

Boothby Pagnell Parish Meeting

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Held on Friday, 2nd August 2013

Attendees

Keith Smith, Peter Williams, Pauline Haw, Rachel Williams, Mike & Pam Collier, Trevor & Linda Hutchinson, Gill Taylor, Gill Cowdell, Tom & Jo Blake, Nev & Liz Cox, James Cox, Deirdre Collins, Audrey Roberts, Ian & Lynne Rutherford and Neil Thomas.

Apologies

Andrew Osborne, Percy & Jenny Hunt, Paul & Hazel Dyson

Minutes of previous Ordinary Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th June 2012 were read and approved as a true record. Proposed: Deirdre Collins, Seconded: Pam Collier

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Insurance liability

The meeting again considered the need for insurance and agreed to continue with the policy to suspend insurance for a further year on the grounds that the Parish Meeting has no insurable assets or activities.

Proposed: Peter Williams, Seconded: Tom Blake

A.O.B.

1. Peter Williams explained that the Parish Meeting had limited funds available but very few actual calls on those funds. This was illustrated by the Financial Report which showed no expenditure at all in the last year. It is hard to justify any Precept if there are no uses for the money. Jo Blake said she felt that nonetheless the Precept should be maintained to cover for potential issues that may arise in future. The consensus was to retain the Precept.
2. Peter Williams reported that he had had a proposal from members of the Social Club to establish a boules court in the grounds of the Village Hall. The Social Club and Village Hall committees supported the proposal as the boules court would provide a facility for the village. He suggested that £200 could be allocated to this project. Ian Rutherford felt that as a financial resolution this proposal should have been circulated in advance to all villagers in case they had views on the matter. After some discussion the Meeting concluded that whilst that might be a desirable process there were no villagers not present who were likely to object. The resolution to contribute up to £200 for a boules court, against receipts, was proposed by Neil Thomas and seconded by Tom Blake. It was carried unanimously.

3. Tom Blake asked if we might look into buying a new bench for the village if the existing one could not be suitably refurbished. Pam & Mike Collier agreed to investigate and a budget of up to £100 was suggested for repair works. This was proposed by Mike Collier and seconded by Tom Blake and carried unanimously.
4. Tom Blake also asked if we could look into the costs of erecting “Faux Gates” to the village as an attractive means to encourage traffic to slow down on entering the village. Mike Collier agreed to investigate possible costs.
5. A contribution towards the cost of upkeep of the churchyard was suggested as a possible acceptable use of Parish Meeting funds. The church currently uses its own funds for incidentals and consumables for the churchyard. A proposal was put forward to contribute up to £150 for identified costs. Proposed by Deirdre Collins and seconded by Ian Rutherford. It was carried by a majority vote.
6. SKDC have still not repaired the holes in Ponton Road near the turn off to the nursery nor repaired the footpath. These matters can be reported via the website mystreet.com.

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