, Chantry Field** – Members were provided with the quotation from Alpheus Environmental Ltd for planned preventative maintenance of the sewage treatment plant at Chantry Field for one year from 1 October 2015. It was noted that the annual cost had been increased by approximately 17.5% to £2,112. However, Alpheus had advised that since the contract was last priced some three years ago they had had increases in their labour rates and increases in sub-contract tankering rates and associated disposal rates. The Clerk clarified that the Parish Council arranged for the maintenance of the sewage treatment plant but the cost was fully recharged to the six residents connected to the system. It was AGREED to accept the quotation from Alpheus Environmental Ltd for the sum of £2,112 per year, to cover the period 1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016; the Clerk would explain to the residents the reasons for the increase.

G936 Report from The Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

There was nothing to report that had not been discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

G937 To receive a motion to exclude the Press and the Public from the following agenda item on the Grounds of Confidentiality under S.1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

This was agreed.

G938Chantry Field

Local residents had been asked their views, via the residents' questionnaire, with regard to selling Chantry Field; some responses had been received to date but more were expected. It was AGREED to continue to monitor residents' responses and to discuss the matter further at the next Greens Committee meeting. .

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their Attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.