

Minutes of Boothby Pagnell Parish Meeting

Ordinary Meeting – 15th May 2015

In attendance – Peter Williams, Jo Blake, Pauline Haw, Guy Riley, Linda Hutchinson, Trevor Hutchinson, Ian Rutherford, Rachel Williams, Keith Smith, Mark Baker, Liz Cox, Neville Cox, Dawn Crawford, Richard Pallier, Tom Blake, Percy Hunt, Russ Harte and Andy Crawford.

1 Apologies - Mike and Pam Collier, Deidre Collins, Gill Taylor, Lyn Rutherford and Andrew Osborne.

2 Minutes of the meeting on 16th May 2014 – were read and agreed by all to be a true record. Proposed by Tom Blake and seconded by Richard Pallier.

3 Matters arising - No matters arising other than those on the agenda.

4 Speed restrictions update - Highways quote that 4 static signs cost about £60, and a reactive sign costs about £2,500 including VAT. The Clerk reported that Old Somerby were happy to let Boothby Pagnell occasionally rent their reactive sign, and is to find out the cost and more details.

5 Insurance - The Parish Meeting does not currently own any assets and therefore has no need for insurance. However this approach tends to restrict its activities because the meeting tries to avoid the need for insurance. The Clerk has obtained a quote of £144 from Community Lincs Insurance Services which covers the basic points, and any further items/objects can be quoted for separately and added as needed.

The Chairman proposed that the Clerk be authorised to take out an insurance policy for the Parish Meeting, as and when any assets are purchased, rented or borrowed. Seconded by Tom Blake, and unanimously passed.

The clerk is also to find out if Boothby Pagnell could share insurance with Old Somerby when borrowing any signage from them.

6 Financial matters - There are 4 proposals to spend some of our funds in the bank:

a) Insurance – as discussed and accepted above.

b) Speed Signs - Liz Cox suggested a trial to see if they make an impact. It was also suggested that Ponton Road as well as Main Street needs them. It was proposed to buy 4 static signs, and if necessary the brackets if we rent the reactive sign. This was proposed by Guy Riley, seconded by Richard Pallier, and carried unanimously. The Clerk pointed out that somebody would have to be in charge of putting them up, and moving them around.

The Chairman proposed that £500 to be set aside each year from our funds towards dedicated fund for buying a reactive sign. Seconded by Tom Blake and also carried unanimously.

c) Noticeboard - A new noticeboard for the outside wall of the Village Hall is to be bought jointly with the Village Hall. Estimates for this obtained so far are £1000-£1500. The Chairman suggested a 50% contribution, up to a maximum of £500. This was proposed by Guy Riley, and seconded by Rachel Williams, and carried unanimously.

d) Verge cutting - Ian Rutherford had expressed a wish to discuss the options, but then chose not to discuss it.

After the above expenditure and allocations there will be approximately £300 left in the bank that has not been allocated to anything. To cover insurance and the annual addition to the fund for the reactive sign the Chairman pointed out that the village needs a precept of at least £650 a year. This is before any sundry expenditure that may arise. S.K.D.C. may not allow the precept to be raised by this amount. Nevertheless, the Chairman suggested requesting a precept of £750 and offered to argue the case as necessary with SKDC. This suggestion was proposed by Richard Pallier and seconded by Percy Hunt, and carried unanimously. The Chairman warned that this amount of money may not be available and we may need to revisit this next year.

7 Any Other Business - Proposal by IGP Solar Plant No 4 Ltd for a 5MW solar farm on 39.04 acres to the west of Boothby Great Wood. Liz Cox asked if this would create a traffic problem on High Dyke. It was decided that we would acknowledge this screening application, and point out that the Boothby Pagnell T junction on High Dyke is dangerous and needs improving. A response will be written accordingly.

A proposal for a 250kW wind turbine adjacent to High Dyke from York Green Renewables. There were mixed opinions expressed so, initially, the Chairman suggested individuals could respond as they wished, but there would be no mandate for a response from the Parish Meeting. However, the Clerk proposed that we express concern about this scheme as it is proposed to be sited west of High Dyke which is an historic Roman road, and will be an eyesore and a distraction to road users, adding to the dangers of the junction. Seconded by Dawn Crawford. Keith Smith raised the possibility of requesting a financial contribution to Boothby Pagnell village and this was seconded by Ian Rutherford. However the proposal was rejected as being unrealistic.

Broadband - There is concern and some confusion about whether the upgrade of the Ingoldsby cabinet to fibre connection would be the end of improvements to the village. If so the Parish Meeting should object to it, and seek a further upgrade. The Chairman stated he is still in communication with Onlincs, and is due to receive an answer by the end of May 2016. He will keep pressing for a satisfactory answer and will copy in Nick Boles. We are still in Phase 8 of 8 phases of the original Lincolnshire plan.

Electricity wires going underground on Ponton Road - The Clerk reported to the Meeting that this project had been shelved for the moment.

Ponton Road pavement- this will be brought to Highways attention when they visit.

Cats eyes - Guy Riley raised his concern that 11 cats eyes had apparently been broken by passing farm machinery. This is also to be brought up with Highways on their visit, and to be reported on 'Up my street'.

Citizens Advice Bureau - This organisation has asked for its services to be drawn to the Meeting's attention.

Boundary changes - A letter has been received inviting proposals by 21st July for a new pattern of electoral divisions for Lincolnshire. All details put up on the notice board inside the village hall.

Quarry Lorries - A concern was raised that empty lorries are using Ponton Road to return to the quarry. The Clerk offered to speak to the Quarry manager, and also to raise this with PCSO Stuart Bowden.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Clerk was proposed by Liz Cox and seconded by Dawn Crawford. The meeting was closed.