Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Boreham Parish Council held via Zoom Meeting at 7:30pm on Monday 1st June 2020

Present
Councillor E Stammers
Councillor K Cherry
Councillor P Elkington
Councillor G Cooch
Councillor S Bass
Councillor L Reed
Councillor A Leach
Councillor J Rice

Also in attendance: Mrs Lisa Miller (Parish Clerk), Mrs Justine Atterbury (Assistant Clerk)

20/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Galley and Cllr Crick.

20/23 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

20/24 Public Participation Session

None were present! Cllr Cooch reported that there was a tremendous increase in traffic down by the river as well as rubbish and people are not social distancing. County Cllr Spence has been looking at this problem and reported that it was an issue all the way along the river from Boreham to Maldon. He confirmed that the Police are trying to assist in dealing with the problem.

20/25 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2020

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th May 2020 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

20/26 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor J Galley's Report.** Apologies had been given and no report provided.
b) **County Councillor J Spence's Report.** Cllr Spence was in attendance and said that during April he was busy dealing with staff and colleagues who had the virus. He reported that the NHS are now having to attempt to deal with the backlog of other illnesses/operations that were delayed during the pandemic. The Police have created a domestic abuse line for those who are unable to speak when they need help, but he reported that there had not been the spike that they had anticipated. However more recently, Mental Health is becoming an issue following the long term isolation for everyone.
c) **Village Hall Committee.** It was reported that the village hall will be closed until September.
d) **Transport Representative.** No meetings held since the last meeting.
e) **Community Speedwatch** – The data had been downloaded from both SID Units. From the Church Road SID there were 40,000 vehicles over the six week period with 32% of those vehicles exceeding the speed limit with the maximum speed recorded of 64 mph. Of those, 4141 vehicles came within the prosecution limit. In Plantation Rd, the Northbound SID recorded 24840 vehicles during the six week period with 45% exceeding the speed limit. The average speed was 29 mph with the maximum speed recorded of 67mph. Of those, 4422 vehicles cam within the prosecution limit. The Police have been at the end of both Allens Close and Church Road carrying out speed monitoring. Cllr Reed

raised concerns that there has been a big increase in the number of cyclists on Waltham Road and with the recent relaxation on lockdown a big increase in traffic travelling at speed along theRoad.

f) **Butler Trust –** It was reported that a meeting was held on 19th May at which the responsibility of administering the trust going forward was discussed following the retirement of one of the trustees. It was suggested that the Essex Community Funding Association would be willing to take it on with two options to consider. After consideration of both, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** Boreham Parish Council would agree to the option of the existing trustees to remain but would be called panel members and would then not have to deal with any of the administration, however the agreement to meet the same amount of times each year would stay in place but there would be an additional option for an applicant to go to the ECF if the trust were unable to help. The panel would be given the option to step away or stay involved and continue to make decisions as panel members. The funds would only be allocated to residents of Little Baddow and Boreham.

20/27 **Committee Minutes**

Planning Committee meeting held on 11th May 2020.

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

20/28 **Clerk's Report**

It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase protective screening for the parish office.

20/29 **School Project**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would revisit the project to tackle speeding once things go back to normal and the children are all back at school.

20/30 **One Boreham**

It was reported that the leaflets have been now been distributed and they have had several volunteers come forward but no calls from those requiring assistance so far. The legal documentation has been put in place to get up and running. The safe guarding document is the only document yet to be finalised. It is anticipated that once training is in place, the phone will be on a rota.

20/31 **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).

c) Parish Reserve Funds & Future Projects – Councillors were reminded to come up with ideas for future projects. A community fridge was suggested to keep fresh food for those in need.

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 9.27pm.