Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Boreham Parish Council
held at 7:30pm on Monday 7th March 2022 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 K Cherry
Councillor D Crick
Councillor C Toole

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

22/128 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors were in attendance.

22/129 Declarations of Interest

None were declared.

22/130 Public Participation Session

Mr MacMillan is an honorary member of the Tweedy Almshouse in Stock. The Almshouses are for the benefit of two needy people from Stock and two from Boreham. The finances of the charity are in a good state and the fabric of the building is sound. He wishes to retire as a trustee and therefore a new trustee is needed to fill the position. It was suggested that Stock Parish Council is asked if one of their parish councillors would like to take over the role as the listed building is in their parish.
He has also reported that he has received an ASBO notice for fly tipping due to someone having deposited a garage roof in Culverts Lane, which he is responsible for. His failure to have the waste removed could lead to a hefty fine.

22/131 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2022

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 7th February 2022 have been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

22/132 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor J Galley's Report.** The Budget meeting was held last week and the City Council have agreed a £5 per year increase which is significantly less than the ECC and Essex Police portions. The City Council has had a Community Governance Review of all the parish boundaries and it is proposed that Boreham will lose the Boreham Airfield from its parish.
b) **County Councillor J Spence's Report.** County Cllr Spence had given his apologies and nothing to report.
c) **Village Hall Committee.** Nothing to report.
d) **Transport Committee.** A letter has been received from a resident complaining that the 71A is not always coming through the village. The clerk will contact the bus company.
e) **Community Speedwatch**. Nothing to report.
f) **One Boreham.** Nothing to report.
g) **Climate Crisis Environment Working Party.** It was reported that the group have put up 9 nest boxes down at Chantry Field with more to go up in the Recreation Ground. More seeds are to be planted once the ground dries out and can be rotavated. It has been suggested that the land be registered as a small nature reserve, so this will go on the next Greens meeting Agenda. The group are looking to apply for a grant to put in a pond at the field which will need fencing and gated off. It has also been

suggested that the area by the gate into the Recreation Ground is planted and Cllr Reed will speak to the Scouts as they were previously going to cultivate this land.

h) Butler Trust. It was reported that the old trustee is having to sell off its investments before it can transfer the funds to the new trustees.

22/133 To receive and consider the following Committee Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7th February 2022

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 21st February 2022

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

22/134 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Apple Project Consultation that took place on 24th February at the Village Hall Market had been very productive and given the designers some additional ideas to include in the sculpture. The latest design was shown to full council all of whom were happy with the content. The artists will now commence the work on the sculpture and their invoice for the 2nd stage of their works has now been received. This is included in the Financial Expenditure at the end of the meeting for approval. Ideas for locations for the trail plaques were also shown to full council for discussion.

22/135 Queens Platinum Jubilee – 2nd June 2022

The next meeting of the working group would take place on Monday 14th March 2022 in the Village Hall.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would order Stage Branding for the event consisting of a Header Board and Back Wall at a total cost of £ plus VAT.

It was agreed that the toilets in the Village Hall, Scouts & Guides Hut and the Sports & Social Club would be sufficient for the event.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would order union jack bunting for the event (10 x 10metre length) at a cost of £14.40 per metre = £144.00. Since the meeting, the clerk has sourced bunting at a cheaper cost of

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council approve the hire of two lighting towers to provide lighting at the event at a cost of £145.00 per tower plus £230.00 delivery and collection charge (Total cost of £520.00).

22/136 Recreation Ground vehicular access gate

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council approve the quotation to improve the vehicular access to the Recreation Ground to allow large vehicles access when unlocked as it is currently not wide enough and at an angle that makes it tricky for large vehicles to access the site. The cost of the works is £568.00.

22/137 Treeworks on the Recreation Ground

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the parish council approve the quotation from Lumberjack Tree Services to carry out the required treeworks from the Recreation Ground at a cost of £1,250+VAT.

22/138 Chantry Field

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council approve the cost of a skip to remove the rubbish from Chantry Field.

22/139 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 9.26pm.