

BOYLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023

Boylestone Village Hall

Present Cllr P Wilkins
 Cllr M Moore
 Cllr H Walker
 Cllr D Watkins
 Cllr G Upson

23/025 Apologies

P Bambury

In the absence of the Clerk Clr Upson agreed to take the minutes of the Meeting

23/026 Minutes of meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th May were discussed and Clr Upson was asked to make some changes before presenting to the next meeting

23/027 Parish Council Representative on Village Hall

The Clerk was asked to write to the Village Hall confirming Clr Watkins role as the Councils representative

Action Clerk

Retiring Chair

Clr Walker confirmed she would deliver the Parish Councils thanks for his service personally. She also would ask about the Council's Christmas lights and confirm ownership of the flagpole.

Action Clr Walker

23/028 Appointment of the Clerk

Clr Walker said that she was still awaiting the completed starter form from the new Clerk as well as the signed contract

Clr Wilkins commented that the Clerk had had a better hourly rate offered from another Parish Council and he felt we should match it

After discussion it was suggested that the rate would remain as offered but would be reviewed after 3 months following a progress review and also at the end of the probationary period (6 months)

After discussion this proposal was put to the Council. Four Councillors voting for the proposal with Clr Wilkins voting against

The motion was carried

other contract changes agreed were

1 Probationary period to remain at 6 months

2 The Insurance Clause was to be removed given

3 The Clerk or in his absence other Parish Councillors would meet the Public at Boylestone Village Hall

4 The need for a dedicated PC would be reviewed by the Parish Council

23/029 DALC

The Clerk was asked to liaise with DALC to arrange Councillor logins

Action Clerk

23/030 IT Equipment

Councillors agreed to the purchase of a hard drive to back up Council data and a copy of Microsoft Office to a maximum value of £100

Action Clr Wilkins

Clr Walker also asked about registering with ICO. Clr Wilkins agreed to ask the Clerk to look into this

Action Clr Wilkins & Clerk

23/031 Website Accessibility

Clrs discussed whether the Current website was compliant with Accessibility Legislation particularly the use of PDFs

Clr Upson agreed to speak to the current website manager and ask for her views as to whether Wordpress was compliant and for a quotation to make it totally compliant

Action Clr Upson

23/032 Other Clerk Handover issues

Clr Upson was asked to pass all documentation to the new Clerk as soon as possible and to set him up on the Derbyshire Dales District Council Planning portal. Clerk to look at South Derbyshire Planning to see how to monitor any local plans affecting Boylestone

Action Clr Upson & Clerk

23/033 Parish Land

Clr Wilkins updated the meeting regarding the Parish Land

This was based on the ideas of the previous chair and involved the sale or swapping of land with local land owners to create a new circular path in the locality around the Village and an amenity area around the phone box.

Councillors were aware of the detail of previous discussions on the matter and were therefore asked to brief Cllr Walker, who as the new Chair, had not been party to the original debate. Cllr Walker agreed that if land was not best used or best value achieved then a selection of options should be considered. It was agreed that some alternatives be brought to the next meeting for possible consideration/ feasibility before putting out to the public.

23/034 Actions Arising from Village Meeting

1 30 mph repeaters and Village Name Signs

Clr Walker to pursue with DCC

Action Clr Walker

2 Gate into fields against Phone Box

Clr Moore to pursue with Colin Prince

Action Clr Moore

3 Grass strimming

Clr Upson to write to Peter Hollins offering Parish Councils thanks for verge cutting
Action Clr Upson

4 Action Planning

Clr Upson to update Budget and action Planning
Action Clr Upson

5 Communications

with other Village Groups Clr Walker to invite Village Groups to share details of planned activities/minutes and to attend Parish Council Meetings
with other Parish Councils – Clr Walker to contact the 5 surrounding Councils
with residents – Clerk to write to introduce himself and ask permission to use email addresses for Parish Council correspondence

Action Clerk & Clr Walker

6 Footpaths

Clr Upson to organise on a 6 monthly basis
Action Clr Upson

7 Litter Picks – Ladies Group have taken over organising these. Agreed to leave to Ladies Group

8 Village Notice Board

Clr Upson to look at refurbishment options

23/035 Payment of Accounts / expenditure Agreement

- a. Audit Fees Agreed to pay £45 to Brian Woods for annual audit
- b. Agreed to pay estimated £39 to Previous Chair R Watson Mileage Expenses

23/036 Agar Submission

The meeting agreed that the chair could sign this for submission

23/037 Planning

23/00326/FUL Amenity Land Harehill

Permission to build machinery store has been rejected

23/038 AOB

Dog Fouling and other issues

The meeting asked that Villagers be reminded about dog fouling. Clr Walker agreed to purchase signs to display
Action Clerk & Clr Walker

The meeting as also informed that there appeared to be an issue with a dog on awdishaw lane which had bitten a walker on the lane as well as threatening other dogs

Action Clr Walker to write to the owner of the animal

Action Clr Walker

23/039 Plan of action

Next meeting Mon 24th July 7pm Village Hall

Meeting closed 9pm