

**BOXWELL WITH LEIGHTERTON
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held at Leighterton Primary School at 7.30pm
MINUTES**

Councillors Present: Colin Alden, Chairman
 Duncan Hyde, Vice Chairman
 Tom Clark
 Jenny Ursell, Responsible Financial Officer
 Felicity White, Clerk

1. The Chairman welcomed the Councillors to the meeting.
2. Apologies - none received
3. The Minutes of the AGM and Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd May 2022 and the ECM held on 22nd June were approved.
4. Update on Matters Arising and Actions:
 - 4.1 It was concluded that, following various options, the Queen's Jubilee bench will be sited alongside the old, existing bench beside the pond on a hard stand. TC advised a larger channel will be required to drain away water and he offered to dig it and create the hard stand. DH volunteered to assist with any digging. **Action:** JU to supply TC with bench measurements for the hard stand.
 - 4.2 It was agreed that instead of planting Jubilee Plum trees in the Playground and Park as previously proposed, the Parish Council would contribute the remaining Jubilee funds to the monies being raised by the Royal Oak for the duck house on the village pond.
 - 4.3 The Draft Standing Orders had been circulated to the Council members for comment prior to the meeting and were approved.
 - 4.4 The speed of some vehicles through the village was discussed at length but no final conclusion reached on how to address the problem.
 - 4.5 CA and JU had attended a meeting with Rose Clark who looks after the Amenities Committee. There are several accounts and the finances had originally been set up to look after the Park, receive/pay funds from the £100 Club and pay the Peppercorn rent for the Park as well as mower maintenance. It was suggested and agreed that the accounts were amalgamated into one Amenities Committee account.
5. JU provided a Financial Report as follows:
 - 5.1 She stated that the current financial position showed that the Savings Account has a credit balance of £6,911.40 and the Treasurer's Account has a credit balance of £2,842.52; the latter includes the payment of £150.00 received towards the replacement costs of the Park wall (total replacement cost of £1,3,75) raised by the village Christmas Fayre, kindly organised by

Frankie Gale. The reimbursement of £420.00 to JU for the Jubilee bench was approved.

5.2 JU stated that the addresses for the bank accounts needed updating; the new addresses were agreed.

5.3 She further reported that she had completed the Communities Infrastructure Levy Questionnaire, which means that the Parish Council has CIL funds of £1,125 to be spent by 2025. **Action:** JU to circulate a breakdown to the Committee.

6. DH referred to two Planning Applications which have recently been forwarded by Cotswold Council.

6.1 Whitewater Farm has submitted a full application for the erection of agricultural outbuilding and associated works.

6.2 Holly Tree House has submitted an application for the erection of a single storey extension and the demolition of the existing conservatory.

No objections were raised to either application by members of the Parish Council.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 CA advised that he had contacted Wicksteed to arrange an inspection of the Park, but was advised that there was a 10-12 week backlog. Having undertaken his own, interim inspection, CA is of the opinion that the igloo should be removed, preferably before Christmas. Having debated whether to (a) use a working group from the village to remove the structure or (b) use Parish funds to ask a contractor to remove it, it was decided that a village working group was the preferred, initial option.

Questions arose as to whether to replace it with another igloo or something different. CA asked FW to contact Wicksteed in order to arrange an inspection and obtain ideas and/or quotes for a replacement.

7.2 CA asked the Committee to consider whether it was necessary to establish a Village events template. Following a detailed discussion on the pros and cons of such an initiative, it was concluded that no further action was required.

7.3 CA advised the meeting that he had been copied on an email sent to Jill Matthews at Gloucestershire County Council in respect of opinions regarding the development of Poole Farm. Jill Matthews had responded that the GCC is proposing to appoint an architect to conduct a 'first run' scheme, following which the Council will sell the site with pre-planning permission to a developer. At this stage, residents in the village will have an opportunity to voice their opinions.

In the meantime, until April 2023, the Bests have access to the farm and its buildings.

7.4 It was agreed by the Councillors that the Clerk would receive a quarterly payment towards expenses incurred in the role.

8. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 6th December 2022.

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