Boreham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Boreham Parish Council
held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th March 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

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

23/135 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Stammers had given her apologies which was accepted by the council. Cllr Toole was not in attendance and no apology had been received.

23/136 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were declared.

23/137 Public Participation

None were in attendance.

23/138 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February 2023

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th February 2023 had been distributed and it was RESOLVED that they be signed as a true record of the meeting.

23/139 Councillors Reports

a) **City Councillor Report.** Cllr Raven had given his apologies and provided a report. The Council Tax for CCC will rise by 3% with ECC increase of 2% for Social Care and 1.5% for Council Tax. The Council was facing a £6.9m deficit for the next financial year. However the gap has been closed through a combination of efficiency savings, the use of some of its reserves but these are getting slowly depleted. ECC have cut the funding of the Highway Rangers. Photo ID will be needed for the Election on the 4th May. Two new Parish Councils have been formed; Chelmsford Garden Community – Beaulieu and Channels and Chelmer Village. A theatre membership scheme is going to be introduced with 2 tiers, one £35 annually and one £55 annually.

b) **County Councillor J Spence's Report.** A12 Widening is the big issue at the moment and the residents of Boreham and the Conservation Society have worked hard on providing the relevant information to the Inspector on the need for traffic calming measures once the junctions have been closed. They are expecting a budget to be announced for potholes again and the previous budget was not fully allocated. The recycling centre will be introducing a booking system from the 13th March, it will be a pilot scheme and if it works, they will introduce it permanently.

c) **Village Hall Committee –** Nothing to report.

d) **Transport Committee –** Cllr Leach will be attending a meeting on 17th March.

e) **One Boreham –** Cllr Reed is in discussion with Rev Wylie to consider whether One Boreham will organise a lunch event for the Coronation weekend.

f) **Climate Crisis Environment Working Party** – The pond at Chantry Field has completely dried out. The memorial bench is being delivered on Wednesday.

g) **Butler Trust –** Nothing to report.

h) **The Tweedy Almhouses** – A meeting was held recently with three trustees and two of the residents. They are currently in the process of getting all their policies in order.

i) **A12 Widening –** Cllr Reed attended the A12 Issue Specific Hearing regarding traffic and the negative impact on Boreham with the proposed closure of junction 20a and b. Essex County Council and Chelmsford City Council are supportive of mitigation measures in our village. In a later informal meeting with representatives of National Highways, they indicated that they will not support keeping the south bound junction 20A open. Boreham PC will need to focus on the most beneficial mitigations for air quality, noise and traffic calming measures.

23/140 To receive and consider the following Committee Minutes previously circulated

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 6th February 2023

The Minutes were confirmed with no comment.

23/141 Clerk's Report

It was reported that the Champion Dog Trainer would like to hold another Dog Show on the Recreation Ground on 3rd September. It was agreed that the event could take place on the Recreation Ground and it was agreed that the recreation ground would be closed for the day during the event. Residents will be given advanced notice of this closure.

It was also reported that the Village Hall would also like to hold some fundraising events on the Recreation Ground and the hire costs had been given to them.

The Food Kiosk is now open for business again under the name Galleys.

The April Parish Council Meeting will go ahead but Assistant Clerk will take the Minutes if the Clerk does not make it back in time.

23/142 Lion Inn Allotment Lease

It was agreed that we will hold a meeting with the Lion Inn and give them a copy of the lease. The lease does not run out until 2030 so they need to be aware of the terms of the current lease. The fence panels will still be replaced.

23/143 Approval of Signage for the John Galley Memorial Ground

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would purchase a sign for the Memorial Ground from Fast Signs at a cost of £267.91.

23/144 Elections 2023

The timetable for the Local Elections was distributed. It was agreed that we would put something on Facebook to try to encourage residents to come forward to join the Parish Council. The deadline for applications for Parish Councillors to be in to the City Council is 3rd April.

23/145 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 9.03pm.