Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Boreham Parish Council held at 7:30pm on Monday 1st November 2021 in the Goodwin Room of Boreham Village Hall

Present
Councillor J Galley (Chairman)
Councillor E Stammers
Councillor P Elkington
Councillor L Reed
Councillor A Leach
Councillor D Crick
Councillor K Cherry
Councillor C Toole

Also in attendance: Mrs Lisa Miller (Parish Clerk), Mrs Jo Penson (Assistant Clerk)

21/80 Co-Option of Councillor

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Chanel Toole be co-opted onto the council.

21/81 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were in attendance.

21/82 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

21/83 Public Participation Session

A resident reported that ECC had arranged for a contractor to cut the vegetation at the front of their property without permission or being notified beforehand. The vegetation had only been cut back two weeks previously so consequently the vegetation has been almost totally removed in places and has now left large open gaps allowing unauthorised access as well as a clear sight into the house. The council asked that the resident send them all the correspondence since as well as photos and agreed to write to Cllr John Spence.

21/84 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2021

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 4th October 2021 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

21/85 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor J Galley's Report.** Cllr Galley is attending a meeting to discuss the A12 works currently taking place. Chelmsford North East Bypass plans have been submitted for approval. Community Governance Review, we have until the end of November to fight our case for keeping the Boreham Airfield.
b) **County Councillor J Spence's Report.** Cllr Spence had sent his apologies. He provided a report which had been distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting. He reported that the latest A12 widening discussions recognise that Hatfield Peverel is a major issue and that several measures are being envisaged to prevent increased traffic flow through Boreham. Funding of £2000 was secured for planting at Chantry Field to help our bio diversity project and finally he had assisted in finding a compromise solution for a dropped kerb in the Willows.
c) **Village Hall Committee.** No meetings have been held since the last meeting.
d) **Transport Committee.** There is a meeting coming up on 18th November 2021.

e) **Community Speedwatch**. No report has been provided as the representative has now moved out of the area. The equipment has now been returned to the office but we need a volunteer to take over the responsibility.

f) **One Boreham.** The Scarecrow Trail was a big success again this year. The winning scarecrow will be announced tomorrow. It was agreed to put the winner on the cover of the next newsletter and put photos of all the entries in the magazine as well.

g) **Climate Crisis Environment Working Party.** Funding of £2000 has been obtained to purchase trees for Chantry Field. Hedgerows and the mulch are being donated by the Essex Forest Initiative but the council needs to donate 50% of the cost of the tree protectors. They have planted some snakes head Fritilleria bulbs in an area of the field. There is a double fence between the boundary of the bowling club and it is proposed to remove one of the fences and plant a hedgerow on the field side.

h) **Butler Trust**. The trust is being wound down and will be taken over by a central operation. The monies will however only remain available for residents of Boreham and Little Baddow.

i) **A12 Widening Meeting.** It was reported that when they had the consultation, because of the configuration of the roundabout at Witham and the removal of the junctions at Hatfield Peverel, they are now proposing more speed restrictions so where it's 60mph, it will become 40mph and where it is 40mph, it will become 30mph.

21/86 <u>To receive and consider the following Committee Minutes previously circulated</u>
Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 4th October 2021
The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

21/87 <u>Clerk's Report</u>
The clerk reported that the Essex Heritage Trust has funding available for various projects. It was suggested that the council may be able to request funding towards the Apple Trail project.
A letter had been received from Essex & Herts Air Ambulance asking for funding. It was agreed not to donate to them this year.
Cllrs Elkington and Reed agreed to lay wreaths on Remembrance Sunday.
A letter from a resident suggesting a larger bin is installed down at Chase Field. The Parish Council agreed to look into installing a bin.

21/88 <u>Queens Platinum Jubliee – 2nd June 2022</u>
It was reported that arrangements for the event are beginning to take shape. The Sports & Social Club have agreed to open on the day to sell alcohol and will join the working group in the New Year when we begin to make the finer arrangements. The Scouts & Guides have expressed an interest as well as the school to be involved and it is anticipated that the event will commence with a parade starting at the school and going via Juniper Road, the shops in Butterfield Way and Church Road via the Church, Plantation Road and into the Recreation Ground. There will be stalls on the Recreation Ground during the afternoon and a live band in the evening before the lighting of the beacon.

21/89 Apple Trail Project
The contract has been signed and returned for signature by the artists. A meeting has been arranged with the artists this week.

21/90 <u>Financial Matters</u>

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 8.45pm.