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Minutes of the **Hybrid Parish Council Meeting**

Monday 4th March 2024 at 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr Potter Chairman Cllr Moore Vice Chairman Cllr Bish Cllr Barnes
Cllr Raikes Cllr Lovejoy Cllr Tynan

Zoom attendee: The Clerk

In attendance: CDC – Cllr Henry Potter WSCC - Cllr Jeremy Hunt
6 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of interest

There were none

3. Minutes – to agree and sign the minutes of the February 5th 2024 meeting

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr Lovejoy, seconded by Cllr Barnes and were unanimously agreed to be a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. County Councillor, District Councillor and Chairman's report

i. **Cllr Jeremy Hunt WSCC**

- a) Cllr Hunt reported that the WSCC budget had been approved by Cabinet on the 16th February with an increase of 4.99%. 2% of which would be allocated to Adult Social Care. This would equate to an increase of £1.57 per week for a Band D property.
Of the 2 billion for 2024 – 25, 960m was for schools; 507m for adult and elderly care; 204m for children; 91m for recycling and waste; 83m for Highways; 38m for Fire and Rescue; 3 m supporting the local economy.
- b) The village's favourite sign has finally been resurrected onto a tall pole in Redvins Lane.
- c) Cllr Hunt had forwarded a response from Cllr Simon Oakley (Tangmere) with regard to the flooding at the Tangmere roundabout

and consequently at the end of the footbridge. Cllr Hunt suggested that the Parish Council writes to National Highways as suggested by Cllr Oakley.

Action

Clerk

Cllr Hunt mentioned a resident that had sent him a video, but this had not been shared with the Parish Council. Cllr Hunt said that a scheme was being worked on by NH but that it would take 2 years to complete.

- d) The manhole cover at the end of The Street has been fixed by the Highways' team.
 - e) Cllr Hunt said that the Boxgrove TRO application had gone back to the moderators following the comments made at the last meeting, and they had amended their plan to now include Crouch Cross Lane and Priors Acre. The whole village will now be 20mph. Cllr Hunt was thanked by Jim McDonald and the councillors for having achieved this excellent outcome with Oliver King from WSCC. Mr McDonald said that it only remained for the Police to look favourably on the project.
 - f) Windmill. At the last visit of the Ecology team to the windmill they unexpectedly found a long-eared bat nesting in the rafters. Full permission for the sails to go back on now is unlikely to be obtained before the end of October, and the sails themselves will now not be replaced until summer 2025. (The sails will be able to be rotated but will not rotate all the time – they should be rotated about once a month to avoid build up of moisture/water which caused the original damage).
- End of report

A member of the public asked if it would be worthwhile contacting Simon Oakley re the sewage problem as Southern Water were extremely difficult to contact. Cllr Hunt will forward contact details for Southern Water as they are the ones to deal with it.

Action

Cllr Hunt

Cllr Lovejoy had spoken to Cllr Bill Brisbane (Chi East, CDC), the Cabinet Member for Planning, and had shown him the pictures of the overflow and he gave him details of the location. Cllr Brisbane has a meeting with Southern and Ofwat on the 8th of March to review a number of unresolved flooding issues in the District, so he will probably bring it up then.

ii. **Cllr Henry Potter CDC Ward Member for Goodwood Ward**

- a) Cllr Potter reported that at the recent Council Meeting last Tuesday, it had been agreed to increase the CDC Precept by 2.99% which equated to a rise of £5.41 per annum, a modest ten pence per week. For a band D tax payer, it would represent a rise from £182.07 to £186.48. Coupled with the other precepting bodies, WSCC and the PCC Sussex Police, the total for a band D property now stood at £2,248.10.

- b) Cllr Potter had attended the online presentation by The Pegasus Group of the proposal to construct a Battery Electricity Storage facility on part of the recently reinstated Quarry site. In fact, it is to be in the south west corner of the quarry, fairly close to Tinwood Lane. The purpose was to draw and save electricity from the National Grid during Off Peak periods, when it was less expensive and to sell it back to the Grid when demand was high. It seemed a bit stupid to Cllr Potter, why were not the Generating and Distribution Companies doing it, rather than small private enterprises. Access to the scheme was proposed from the A285, (the Ounces Barn road), and construction was expected to take approximately 12 months. Cllr Potter saw this as a speculative ‘toe in the water’ proposal; the suggestion was that it could supply the needs of about twenty-five homes?
- c) The Agenda for the forthcoming Planning Committee on 6th March, included the application by Rolls Royce Motor Cars to construct, in two phases, a vast extension to their current assembly plant. It is expected to take at least seven years to complete both phases, and the proposal would have a huge impact on the area. Whilst creating up to a thousand new jobs, which was to be commended, the major concern was the Operating Traffic Management Plan, it had a lot of questions to be answered. The report by National Highways was very critical concerning the impact on the A27 strategic road network, even including the potential threat to traffic through Boxgrove which, the report stated, would need mitigation measures. All of the junctions east of the Whyke Road would be affected by the potential increase in traffic, according to National Highways. Cllr Potter recalled being told that the extension to the assembly plant was needed to accommodate increased production of Electric Vehicles which they had committed to by 2025/6 when all RRMC’s will be Electric. Considering Audi and other manufacturers were scaling back on EV production, Cllr Potter questioned the RR decision.
- d) Cllr Potter had stopped by the WSCC driven Connect Kerb EV charging installation in Palmerstone Road, off Barnfield Drive and even this had stalled. The assessment of EV’s purchased by the District Council was ongoing. The Electric mini street sweeper was a success and a second one was on order. The few small vans used by parking enforcement and the parks department were a good investment, but the heavier Refuse Collection Freighters were less successful. And of course, the capacity of the electric Grid cabling into the Depot at Westhampnett was at its limit and would need very expensive upgrading to facilitate any more EV’s.
- End of report.

iii. **Cllr Henry Potter Chairman**

- a) Cllr Potter said that there was not a huge amount of activity to report this month. The rain continued to make life difficult just when everyone would be looking to do some work in the garden, down it would come again. The few dell holes within the Parish were full to

levels seldom seen for a long time, and the potholes were slowly reappearing yet again.

- b) The manhole in the Street alongside Priory Close has not been attended to. It is the responsibility of Southern Water and with the pressure they are under from other issues, this repair was probably way down the list. Portsmouth Water had popped along and excavated a hole in the crazy paved bulge at the southern end of The Street, for a supposed leak though Cllr Potter's call to Portsmouth Water could not confirm it.
- c) As Cllr Potter had mentioned in the CDC report, the Rolls Royce MC extension would have an impact on the traffic using the A27 and Cllr Potter could not recall Heaver Commercial showing any concern with this issue. It would be interesting to read a National Highways' report when/if the commercial logistics hub reached the Planning Application Stage. They, Heaver Commercial were presenting their scheme to Tangmere Parish at 6 pm next Thursday prior to the Parish Council meeting for their benefit, as a small portion of the site is in Tangmere Parish.
- d) Following last month's meeting when the application by Goodwood Estate to extend the site area of the Biomass Boiler was considered to accommodate the conditions imposed on the original application, Cllr. Howton and Mr Dipple accompanied Cllr Potter to look at the increase in the site size. They were met by the current project manager who kindly gave them a comprehensive tour of the whole facility. It was very apparent that it was not operating as expected but steps were being taken to address these failings. They had been dismayed by the piles of hundreds of tonnes of straw bales which could never be utilised due to wetness. The necessary dry storage for the straw just was not available, of course, the relentless rainfall had exacerbated the situation no end. The Parish Council will prepare questions for Mr. Medcraft before the next meeting. Considering that Boxgrove PC strongly supported this Energy Source Cllr Potter found the current situation quite disturbing.
- e) The senior Planning Officers annually arrange a tour of completed developments in the District. This is termed 'The Best, the Beautiful and the Could Be Better Tour', and Cllr Potter had suggested a visit to Tinwood Vineyard to see Mr. Art Tukka's house, the new restaurant and tasting room, and then possibly Oak Cottage in Park Lane, a recently redeveloped property. A previous tour of sites last year included the Thoresbury House and Holiday Lets on the old coal yard site, and the Officers and Committee Members were "blown away" by the quality of the development. Cllr Potter said that the Parish had a lot to be proud of.

Henry Potter, Chairman of the Council

4a URGENT ADDITION to agenda to discuss flooding in Boxgrove.

Cllr Potter said that the Parish had experience flooding before but that it was much worse now. There were very many large exceptional "ponds" of water at the moment. The water was infiltrating from the water table which was not very low directly into the drains. It was agreed that the Parish

Council should write to Southern Water. Cllr Hunt will supply contact information.

Action

Clerk/Cllr Hunt

Mr Dipple showed a photo of before the sewage had contaminated the water. The water runs off the bridge and sides, and the children and families accessing Boxgrove Primary School have to walk through it. It is a combination of the bridge, the A27 and the pathway. It is now contaminated with raw sewage. Mr Dipple to contact Simon Oakley and find the contact for National Highways.

5. Goodwood Biomass Project

As Cllr Potter had previously reported they had visited the site and looked at the conditions for the increased area. Cllr Howton said that it was not in the Council's remit to get involved with the running of the site, but that the noise emanating from the project all the time was a question of concern. Cllr Bish said that very late on Sunday night at about 1am the noise from the installation was very disturbing. The possibility of sound dampening was mentioned but is very expensive.

Mr McDonald said that the appearance of the whole site was a disgrace and not at all to Goodwood's usual standards – and it is noisy.

It was agreed that Mr Sam Medcraft should be invited to the next meeting and that questions would be forwarded beforehand.

Some questions discussed were:

- what noise levels were permitted in the planning application and what are the actual noise levels; what will be done about it
- is the extended traffic use clear (bringing wood to the site)

Cllr Moore will prepare some questions and circulate to councillors. The clerk will then forward to Mr Medcraft.

Action

Clerk/Cllr Moore

6. Boxgrove Rangers' Report – motion to pay for lighting in bus stops

Mr Dipple said that he had received comments about the lack of lighting in the bus stops and that because it was dark the bus had sometimes not stopped. The possibility of a solar panel on the roof was discussed, but it was expensive and not very reliable. Something cheap could be bought but it would not last very long – the light had to stay on for at least half an hour. It would also attract vandalism. Without a power supply it is difficult. The new interactive signs are powered by battery.

It was agreed that it was not feasible and that people travelling at night should be sure to take a torch/mobile phone with them.

7. Public Question Time from residents (Standing Orders 3d – 3l)

None

8. Boulodrome – update

The clerk had circulated the brief supplied by Stuart Floyd which she had forwarded to CDC planning to ascertain whether planning permission were needed or not.

The councillors were not happy with the position of the pitch as shown on the map. They asked for that to be revised.

Action

Clerk

9. Crockerhill

Cllr Potter had visited, and he said that nothing had changed. The coach parked opposite the Winterton was still there. Two people had come and looked at it, but nothing was done. It is effectively dumping scrap on the roadside. Notification of this is to be sent to Cllr Brown. The coach is certified with a SORN, but it is not off – road but on the highway. The clerk is to write to DVLC.

Action

Clerk

The red planter which sits outside the Winterton shows the border of its land. With those vehicles parked there the highway is being blocked completely.

Cllr Potter said it was incredible that nobody cared at all about the situation and that none of the agencies concerned would intervene.

10. Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan – update

Mr Leah had forwarded the following report:

“We have now held constructive meetings with three promoters of sites in the parish. These appear to be the only land owners willing to offer land for development at the moment.

Further meetings will take place and they have been requested to prepare documents to be presented to the residents at our open meeting on April 27th 2024. We will also present our proposed updated policies etc.

We would also like any other interested groups to use this day to consult with the residents. For example, Traffic Calming Group etc.

We would also suggest that the councillors might want to be available to meet their constituents.”

Action

Clerk

11. Emergency Plan – update

The clerk has organised a resilience training session with WSCC and CDC to take place on 12th March 2024 at 1pm in the Village hall. Currently there are attendees from Tangmere and Westhampnett but none of the smaller parishes.

The clerk will circulate a reminder tomorrow and copy in Cllr Hunt.

Action

Clerk

The Clerk asked Cllr Barnes to oversee the coffee and cake for the meeting. Cllr Howton agreed to attend the meeting, with Cllrs Lovejoy, Moore, Barnes.

Action

Cllr Barnes

12. Planning applications to be decided

Planning number	Address	Detail	Comment
BX/24/00195/TCA	Halnaker House	Notification of intention to raise crown to 6m on 1 no. Sweet Chestnut tree (T1), 2 no. Lime trees (T2 & T3) and cut back lateral growth on 2 no. Holly trees by 2m (T4 & T5).	REFER TO TREE OFFICER
BX/24/00059/DOM	Corner Cottage, The Street	Single storey extension together with alterations to part of existing fenestration and installation of solar panels.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/24/00254/FUL	Goodwood	Revised site boundary for existing Bio-mass energy and heat centre (resubmission of Planning Permission SDNP/20/03380/FUL to allow increased site area to accommodate works required by conditions	Ask for extension until after 8 th April
BX/24/00392/TCA -	Saxons The Street Boxgrove Chichester	Notification of intention to reduce height by 3m on 2 no. Pittosporum trees (T1 & T2). And reduce height by 1m on 1 no. Cotoneaster tree (T3).	No comment

Delegated planning decisions to be noted: There were none

Planning number	Address	Detail	Closing Date

(Cllr Hunt left the meeting at 8.29pm)

13. Clerk's report

- i. **Correspondence received:** The clerk asked if the editorship of the Bugle was assured. A volunteer has stepped forward and it is now in hand.
- ii. **Motion to buy Flag of Peace for D Day 80 on 6th June.** NACO has suggested that the Flag of Peace be flown for a week from 6th June. Councillors felt that a more generic flag should be bought that can be flown every year as this flag is for one year only. Cllr Barnes to forward to clerk suggested model.

Action

Cllr Barnes

- iii. **Motion to buy noticeboard for outside shop** – deferred until next meeting.
 - iv. **Payments for consideration** – the council unanimously RESOLVED the Payments for Consideration.
- 14. Agenda items for the next meeting**
- Goodwood Biomass Project
 - Report back from Resilience Meeting
 - purchase of noticeboard
- 15. Date of next meeting**
- The next meeting will be on Monday April 8th 2024 at 7pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.39pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Henry Potter - Chairman

**Boxgrove Parish Council Financial Statement
Meeting March 4th 2024**

Balances on accounts 75497.68
75497.68

Received since last meeting

total 0.00

Paid since last meeting

runcton farm shop	christmas tree	65.99
I whitaker	salary	804.46
nest	pension	58.66
processmatters2	website maintenance	180
		1109.11

Payments for consideration

I whitaker	salary	804.46
nest	pension	58.66
J McDonald	SID battery	89.94
		953.06