Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Boreham Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th February 2023 in the Goodwin Room of Boreham Village Hall

Present
Councillor L Reed (Chairman)
Councillor P Elkington
Councillor A Leach
Councillor K Cherry
Councillor L Miller
Councillor E Stammers

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

23/123 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Toole had given her apologies which was accepted by the council.

23/124 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Elkington and Leach declared an interest in item 23/132 (the Bowling Club land).

23/125 Public Participation

None were in attendance.

23/126 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2023 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

23/127 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor Report.** Cllr Raven had given his apologies and sent a report that the Council Tax rise for Essex County Council is likely to be 5% for Social Care and 1.5% for other services and the City Council rise is likely to be 3% but these will be confirmed at the end of the month.
b) **County Councillor J Spence's Report.** Cllr Spence was not in attendance and no report had been received.
c) **Village Hall Committee –** A meeting was held recently but nothing to report.
d) **Transport Committee –** A meeting will take place on 17th March so if anyone has any questions then please let the representative know.
e) **Community Speedwatch** – Nothing to report.
f) **One Boreham –** The Coronation Street Parties – St Andrews Church are keen to co-ordinate street parties for the Coronation alongside One Boreham. If anyone is interested in organising a street party then they should let us know and then can then be directed to the information packs.
g) **Climate Crisis Environment Working Party** – It was agreed to purchase two noticeboards for Chantry Field out of the grant money. It was also agreed to purchase a bench following a donation from a resident and an order of a bench like the ones recently installed at the Recreation Ground will be placed shortly.
h) **Butler Trust –** A meeting was held on 23rd January and we are awaiting Minutes.
i) **Paper Mill Lock & River** – Nothing to report.
j) **The Tweedy Almhouses** – It was reported that the four dwellings are now occupied and we have one applicant on the waiting list.

23/128 To receive and consider the following Committee Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 9th January 2023

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30th January 2023
The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.
Minutes of the Greens Committee Meeting held on 30th January 2023
The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

23/129 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that a tree would be planted on the Coopers land opposite Butterfield Road on 13th February at 11am by Jackie Galley on behalf of the late John Galley in his role as Mayor of Chelmsford.

It was reported that the Citizens Advice Chelmsford have written asking if they can meet with us to discuss how they can help the residents of Boreham in the current economic climate.

23/130 Grass Cutting Tender

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT following the request for three tenders the Parish Council would award the contract to DW Maintenance (they were the cheapest and have already been doing the grass cutting since 2018).

23/131 Clothing Recycling Bin

The Parish Council agreed that they would not like a recycling bin in the Village Hall car park as it could encourage fly tipping especially if the bins are full. The clerk would write to the company and inform them of the reasons and suggest they go back to the Village Hall and enquire about having an indoor bin.

23/132 Meeting with Chelmsford City Council

Chantry Field - It was agreed to ask why they want to charge the maximum for the sale of the land and discuss the covenants which are currently too restrictive. The Parish Council would like it to be restricted to leisure and recreational purposes only rather than just for Bowling and the City Council need to clearly outline the time limit for the resale should the parish council wish to sell it at a later stage and having to give them first refusal to purchase it at the same cost.

Chase Field – It was agreed to ask why they were asking for over 1000% increase in the rent. What would happen to the land if we decided not to lease it anymore?

23/133 Boreham Recreation Ground change of name

It was agreed that we would put a sign of the new name on the Main Road side of the Recreation Ground. A smaller sign would then be put on each of the entrance gates. The announcement to the residents of the change in name would be done in the March Newsletter with an official opening arranged as soon as the signs can be erected.

23/134 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) **Receipt of the Conclusion of Audit 2020/2021** – The Conclusion of the Audit was acknowledged by full council.

There being no further matters for consideration, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and declared the Meeting closed at 8.42pm.