

**BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 2015**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>TH</sup> September 2015 at Boxted Village Hall, Cage Lane, Boxted Colchester, Essex commencing at 7pm

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

**Others in attendance at the meeting:**

Colchester Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman

**069/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED:** (unanimously) to accept apologies for absence from Councillor Mrs R Barclay and The Clerk to the Council. Councillor Mrs Carpenter agreed to take the minutes in the Clerk's absence.

**070/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None**

**071/15 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL NORTHERN GATEWAY PROJECT**

John McEntee and Lois Bowser project managers from Colchester Borough Council reported as follows:

To the south of the area will be the leisure uses and activities, climbing wall, John Lloyd Centre, approved, starting work in a month or 2 and completing Dec 2016. This will comprise 2 pools, tennis and squash courts, restaurants etc. The council has advertised for sale the sites near this and 2 developers are in the running and 1 will be appointed soon to provide some extreme sports facility.

Idea is that this area around the stadium, south of the A12 becomes a centre for leisure uses, a regional destination, and to the north there will be pitches, all weather and grass, and the rugby club will relocate there. There will be a building, expected to be sited at the western end near the stadium. This will cater for changing rooms etc. plus space for yoga, keep fit, sports therapy. The northern boundary of the site where it abuts Boxted Parish is at the brook, the Council has a leasehold/freehold interest in all of the gateway land. Good connectivity between the 2 sites either side of the A12 is key. The proposal for a new bridge has been scrapped owing to cost mainly. It is envisaged that the existing road bridges to the east and west will be enhanced to provide separate pedestrian/cycle/horse access over the A12. This will enable people to do a circular route. Connectivity to Highwoods and other areas of Colchester are sought, as this area will be inclusive for all Colchester residents, not just to serve the immediate area.

Transport consultants have been appointed by the Council. Ecology and archaeology reports are being done and a planning application will be submitted March 2016. Details of landscaping the buildings will be included. Matters such as street furniture and lighting will be dealt with by condition. All of vehicular access will be via the A12, not Straight Road. The all-weather pitches are likely to have flood lights.

The scheme has to stand up financially on its own. Velodrome is unlikely because of cost implications.

Quarterly meetings between the Council and surrounds Pcs were suggested to keep us up to date. That was agreed as being sensible.

Concern about development joining up with Boxted. Northern edge should be landscaped with woodland and substantial planting creating a rural and soft edge, and a physical barrier from the noise, visual intrusion and light. Concern about floodlights and light pollution, and creeping urbanization from lighting of buildings and paths.

**072/15 BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL AFFAIRS**

Colchester Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman advised that he will be chasing up the recent traffic survey and looking at parking in Dedham Road.

**073/15 PUBLIC PARTICPATION - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT AT THE MEETING**

Member of the public present asked whether a 30mph limit could be considered along Queens Head Road and Colchester Borough Councillor Nigel Chapman advised that this was not possible as there were not enough house there.

**074/15 SPORTS PAVILION UPDATES**

The Clerk will report further at the next meeting on progress.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Council supports the idea of the hire of the lounge/bar area for a breakfast club/after school club.

**075/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Boxted Village Hall at 7pm

CHAIRMAN .....

DATE.....,