

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD: FRIDAY, 21ST JULY 2017 AT 7:03PM

VENUE: ALL SAINTS, BOUGHTON

Present:	The Chairman	Cllr Tom E Roberts
	Councillors	Cllr Andy S Beeston
		Cllr David Cooper
		Cllr Ian Davis
		Cllr Tim Scrivener
	Borough Councillor	Cllr Colin Sampson
	Norfolk County Councillor	Cllr Martin Storey
	Parish Clerk	Carole Edwards
	Members of the public	1

34. Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr Mark Pogmore (family commitment).

The apology was accepted.

35. To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

36. Minutes of meetings held on Friday 28th April 2017

Proposed by Cllr Davis

Seconded by Cllr Cooper

'That the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on Friday, 28th April 2017 (page 1) be accepted as a true and accurate record.'

All in favour.

Proposed by Cllr Davis

Seconded by Cllr Cooper

'That the minutes of the Boughton Parish Council meeting held on Friday, 28th April 2017 (pages 113 - 118) be accepted as a true and accurate record.'

All in favour.



37. Matters arising

Correspondence

The Clerk and The Chairman, Cllr Roberts brought the following items of correspondence to the attention of members:

- Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk – West Norfolk Recycling Rewards. Copies of the letter were handed out to members to enable them to consider what action to take.
- Norfolk ALC newsletter – Further monies can be claimed from the Transparency Fund. This could enable the council to purchase software for the new laptop. Members will consider this.

Neighbourhood plan

The Chairman, Cllr Roberts was arranging a date for a meeting with Alan Gomm, Local Development Framework Manager for the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk.

38. Chairman's report

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Andy Beeston and David Cooper for all of the fantastic work they had done (grass cutting, footpaths etc.) to keep the village looking good.

39. Reports from Councillors

Communications – Cllr Davis

Members agreed that more could be done to publicise the work of the council. Cllr Davis agreed to publish a summary of each meeting in the local Group 4 News magazine.

Fen report – Cllr Pogmore (read by Cllr Cooper)

At this time of year, the only work to be done on the fen is keeping the Wildlife Walk clear so that visitors can enjoy our wonderful site.

To this end, some serious cutting back and mowing was done by David Cooper, ably assisted by enthusiastic volunteers Hugh Jenkins and Paul Wilton to enable our contractors to widen and mow the path.

On Tuesday of this week I, along with three guests, was invited to attend the 2017 Community Biodiversity Awards. Some weeks ago, Sue had made a submission to these awards for the 'Watery wildlife and habitats section', and we were successful in receiving a 'Highly Commended' award, which was presented by the sponsor – Deb Jordan of Pensthorpe Natural Park. Dave Cooper, Brynmor Jenkins, Sue and myself had a very



enjoyable evening at the Abbey Conference Centre, and the Fen Committee is now in possession of a very nice framed certificate. It seems that of the six categories being contested, our section had received far more entries than the others, so we are delighted to have been selected for the award.

Cllr Davis advised that he would be stepping down from the Boughton Fen Committee with immediate effect due to work commitments. He offered to help whenever he can.

Financial report – The Clerk and the Chairman

A list of bills paid since the last meeting was presented (Appendix 1).

Proposed by Cllr Davis

Seconded by Cllr Beeston

‘That members are satisfied that the bills listed in Appendix 1 were valid and were paid as and when payment was due.’

All in favour.

Highways report – Cllr Roberts

A list of concerns had been raised with Norfolk County Council Highways and these issues were expected to be looked at during the week commencing 24th July 2017.

Members reported that there seemed to be a big increase in HGV traffic through the village recently. The Chairman, Cllr Roberts agreed to speak to RAF Marham just in case the problem was linked to the work being carried out there. RAF Marham had previously agreed to prohibit HGVs involved in the work at the base to travel through local villages.

Planning report – Cllr Roberts

A planning application had been received – “17/01309/F – Proposed four bed dwelling at Land Adjacent Church Farm The Green Boughton King’s Lynn Norfolk”. The deadline for comments was 7th August 2017, which was considered by members to be too short a period, due to it being holiday time, to ensure that the views of the public are taken into account. The Chairman, Cllr Roberts agreed to contact the Borough Council’s planning department and ask for an extension. Following this, a date would be set for a public meeting.

Playground report – Cllr Beeston

The play area has had its usual weekly cuts along with the other grass areas round the pond.

Some of the posts round the pond have been replaced using broken posts from the Magpie Centre, more will be done as they become available.

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The playground had its annual inspection on 16th May. The following items require some attention:

- *The entrance to the play area has been eroded and needs reinstating.*
- *The paintwork is chipped in several areas and may need repainting.*
- *An information sign with emergency contact details should be fixed to the entrance.*
- *They suggest the liner of the litter bin be locked, but how do the council empty it? As there has been no problem with this, I suggest we leave it as it is, unsecured.*
- *One of the Fen signs needs securing in its foundations.*
- *The ramp up to the castle has moderate rot and needs replacing.*
- *Some fixings (screws) have worked loose in the fort and need attention.*
- *The rope on the Burma bridge needs trimming where worn.*
- *One post under the balance beam needs to be replaced due to severe rot.*
- *The report mentions items needing to be monitored such as timber shakes and rot in some posts. They do not recommend the use of anti-bird spikes but they have solved the problem of soiled swing seats so they will remain.*

All items needing attention fall into the low or very low risk levels but will be dealt with during the coming months.

The problem with erosion in the gateway will mean using the other gate, so that the users avoid disturbing the build-up while it settles down.

There will be some items of expenditure, ie timber, but will advise before purchasing.

Proposed by Cllr Davis

Seconded by Cllr Cooper

'That £78.00 is paid to the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk for carrying out the playground inspection.'

All in favour.

Proposed by Cllr Davis

Seconded by Cllr Cooper

'That wood preserver for the playground be purchased by Cllr Beeston at a cost of £29.40 and he will be reimbursed by the council.'

All in favour.

Cllr Beeston advised that he had raised £155.00 in sponsorship for the playground fund by running in the King's Lynn GEAR 10K race. Members were grateful to Cllr Beeston for his efforts and thanked him.

Public footpaths and signage – Cllr Cooper

Cllrs Beeston and Cooper had been working on the footpaths earlier in the day. There was further work to be done.



Decay and rot to some of the posts on the bridges had been noticed. These were the responsibility of NCC Highways. The Chairman, Cllr Roberts agreed to bring the issue to their attention.

On the advice of the Environment Agency, bales of barley straw had been put into Boughton Pond to improve the water quality. Members agreed that there had indeed been an improvement to the water. The bales had now sunk down into the pond and it was likely that more would be needed for a further treatment this year. The situation would be reviewed by members in 3 months.

It was noted that the number of ducks at the pond had reduced.

Fish scales had been spotted in the reeds around the pond and local experts had suggested an otter was visiting. There appeared to be no real harm being done to the pond overall. The Chairman, Cllr Roberts said he would try to organise a talk on the subject for the village.

Village assets – Cllr Cooper

Cllr Cooper would circulate the asset list one more time to check it was completely up to date. He was currently trying to locate where a chainsaw protection kit belonging to the council was being stored.

Once the list had been updated it would be posted on the website.

40. Insurance

The Chairman, Cllr Roberts had completed the council's insurance review. He offered to send details to members.

41. Reports from visiting officers – County and Borough

Cllr Martin Storey updated members on Norfolk County Council's recent activities and concerns:

- The strange smell, which was thought to be emanating from the local sugar beet factory, had been investigated but they had not been able to pin point where it was coming from.
- The public had been advised to contact the British Sugar, Wissington main switchboard number (01366 377364) if they were experiencing the smell. British Sugar will send out an investigation team to try and find out the direction and source of the smell.
- Denver Sluice – Look out for details of road closures in December 2017 (8th to 20th) and January 2018 (8th to 20th) to enable works to be carried out. Tours of the Sluice were available to councillors and the public by contacting Daniel Pelford of the Environment Agency on 01366 382013.

- All councillors had been allocated £6,000 annual budget to spend on highway improvements such as advisory signs, HGV signs, small footway works, minor drainage, road markings and minor traffic management projects. The money was to be shared out between all of Cllr Storey's 16 parishes. Cllr Roberts is organising a walk-around Boughton with NCC Highways and Cllr Storey agreed to attend to identify potential projects.

Cllr Colin Sampson updated members on the Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk's recent activities and concerns:

The grass cutting regime had been reviewed and most people were happier about it. There are many school holiday events arranged to take place in King's Lynn. See local papers and magazines for more details.

Cllr Sampson, as a member of the Fen Line Users Association, gave members an update on Ely North junction plans.

42. Public questions

There were no questions from members of the public.

43. Date of next meeting

The next ordinary meeting will be held at 7pm on Friday, 27th October 2017 at All Saints Church, Boughton.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35pm

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Choir
11/8/2017

Appendix 1

Cheques issued since last meeting 28th April 2017 to 23rd June 2017 (last bank statement)

<u>Cheque no</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>
100420	NALC	95.91	Membership fee 2017/2018
100421	Mrs C Edwards	288.79	Expenses - purchase of BPC laptop
100422	Hylton Gott	12.61	Petrol for lawnmower
100423	Came & Co	362.85	Insurance 2017/2018
100424	Hylton Gott	28.67	Petrol for lawnmower
100425	John Cross	20.00	Internal audit fee
100426	Hylton Gott	12.02	Petrol for lawnmower