Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Boreham Parish Council held in the Allen Room, Village Hall Boreham at 7:30pm on Monday 6th January 2020

Present
Councillor J Galley (Chairman)
Councillor A Leach
Councillor K Cherry
Councillor P Elkington
Councillor G Cooch
Councillor D Crick

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

20/96 Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Councillors Bass and Rice.

20/97 Declarations of Interest
No declarations were received.

20/98 Public Participation Session
A resident spoke about the Recreation Ground Charity and his opinion on the charges that the parish council should make to the Food Van for its use of the site.

The vegetation still remains overgrown at the shops. The clerk confirmed that she now knew who to contact regarding this and would address it when back in the office.

20/99 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2019 and the 2nd December 2020
Following an amendment and additional wording added to item 19/84 of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th November 2019, it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2019 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting

20/100 Correspondence
a) **Parish Walks 2020 –** these will take place on the following Sundays at 2pm, 26th April, 7th June, 19th July, 13th September 2020. It was agreed to decide which Cllrs are going to attend in advance of each walk.
b) **Transport Meetings 2020 –** the dates for the transport meetings had been distributed.
c) **Other Correspondence received** – no further correspondence had been received.

20/101 Councillors Reports
a) City Councillor J Galley's Report – last year the City Council announced that Chelmsford is an area that needs to address climate change. The council are only going to provide one roll of plastic bags for plastic recycling per year and residents will be encouraged to clean, squash and replace the lid of all plastic items to maximise load. The council are also with immediate effect no longer going to provide dog poo bags.
b) County Councillor J Spence – Cllr Spence gave his apologies and no report given.
c) Village Hall Management Committee Representative's Report – nothing to report.
d) Public Transport Representative – nothing to report.
e) Community Speedwatch – Nothing to report.

f) Butlers Trust – next meeting is on 21st January 2020.

20/102 Committee Minutes

Planning Committee meeting held on 2nd December 2019.
There was no Planning Committee on 2 December.
Planning Committee meeting held on 16th December 2019.
The minutes were confirmed with no comment.

20/103 To receive the report of the Clerk on matters not covered elsewhere on the Agenda

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council should promote the Community Specials and try to get suitable candidates to apply for the Boreham vacancies following the recent spate of vandalism around the village.

It is hoped that the white lining will be carried out this week or next.

20/104 To approve a grant of £151.00 to the Small Steps Pre-School to cover their contribution for the use of the play area in the Recreation Ground for one year only from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.
IT WAS RESOLVED THAT (by unanimous vote) the parish council approve the above grant for one year only as laid out in the terms above.

20/105 To approve a grant of £558.00 to the Football Club for their pitch rental of the Recreation Ground for the playing season September 2020 to May 2021. This is a one-off grant for this playing season only.
IT WAS RESOLVED THAT (by unanimous vote) the parish council approve the grant for one year only as laid out in the terms above.

20/106 To approve a grant of £392.00 to the Cricket Club for their cricket pitch rental of the Recreation Ground for the playing season May 2020 to September 2020. This is a one-off grant for this playing season only.
IT WAS RESOLVED THAT (by unanimous vote) the parish council approve the grant for one year only as laid out in the terms above.

20/107 To review the rent payable by Twills for the three month trial. Twills have requested a reduced monthly rent of £100 per month for the three month trial.
IT WAS RESOLVED THAT (vote: 4 for 1 against) the parish council will reduce the rent to £100.00 for the first month with a review at the next meeting dependent upon success of the business.

20/108 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) To approve the Budget Estimates 2019/20

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Revised Budget Estimate for 2019/2020 to date be confirmed, as below:

Main Budget to date:	
Total Income:	£178,230.69
Total Expenditure:	£ 69,329.69 (includes £7,001 of CIL)
Less CIL Monies received:	£ 89,100.32
Income after CIL:	£ 89,130.37
Future agreed expenditure of CIL:	£ 34,188.00
Remaining budget for 2019/20:	£ 26,801.68

Recreation Ground to date:

Total Income:	£ 1,117.00
Total Expenditure:	£ 2,544.51

There remains a shortfall in income versus expenditure to this account

d) To review and approve the Budget and Precept Figure for 2020/21

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT following the budget review, the presented budget as recommended would be accepted as follows:

Greens Committee:	£11,250.00
Finance Committee:	£78,700.00
Total budget for 2020/21	£89,950.00

The Recreation Ground budget is not included in the above but is made up as follows:

Income:	£1,600.00
Expenditure:	£2,930.00

Shortfall of £1,330.00 if the parish council agrees Agenda item 19/104/105/106. If the food van is given a licence to trade for the year, and the boot camp continues this could bring in additional income for the Recreation Ground of £2350.00.

The budget has resulted in a 1.4% increase on last year's precept (£88,725 + £1,225.00 = £89,950. However due to additional homes built in the parish since previous year:

Based on a tax base of £1,371.25, this precept would result in an average Band D charge to each property in Boreham of £65.60 (the Band D charge for each property for 2019/20 was £68.40). This is a decrease of £2.80 per property.

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.19pm.