

BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 2015

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12th August 2015 at Boxted Village Hall, Cage Lane, Boxted Colchester, Essex commencing at 7pm

		<u>Present</u>
Chairman:	Councillor H Large	Yes
Vice Chairman:	Mrs A McLauchlan	Yes
Councillors:		
	Councillor Mrs R Cryer	Yes
	Councillor G Pugh	Yes
	Councillor Mrs C Damen	No
	Councillor S Lawrence	Yes
	Councillor Mrs T Wells	Yes
	Councillor Mrs L Carpenter	No
	Councillor M Parratt	Yes
Staff:	Clerk to the Council Denise Humphris	Yes

Others in attendance at the meeting:

Colchester Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman and three members of the public

059/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: (unanimously) to accept apologies for absence from Councillor Mrs C Damen and Councillor Mrs L Carpenter

060/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

061/15 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JULY 2015

RESOLVED: (unanimously) to approve the minutes (previously circulated) as a true record for signature by the Chairman as follows:

062/15 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported as follows:

Colchester Northern Gateway Project Manager will attend the September meeting to talk about this project.

Dedham Vale AONB Scattered Orchard Project – Boxted will be receiving some fruit and nut trees for planting on King George V Field as part of this project.

Village Hall Water Supply – water pipes will be installed shortly for inspection by Anglian Water.

063/15 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Colchester Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman gave details of things being undertaken to address drainage issues.

064/15 PUBLIC PARTICPATION - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Members of the public present advised that they were interested in the Hill Farm matter which was due to be raised under the Neighbourhood Development Plan Agenda item.

064/15 PLANNING

Members considered the following planning applications submitted to Colchester Borough Council:

151633 – Land adjacent Earlwood House Chapel Road Boxted – Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of two semi-detached dwellings. It was noted that this application had been withdrawn.

151565 – Extension to existing stable block and new swimming pool within the domestic curtilage of Boxted Farm Lodge – NO OBJECTIONS

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

065/15 The Chairman allowed members of the public to take part in the debate and the three people present advised that they felt that the wording of the questionnaire was biased and took no account of the Planning Inspector’s opinion and that the problems with delivery meant that this would not be a valid exercise. It was explained that this was not a scientific exercise and it was designed to gauge public opinion only, not provide conclusive answers and that the results of the questionnaire would be considered alongside many other consultations that have happened over the past two years throughout the NDP project. It was explained in detail that this was privately owned land and that our NDP cannot force the landowner to do anything. All it can do is to seek to influence the landowner to produce the best possible option for Boxted Village. Councillor Mrs Wells volunteered to review the questionnaires and would take into account e-mails received on the matter and hand written letter and suggestions attached to returned questionnaires. It was acknowledged that despite efforts to try to ensure that multiple replies could not be sent by one person the system used and the two mailings meant this could not be guaranteed but Councillor Wells advised that she would look for trends and similar handwriting in responses, to try to ensure that there were not numerous duplicates from the same source.

066/16 SPORTS PAVILION

The Clerk reported that all essential work was now completed and the sports changing facilities were now ready to be used and have been made available for the Sports teams from today’s date. The Cricket Club still have not signed their hire agreement, so will not be using the facility until this has been received. Councillors agreed to view the refurbishment to date after the meeting.

The Clerk reported that we had interest from a local childminder who wished to hire the lounge/back kitchen area to provide ‘wrap around’ childcare in the form of a breakfast club and after school club and the Council agreed they were supportive of this idea which would generate much needed income for this facility. It was noted that the Clerk would be applying for grant funding to finish the refurbishment of these areas.

The total cost to date for the Council has been £25k, another £20k is needed for the bar/lounge and back kitchen area and then further monies for external repairs.

067/15 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: (unanimously) to authorise payment of the accounts as detailed below cheques signed by Councillors Mrs McClauchlan and Councillor Cryer in accordance with the bank mandate.

Payment processed by (method)	<u>Date paid</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>GROSS</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>

C.NO.001224	12 TH August	Mrs D Humphris	192.52		192.52	OT re SSC hours
C.NO.001225	12 TH August	RCCE	66	11	55	Annual subs
C.NO.001226	12 TH August	Essex Playing Field Association	30		30	Annual subs
SSC						
S/D	24 TH July	EON	170.47	8.12	162.35	Electric
C.NO.000113	12 TH August	Anglia Landscapes	312	52	260	Skip Hire
C.NO,000114	12 TH August	Future Electrical Ltd	1320	220	1100	Electrical work
C.NO.000115	12 TH August	Goff Petroleum	211.86	9.61	202.25	OIL
C.NO.000116	12 TH August	Mr. B Took	5079		5079	SSC works
		TOTAL PAYMENTS	7381.85	300.73	7081.12	

068/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9TH September 2015 at Boxted Village Hall at 7pm.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm

CHAIRMAN

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