

BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 12 October 2015
at Botesdale Village Hall

Present: Cllr John Abraham Cllr Desmond Bavington-Lowe
 Cllr Ernie Baxter Cllr William Sargeant (Chairman)

District Cllr Derek Osborne
2 Members of the Public

7.30pm The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting.

1. **To receive apologies for absence.** Cllr Mike Bishop.
2. **Casual Vacancies in the Office of Parish Councillor:** There were no applications for the post of parish councillor (4 vacancies)
3. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 14 September 2015.** The minutes of the Meeting, circulated with the agenda, were agreed and signed.
4. **Members Declarations of Interests and Dispensations:** Cllr Baxter declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 8.8 as a member of the Bowls Club.
5. **Public Forum:** 7.34pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.53pm.
6. **Planning:**
 - 6.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 6.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 6.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:** None.
7. **Progress Reports:**
 - 7.1 Chairman: The Chairman had attended the SALC Mid Suffolk North meeting in Eye and the SALC Executive meeting. He had also attended the PC Surgery at the Farmers' Market. He had received a request from the County Councillor for individuals who might benefit from a satellite infill scheme for giving improved broadband access to those with very poor current capability.
 - 7.2 Clerk: None.
8. **Correspondence:**
 - 8.1 **MSDC:** The Gypsy and Traveller Sites call for sites was noted.
 - 8.2 **Suffolk Police:** It was noted that the police would no longer regularly attend PC meetings but would attend if requested. Reports would still be sent.
 - 8.3 **SALC:** The PC noted that it qualified for a grant from the Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund, which had been set up to compensate smaller authorities for the burden of complying with the Code. It was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to authorise the Clerk to make a claim.
 - 8.4 **British Legion:** The details of Remembrance Sunday were noted and it was RESOLVED, with all agreed, to order a wreath at a cost of £20. Cllr Bishop would represent the PC at the ceremony.
 - 8.5 **Barwoods:** The request for a grant for the upkeep of Miller's Orchard was noted for next month's budget discussion.
 - 8.6 **BVHMC:** The request for a grant next year for replacement flooring in main hall was noted for next month's budget discussion.
 - 8.7 **Twinning Association:** The request for joint meeting with representatives from France was noted and it was agreed that the Chairman would respond.
 - 8.8 **Bowls Club:** It was also RESOLVED, with all in favour to support the application to MSDC for section 106 funding for an "eco-refurbishment" of the clubhouse and a replacement mower.

9. **General Items:**

- 9.1 **Online Banking:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to apply for online banking to allow the Clerk and Chairman access to regular statements.
- 9.2 **Christmas Event:** It was noted that the costumes were available and being held at the Bell. The school art competition would be judged at the November meeting. Barwoods had requested to have a tombola at the Lights On event and this was agreed.
- 9.3 **Walks Leaflet:** Cllrs Abraham and Bavington-Lowe agreed to sit on the working party to take this forward and it was thought that the first meeting could be held in January. The Clerk would contact Di Maywhort as well as the Ramblers to request their involvement.
- 9.4 **Footpaths and Streams Project:** It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to accept the quote for the 5-gallon recycled plastic bin for £150.

10. **Finance:**

10.1 **Account Balances:**

Current Account £26,094.97

10.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£	394.72	Sal/Exps Sep 15
T Gaddis	£	120.12	Street Cln/Play Area Oct 15
SCC	£	773.98	25 Park View Replacement Street Light
Bowls Club	£	50.00	s137 grant
J Canning	£	20.00	Remembrance Day Wreath
HMRC	£	131.40	LJE PAYE Quarterly Payment

RESOLVED, with all agreed, to approve payment of the accounts detailed above.

10.3 **Quarterly Budget Report:** The budget position after 2nd quarter was noted.

11. **Councillors Reports:**

- Play Area: It was agreed to get quotes to complete the run of fencing along the roadside starting 6-7 metres from the south corner. T Gaddis would be asked to do some mole catching.
- PC Surgery: Cllr Bavington-Lowe would attend the surgery on 14 November.
- SALC: It was RESOLVED, with all in favour, to pay the £10 evening meal fee for the Chairman at the SALC AGM.
- War Memorial: It was agreed to ask T Gaddis to do a tidy up before 8 November.

12. **Highways Issues:** The Clerk would report light no. 15 on Bridewell Lane and two lights on The Drift. The Clerk would follow up on the installation of the grit bin at Bridewell lane and the hole on the footway near the Blue Orchid.

13. **Welcome Pack:** None.

14. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:** Village Sign Cleaning.

15. **Next Meeting:** 9 November 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.