

Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Boreham Parish Council held in the Allen Room, Village Hall
Boreham at 7:30pm on Monday 2nd March 2020

Present

Councillor J Galley (Chairman)
Councillor E Stammers
Councillor K Cherry
Councillor P Elkington
Councillor G Cooch
Councillor S Bass
Councillor L Reed
Councillor D Crick
Councillor A Leach

Also in attendance: Mrs Lisa Miller (Parish Clerk).

20/121 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and reason for absences accepted from Councillor Rice.

20/122 Co-option of Member onto the Council including signing of Declaration

IT WAS RESOLVED by unanimous vote that Linda Reed be co-opted as a member of Boreham Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance was duly signed by the member and clerk.

20/123 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Stammers declared an interest in Items 20/130 and 20/131 but the Chairman did not think that there was an interest.

20/124 Public Participation Session

Cllr Cooch reported that it was nice to see that some of the footpaths have now been repaired. However, there are still some footpaths needing work.

A resident spoke about Twills and that although he did not have any issues with the food van itself, he would like to complain about the noise created by the generator. He said he would like to see them connected to the mains electric sooner rather than later.

Another resident also spoke about Twills, again with no problem with the trading from the food van, but the generator noise is an issue and she would also like to see them get connected to the mains electric. She also raised concern over the proposed lighting to be installed along the footpath between the Scout Hut and the Play Area.

20/125 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2020

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd March 2020 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

20/126 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor J Galley's Report.** Cllr Galley had nothing new to report.

b) **County Councillor J Spence** – Cllr Spence reported that the big issue at present is the Coronavirus which residents are encouraged not to be concerned about but should take care to wash their hands as often as possible. The widening of the A12 is moving forward and meetings are being held with the areas affected to discuss the scheme. He asked the parish council if there were any concerns regarding Bulls Lodge Quarry.

- c) **Village Hall Management Committee Representative's Report** – Nothing to report.
- d) **Public Transport Representative** – various meetings scheduled in the next few days. Cllr Leach hopes to attend.
- e) **Community Speedwatch** – It was reported that Speedwatch monitoring will commence in the next 2-3 weeks and will focus on Plantation Road. Both SID and solar panels require attention as become loose in the recent high winds. Church Rd SID recorded total of 40,395 cars travelling southbound in February with average speed of 28mph and 4,242 cars exceeding the police prosecution limit. Maximum speed 67mph. Plantation Rd SID recorded total of 241338 cars travelling southbound in February with average speed of 30mph with 4,120 cars exceeding the police prosecution limit. Maximum speed recorded was 62mph.
- f) **Butlers Trust** – have received lots of applications for the next meeting.

20/127 Committee Minutes

Planning Committee meeting held on 20th January 2020.

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

Greens Committee meeting held on 20th January 2020.

The minutes were confirmed with no comment.

20/128 To receive the report of the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

Community Governance Review Meeting – Councillors had no comment for the meeting taking place on 6th March. The Chairman confirmed that they would report back following the meeting.

Radial Distribution Road – a letter has been received from the residents disappointed about their lack of being informed of proposed closure of the Generals Lane whilst the new bridge is built. It was agreed to write to the resident and to the planners regarding the lack of communication.

It was reported that the membership to the Essex Playing Fields Association was up for renewal as well as entry to the Best Kept Playing Fields Competition.

20/129 Proposal: To consider the new lease of a photocopier as the current lease expires in April

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the parish council would accept the quotation for a new photocopier at a cost of £184.50 per quarter compared to current cost of £202.18 per quarter and a quarterly saving of £17.68.

20/130 Proposal: To consider the trading of Twills on a long-term basis

Following a review of Twills to date and the only issues received being about the noise from the generator, IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the parish council would grant them an annual Licence once the initial three month trial is over but subject to them being granted permission to connect to the electricity mains of the Sports & Social Club. If permission is not granted, then this will be brought back to the Parish Council for further discussion.

20/131 Proposal: To consider additional lighting on the Recreation Ground between the entrance to Allens Close and the Scout and Guide Hut

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the quotation to install two identical lights to those already installed at a total cost of £2,700.00 be accepted and the order be placed. It was agreed to ask A&J Lighting to speak with the resident in Allens close before agreeing the position of the light along the footpath.

20/132 Proposal: To consider constructing a new tarmac pathway from the footpath leading to Allens Close to the Scout and Guide Hut at a total cost of £3,982.00 + VAT

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the quotation to construct a new pathway be accepted and the order placed. This work will be carried out when the footpath along the car park and sports and social club is also carried out.

20/133 Financial Matters

a) Budgetary control and Accounts Report - Members were circulated with budgetary control reports. Members approved the reports.

b) Ratification and authorisation of Payments - It was RESOLVED to accept the Accounts as drawn and ratification and authorisation was given for the cheques and payments (appendix attached).

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.37pm.