

BOTESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held Monday 8 June 2015
at Botesdale Village Hall

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

District Cllr Derek Osborne
County Cllr Jessica Fleming
4 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. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held 18 May 2015.** The minutes of the Meeting, circulated with the agenda, were agreed and signed.
3. **Members Declarations of Interests and Dispensations:** None.
4. **Public Forum:** 7.34pm RESOLVED, with all agreed, to adjourn the meeting for the public forum. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 7.49pm.
5. **Planning:**
 - 5.1 **Planning Applications:** None.
 - 5.2 **Notice of Intent to prune/remove tree(s) in the Conservation Area:** None.
 - 5.3 **Notification of Planning Decisions by Mid Suffolk DC:**
 - 5.3.1 **Harwell House, Bridewell Lane, Botesdale.** Ref: 0410/15. Change of use of wood cabin to hair salon. Planning Permission REFUSED.
 - 5.3.2 **Pantiles, The Street, Botesdale.** Ref: 1482/15. Replace six windows to front elevation and one window to the rear elevation. Listed Building Consent GRANTED.
 - 5.3.3 **Lodge Farm, Mill Road, Botesdale.** Ref: 1338/15. Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3). Application Withdrawn.
6. **Progress Reports:**
 - 6.1 Chairman: The Chairman had attended the Village Hall Management Meeting and was now Chairman as well as Treasurer. He had also attended the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, which had a very disappointing attendance with no police and only four co-ordinators. No significant crime had been reported. He had received an email from the Assistant Manager of The Bell stating that they could no longer store Santa's grotto and sleigh. The Chairman had replied explaining that they were no Parish Council property and clarifying the situation. They were invited to attend the meeting but there had been no response.
 - 6.2 Clerk: The Clerk gave an update on the banking situation. The account application was accepted and the switch had been requested for 19 June. The Clerk also reported that the notice board would be removed at the end of the month for repair.
7. **Correspondence:**
 - 7.1. **Paths & Streams Project:** The report was noted and it was agreed to look into the cost of a bin near the new bench.
 - 7.2. **Greyhound PH:** The PC had received notification from the Greyhound PH that that they intended to run a car and bike festival in Botesdale street on 30th August, Bank Holiday Sunday. They proposed to apply to close the street between Mill Road and Bridewell lane between 12.00 and 19.00. The vehicles would be parked along the street and there would be live music mid-afternoon on the market place and a range of stalls where local organisations could fundraise. Parking would be off Mill Road (next to the playing field), as with the soap box

race, and there would be food stalls and outside bar. The proposal was that the event would be a village street party. The PC agreed that it could be an enjoyable event as long as numbers of participants were kept in check and nearby residents were notified well in advance.

7.3. **RBR PCC:** The thank you for churchyard donation was noted.

8. **General Items:**

8.1 **Tree Survey:** It was agreed to get quotes for a tree survey for the play area. This was recommended by insurance providers. The Clerk would contact Bidwells about the hedge boundary on the playing field.

9. **Finance:**

9.1 **Account Balances:**

Current Account	£ 10,476.69
Deposit Account	£ 11,120.16

9.2 **Accounts for Payment:**

L Jackson-Eve	£ 339.17	Sal/Exps May 15
T Gaddis	£ 324.26	Street Cln/Play Area/Grass cut Jun 15
Redgrave Parish Mag	£ 35.00	Magazine flyer (Bugle) fees
MSDC	£ 420.00	Litter & Dog Bin Emptying 2015-16
SALC	£ 54.00	Website Training
MSDC	£ 16.19	Black bin bags
HMRC	£ 30.60	PAYE for LJE May 15

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

10. **Councillors Reports:**

- PC Surgery: Cllr Abraham would attend in July.
- Public Rights of Way: The replacement of the handrails at Bridewell Lane had been sent to a contractor by SCC.
- Play Area: The Clerk to ask Tim Gaddis to deal with the moles.
- Village Hall: The new storage under the stage was almost complete.
- War Memorial: Cllr Baxter had removed the wreaths and stored the wires.

11. **Highways Issues:** None.

12. **Welcome Pack:** Two for Cllr Baxter.

13. **Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council:** None.

14. **Next Meeting:** 13 July 2015

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.53pm.