

BOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Monday 14th November 2011
Venue: Boughton Village Hall

Time: 7.30pm
Clerk: Gordon Poole

Minute Agenda Item/Outcome

714 Record Attendance, Apologies, Absence

Council: **Attendance:**
Cllr Mr J Clarke (Chairman) Cllr Mr J Parker Cllr Mr R Wilson
Cllr Mr R Greener Cllr Mr S Potter Cllr Mrs G Kingston
Cllr Mrs A Davison Cllr Mr K Greatorex

Apologies for absence:

Cllr Mrs J Shephard

Absence:

None

Invitees: **Attendance:**
DCllr Mr J Shephard

Absence:

None

Public: Peter Lindsay
Michael Stead (FOBA)

715 Hold a Public Session for 15 minutes:

It was resolved for attendees to participate in discussion on Buckton Fields agenda items 724 (1&2).

716 Record any Declarations of Interest on subjects included on this agenda:

There were no declarations of interest made.

717 Agree minutes of meeting held on 10/10/2011:

It was resolved to agree the minutes of the above meeting.

718 Review any matters arising on minutes of last meeting, not covered by items on this agenda:

Minute 701 The Clerk drew attention to his 'after meeting note' in the minutes of the last meeting.
Minute 709 A replacement printer has now been purchased and installed. 'Key' features include: faster printing and more pages printed per ink cartridge. Other features have yet to be tested.
Minute 710 No monthly electoral register updates have been received by post for at least 4 months.
Minute 711 The website NOTICES page is currently being changed; all comments on it are welcome.

719 Receive a report from District Councillor (Mr John Shephard)

It was resolved for DCllr Shephard to participate in discussion on Buckton Fields agenda items 724(1&2).

720 Receive a report from County Councillor (Mrs Judy Shephard)

In the absence of CCllr Shephard there was no report

721 Review list of correspondence/items received/sent since last meeting (Plus any late receipts/sents):

There were no highlighted matters addressed other than those relating to matters included on the agenda.
It was resolved to accept the list and for the Chairman to sign it.
The Clerk tabled a late receipt on Police statistics for the past month.

PLANNING:

722 Determine responses to the following new planning applications (Plus any late receipts):

1. DA/2011/0748 Garage/Extn demolitions plus dwelling/access alterations at Winston Hs, Vyse Rd
It was resolved to submit a response of OBSERVATIONS with mention of improvement to the aesthetic appearance but with some concern about the height of the roof on the north side of the property.
2. DA/2011/0862 Single storey side lean-to extension at 29 Moulton Lane
It was resolved to submit a response of NO OBJECTIONS.

- 723 **Note/comment on recent planning application decisions received (plus any late receipts):**
1. DA/2011/0655 Work to trees at Quietways, Humfrey Lane - GRANTED
2. DA/2011/0644 Two storey rear extension and various alterations at 74 Harborough Rd North - GRANTED
3. DA/2011/0665 Certificate of Lawfulness for single storey ext'n at 30 Dixon Rd, Boughton Rise – GRANTED
4. DA/2011/0666 1050 dwellings, Etc. on Buckton Fields (Overall) – GRANTED (Awaiting formal notice)
5. DA/2008/0500 376 dwellings, Etc. on Buckton Fields (East) – GRANTED (Awaiting formal notice)

- 724 **Review any matters on any applications previously decided upon (if any):**
1. DA/2008/0500 Buckton Fields (East) 2. DA/2011/0666 Buckton Fields (Overall)
Particularly to include a resolution on Council's follow-up actions that may involve legal proceedings at a cost

The Chairman summarised the current situation to-date with regard to the dispute over the decisions on the 2 applications and the way in which they were determined. Particular mention was given to a recent meeting with supportive Chris Heaton-Harris MP, correspondence with 2 DDC Directors and receipt of a transcript of the special decision meeting held on 20/10/2011.

Discussion took place with DCllr John Shephard participating. DCllr Shephard particular stated the following for Council to determine its next actions, ie: The engagement of an expert Planning consultant to advise and guide BPC in pursuit of a Statutory Review, Judicial Review or Ombudsman. The Clerk reported receipt of a Legal Topic Note' from NALC which confirmed that Council has a 'Power' to spend on such matters; a reserve for which is currently stated on BPC's Financial Statement.

Cllr Greatorex proposed that the previous expert Planning Consultant be engaged, appropriate papers be assembled upon which Counsel's opinion can be sought, FOBA and WASPRA to contribute into the process, Chairman to liaise with DCllr Shephard and 'briefs' to be created that are specific to BPC needs and prevent the possibility of escalating costs. Cllr Greener seconded and the motion was carried.

After meeting note from the Clerk:

An Extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting has now been arranged on Wednesday 07/12/2011 at 07.45pm to discuss professional advice, guidance and likely costs; also to resolve on matters and determine further action as necessary.

3. Boughton Quarry (K-Lime processing & dust monitoring)

The Chairman reported there was not much processing going on at present due to less agricultural need for the product over the winter months; however, dust monitoring by the environmental agency continues.

4. Boughton Quarry (Site reinstatement for agriculture by 2015)

The Chairman reported that the overall site was currently conditioned by the Waste Planning Authority to be reinstated for agriculture by November 2015; however, it seems likely that Peter Bennie Limited may be applying for extension in their new applications for Concrete Batching and Aggregate Bagging plants.

725 **Review any matters related to Planning Policies:**

1. WNJPU – West Northants Joint Core Strategy (Pre-submission)

There was nothing to report beyond that which was reported on in minute 696 of the last BPCM meeting.

2. GOVERNMENT - Localism Bill

The Chairman reported that the Bill has passed through Parliament but was now awaiting Royal Assent. On receipt of detailed information about how the Bill affects Parish Councils, actions can then be determined.

3. GOVERNMENT - National Planning Policy Framework

The Chairman reported that the Framework continues to be progressed by Government and, like the Localism Bill mentioned above, actions can be determined when more detailed information is received.

726 **Review any matters related to planning applications in preparation or awaiting decisions:**

1. Boughton Quarry – Proposed applications for Concrete Batching and Aggregate Bagging plants

The Chairman reported that applications for 2 new plants are to be submitted by Peter Bennie Limited to NCC or DDC Authorities very shortly. A 'key' matter associated with them is their categorisation of being 'Recycling' or 'Industrial' related; the latter of which is considered to warrant a site change of use.

FINANCE:

727 Approve Financial Statement/Bank Reconciliation as at 31/10/2011:

Cllr Wilson proposed that he and the RFO consolidate the reserve accounts into 1 general reserve and less others. Cllr Greateorex seconded and the motion was carried.

Cllr Greateorex proposed the approval of the Statement. Cllr Parker seconded and the motion was carried.

728 Approve payments shown on Financial Statement and sign cheques (including late invoices):

After accepting the following late invoices it was resolved to approve payments totalling £1,376.92 from the precept account and £117.84 from a reserve account.

PLS (Lighting Services)	P0428 / C1308	£ 56.00
M&K (Greenworks)	P0429 / C1309	£ 60.00
M&K (Greenworks)	P0430 / C1309	£ 65.50
M&K (Greenworks)	P0431 / C1309	£ 76.00
TYPEOUT (Transcription)	P0432 / C1310	£146.90

After payments, available balance in the precept account for payments to 31/03/2012 is £5,286.06

729 Report on progress/financial position with regard to new Venes playground project (Phases 1 & 2):

The Clerk reported as follows:

Phase 1 - Playbuilder funded:

No change since the last meeting. Balance on account is £40.92. Further funding availability is Nil

Phase 2 - Community Spaces funded:

No change since the last meeting. Balance on account is £6.32-. Further funding availability is £13,394.68 plus an additional amount of £3,500.00 that the grant provider has recently made available.

730 Plan for preparing a 2012/13 Budget & Precept for approval at next Council meeting on 09/01/2012

It was resolved for the RFO to update the current detailed budget statement with actual receipts and payments as at 31/10/2011; Cllr Wilson and RFO to then produce a draft 2012/13 budget/precept for approval at Council meeting on 09/01/2012. Deadline for submission of precept to DDC is 18/01/2012.

HIGHWAYS (Including Lighting, Public Footpaths and Transport):

731 Review/Progress any highway maintenance, works or traffic calming / parking matters:

The Clerk referred members to his 'after meeting note' to minute 701 of the last meeting on 10/10/2011. There were no other matters raised.

732 Progress footway lighting upgrade plan and budget; particularly those related to works in 2011/12:

Cllr Parker reported that out of 10 contractors invited to tender, 3 declined, 7 accepted; of which, 5 have been received(2 late) and 2 have not been received. Primarily on a cost, being local and familiar basis, BPC's current supplier of footway lighting Installations, Maintenance and Electricity, E-ON has been selected for phase 1 (2011/12 – Year 1 of 4) works and an order has now been placed (as per minute 702 of BPC's last meeting on 10/10/2011). Particular items of the order include; adherence to BPC's 4 tender documents(including standardizations), £3,023.24 cost(Excl VAT) currently provided for in reserve, works completion by 29/02/2012, invoicing/payments to be completed by 31/03/2012, maintenance to include a report, annual lamp replacements and cleaning (September proposed).

After meeting note from the Clerk:

E-ON has accepted the order on 15/11/2012 and is now planning to commence work as soon as possible.

ENVIRONMENT (Including NCC and M&K Green-works):

733 Review/Progress any green-work maintenance / works matters:

With reference to minute 703 of last meeting on 10/10/2011, order has now been placed on M&K for repair and painting of the chain-link fencing on Willow-tree Green. Work is planned to commence soon with chain being removed off-site for painting.

OTHER MATTERS:

734 Progress matters related to Clerk resignation, Internal Audit and Council as an Employer:

It was resolved for Cllr Wilson and Clerk (on return from a holiday) to draft an advertisement for a new Clerk and progress all relevant matters to achieve a new appointment and handover as soon as practical.

735 Review and progress any consultation requests and agree latest status report:

It was resolved for the tabled list of consultations to be accepted with no responses being proposed.

- 736 Progress/Receive reports on attendances since last BPC meeting:**
14/10/2011 – NCC Highways Authority meeting re Buckton Fields applications - Cllr Clarke
 The discussion with Rob Sim-Jones was summarised with particular mention of the mitigating highway changes that would avoid the need for a northwest bypass mentioned in HS2; currently unplanned.
18/10/2011 – NBC Planning meeting re their response to Buckton Fields applications - Cllr Clarke
 For the second time, NBC resolved to unanimously object to the Buckton Fields applications. The planning meeting was conducted very orderly/professionally giving confidence that members were well informed.
20/10/2011 – DDC Special Planning meeting for Buckton Fields applications - Cllr Clarke
 The planning meeting overturned the previous decision of refusal on 20/07/2011 with minimal participation by members indicating lack of knowledge on all the elements related to the application, or having been pro-acted beforehand. The meeting’s Chairman particularly expressed that there was no reason to refuse the overall application and that, if Committee minded to do so, an appeal may result costing DDC a ‘six figure sum’. 150 approx orderly objecting public attended the meeting who DDC considered needed some ‘crowd control’ by stewards and police. Chairing of meeting and basis for decision was questionable.
11/11/2011 – MP Chris Heaton-Harris meeting re Buckton Fields applications - Cllr Clarke
 Mr Heaton-Harris confirmed his continued opposition to the Buckton Fields development and that he supports the Parish Council in taking the matter further.
- 737 Confirm dates for Village Day 2012 and Queens Diamond Jubilee; plan and progress:**
 Cllr Potter reported on the outcome of a recently formed committee who believed that the holding of 2 events (Jubilee and Village Day) would be too much to handle; a Garden Party related event was proposed to be held in the grounds of The Old Vicarage (Subject to Cllr and Mrs Greener agreeing) and for this to be held on Tuesday 05/06/2012 (the day of the Jubilee). Discussion took place on whether the closing of Church Street should be applied for; it was considered prudent to do so to avoid any serious conflicts between attendees to the event and traffic. There was no proposal for a Village Day to be held in 2012. It was resolved for Cllr Potter and his committee to proceed on the above basis and to continue with ‘pursuing the many ideas that are spinning around’ for a good day that is ‘fit for a Queen’.
- 738 Receive a report on Boughton Village Hall:**
 Cllr Clarke reported that management and use of the Hall continued to go well and that another successful quiz evening took place last Saturday.
- 739 Agree any proposed new ‘Welcome to Boughton’ letters:**
 It was agreed for 2 letters to be sent as proposed by Cllr Greener; addresses to be supplied to the Clerk.
- 740 Receive any other matters for report only (if any):**
1. The Clerk will be away on holiday from 21 to 27/11/2011
 2. Cllr Greateorex (a Council nominated Trustee of the Richard Humfrey Charity) agreed to check and inform the Clerk if any other Trustees need to be nominated by Council.
 3. Members were informed to pass the message around that DDC now seems to be fining residents who place black sacks at the side (not in) black rubbish bins.
- 741 Confirm a next meeting date on 09/01/2012:**
 It was confirmed for the next meeting to be held on the above date in Boughton Village Hall at 7.30pm.
- 742 Close meeting:**
 The meeting was closed at 9.30pm

THESE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL AT MEETING ON 09/01/2012 (MINUTE _____)

Chairman/Date:.....