

Boothby Pagnell Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Friday 16th May 2014

1. **In attendance** – Peter Williams, Jo Blake, James Cox, Rachel Williams, Deidre Collins, Gill Cowdell, Linda Hutchinson, Trevor Hutchinson, Tom Blake, Andrew Osborne, Keith Smith, Pauline Haw, Ian Rutherford, Lynne Rutherford, Dena Baker, Mark Baker, Jenny Hunt, Percy Hunt, Andy Crawford, Russell Hart and Richard Pallier.

Apologies: Received from Paul Dyson, Hazel Dyson, Liz Cox, Neville Cox, Gill Taylor, Pam Collier, Mike Collier, Dawn Crawford, Audrey Roberts, & Ernie Roberts

2. **Minutes of the meeting 2nd August 2013** were read and agreed by all to be a true record. Proposed by Russell Hart, seconded by Rachel Williams. Carried unanimously.
3. **Matters Arising** The Boules Court is an ongoing project.
4. **Insurance** The meeting considered the risks facing it. The Parish Meeting does not hold any tangible assets and does not employ any staff or contractors. As a consequence the meeting believes there are no risks that the meeting should insure against. The boules court is on Village Hall property and does not belong to the Parish Meeting. The continuation of the policy to dispense with insurance was proposed by Andrew Osborne, seconded by Pauline Haw and carried unanimously.
5. **Speed restrictions options**
Cameras are only an option for villages with insurance. Suggestions were asked for. The options are:
 - a) To have the police out more often – contact details needed.
 - b) To liaise with neighbouring villages, Old Somerby and Bitchfield
 - c) Rumble strips. Probably no because of the noise created for adjacent houses.
 - d) To extend speed restrictions.

The Chairman and clerk agreed to contact neighbouring villages to see if any joint actions would be constructive.

6. **Financial Proposals:**
 - a. A letter had been received from Percy Hunt on behalf of the PCC requesting a contribution of £125 towards the maintenance costs of the churchyard. An amendment to the proposal was put to the meeting that the resolution be for “up to £125, against receipts” rather than a straight donation of £125. This was proposed by Richard Pallier, and seconded by Andrew Osborne. The amendment was passed with 2 votes against.

After some debate about whether a contribution was appropriate the proposal was put to the vote. It was proposed by Percy Hunt and seconded by Andrew Osborne and carried by 8 votes to 5.

- b. Flower Bulbs – no proposal made for further purchases of flower bulbs.
- c. Top dressing to complete the Boules Court. After some debate, it was proposed that up to a further £200 be contributed against receipts for materials for the boules court. Proposed by Tom Blake, seconded by Richard Pallier. The proposal was carried with 1 vote against.
- d. The proposed level of the precept was discussed. It is currently £250 representing about £4-5 per household. The proposal was to maintain it at its current level. Proposed by Andrew Osborne, seconded by Rachel Williams. Unanimously carried.

7. Any Other business.

Footpaths/kerbs. Repairs and improvements to pavements are the responsibility of the Highways Department at LCC. They are aware of the request to improve the pavement up Ponton Road but have no money in their budget at present.

Andrew Osborne suggested a new kerb opposite the sewage works, as it is muddy.

Highways will be contacted about damage to the bridge.

There may be a need for an extra dropped kerb on the opposite side of the street by the seat on Main Street.