



Boxgrove Parish Council
Minutes of The Parish Electors' Meeting
on Tuesday 13th May 2024 at 6.30pm
Boxgrove Village Hall and Community Centre

Present:

Cllr H Potter Chairman, Cllr J Moore, Cllr J Lovejoy, Cllr M Howton, Cllr Tynan, Cllr Bish, Cllr Barnes

Zoom attendance: The Clerk

CDC – Cllr Henry Potter

WSSC: Cllr Jeremy Hunt

9 Members of the Public

The Chairman Henry Potter welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if any present had any questions for the council?

1. A resident asked if there was any information on the fields behind the Priory which are unusually lying fallow. Did anyone know what they were going to be used for? The owners, the Green family, have taken back these fields and are now managing them themselves. It is not known yet what they will be used for, but the flooding has made plantation difficult.
2. A resident asked if the Petanque pitch was going ahead and was it wanted by the village. The clerk said that the year before last a notice had gone into the Bugle and been put onto the website but that there had been no complaints. Cllr Barnes felt that it could only be positive as national and maybe some international games will be played and Boxgrove could become known for this. The pitch will be free to use by all residents of the village when matches are not on. It is good exercise but not too difficult for the elderly and younger players will be encouraged too.
3. A resident asked if the Parish Council could write to Southern Water asking them for their plan for the future to make sure the same disastrous overflow of raw sewage doesn't happen again next winter if there is heavy rain again? The tanker was on site pumping day and night from 27th February until 10th May. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and ask them how they will pre-empt this.

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Cllr Hunt said that the Parishes of East Dean and Singleton had had a visit from Southern Water and it might be appropriate for Boxgrove to also ask for a representative to come. It was agreed to do this.

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There is a councillor at Singleton who is an expert on this subject – the clerk to contact and see if some useful information/advice can be given.

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4. A resident had herself issued a note locally explaining to residents what was happening and ways to attenuate the situation. She said that most residents had been appreciative but one or two had been insulting.
5. A resident asked what the view of the village was with regard to the Rohan Stables planning application. Mr Leah, Chair of the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Plan group, said that they were collating all the comments received at the meeting and this would be made public. It was hoped that the housing allocation in the Chichester Local Plan would be reduced from 635 to 535, which would help, and that it would include windfall sites (small developments of up to 6 houses) which previously did not count towards a parish's housing allocation.
6. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the Anglesey Arms will be closed for the week over the Festival of Speed for a private function.
7. A resident asked about CDC's decision to ear-mark £50,000 for a "gypsy-liaison" officer. She said that she felt that this money would be better spent on a new site for travellers. It had been mooted that the position be offered to a gypsy /traveller but that has not been confirmed.
Cllr Hunt said that there was already a CDC officer who appeared to carry out the role of Gypsy/Traveller liaison officer. WSCC already has an established Gypsy and Traveller Team.
8. Cllr Potter reported to the meeting that CDC has abandoned the idea of putting an ice-skating rink into Priory Park for Christmas this year as it was prohibitively expensive, and they felt that the £250,000 would be better spent elsewhere. There was general support for this decision by CDC.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm