

BOARHUNT PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 11th March 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Apologies. Mr.D Andrews Councillor
Mrs J Pratt Councillor
Mr F Allgood County Councillor

Present. Mr D Green Chairman
Mr E Schofield Vice Chairman
Mr N Eastman Councillor
Mrs S Leatham Councillor
Mr J Cooper District Councillor
Mr B Gibbs Clerk

11 Members of the Public

Minutes of the Last Meeting. Minutes of the last meeting approved, proposed by Cllr Leatham and seconded by Cllr Eastman.

Matters Arising.

Report from Boarhunt Memorial Hall Planning and Management Committee. See below

Progress of planning application for Hall on present site. See below

Report on the Parish Poll result. On Thursday 14th Feb a Parish Poll was held to solicit the views of the local government electors of Boarhunt as to the preferred location for the new Boarhunt Village Memorial Hall. The results were as follows.

To the question "Do you wish to see the new Boarhunt Village Memorial Hall to be built on land at the Recreation Ground Trampers Lane?" Eighty-one people voted yes and seventy-nine voted no.

To the question "Do you wish to see the new Boarhunt Village Memorial Hall to be built on land at the existing site in Trampers Lane?" One hundred people voted yes to this and sixty-two voted no.

Following on from the result and after a report from Ms Jan Griffiths regarding the latest meeting of the Boarhunt Memorial Hall Planning and Management Committee (BMH) the following resolution was passed.

The Parish Council would support an outline application for a building to be erected on the current site. The BMH would seek to submit an application in the near future and would work to a budget not exceeding £1000. The money would be drawn from funds held by that committee. No public money would be spent at this time.

That £14,000 of money held by the Parish Council was still available to the project regardless of where the building would be built. Ms Griffiths also brought to the meeting's attention to the fact that there was also a grant currently available that totaled £28,000. However this was tied to construction taking place at the recreation ground

Jan Griffiths has recently been in contact with the Charities Commission. They have confirmed that all money raised so far and held by the BMH would be available to be spent on the building of the replacement hall regardless of where it will be constructed.

Cllr Green spoke on behalf of the council thanking Ms Griffiths for her efforts in moving the project forward. He also commented that he hoped that many more members of the community

would involve themselves in the work of the BMH and come forward to assist them in anyway they could.

There were various discussions regarding any possible highways issues if the present site were to be developed. Dist Cllr Cooper confirmed that there had been comment from WCC officials regarding the suitability of the site to accommodate adequate parking. He said it was a fact of modern life that there would always be on-road parking but that it would need to be reduced as much as possible.

In answer to a question from Cllr Green Ms Griffiths commented that the BMH had not engaged the services of an architect at this present moment in time.

It was resolved that the Parish Council would review the situation regarding plans to develop the current site in September 2008. The Parish Council is mindful of the fact that outline planning permissions expire on the Recreation Ground site in early 2009.

Cllr Green closed the discussion by re-iterating that it was often the case that the parish council was required to make decisions that were not universally popular. He again stressed that there may well come a time when the parish council would be required to make a final decision as to where the new hall would be built.

Youth Club. It was reported that the youth club had a steady amount of young children in attendance. Activities such as Circus skills were being presented to the youth club by HCC's youth partnership. There has been a visit by the police that was considered to have been a useful exercise. With the lighter evenings arriving it was now possible for meetings to be arranged outside and for activities such as horse riding and walking the parish footpaths to take place. The possibility of tackling an assault course may well be on offer at Fort Widley.

Boarhunt May Weekend. The first meeting of the BMW committee took place on Feb 7th. There is now over £4000 in promises confirmed. The Marquee hire deposit has been paid (see finance below).

B2177 30 mph. Progress Report. The clerk recently received news from the agents acting on behalf of Hampshire County Council that the village 30mph scheme as a whole has been delayed, caused by the differences of opinion between the Police and Hampshire County Council. Most villages including North Boarhunt may not now be completed until July 2008. The Clerk has also received the official notices advertising the changes proposed. He will post those on the notice boards in due course.

Recreation Ground, Repairs to Bench and Pavilion. The current outstanding works are now complete. The parish council has accepted a quote from Schofield Groundworks Ltd to install the lockable bollards at the entrance to the recreation ground. This will be installed and fitted in due course.

District and County Councillors Report. We received a written report from County Cllr Allgood that will be attached to these minutes. Cllr Cooper presented a brief report indicting that there were now two Police Community Support Officers assigned to the Southern Parishes as well as three Constables based at Bishops Waltham. He also indicated that funding for a Skate Park in Boarhunt had been discussed but that no firm decisions had been made.

Correspondence. Mark Oaten MP quarterly report from the Member of Parliament for Winchester. HCC "Planning Hampshire's Future" Winter 2008 edition. HCC Consultation on the new 1APP form. Winchester Passenger Transport Forum latest meeting minutes. CPRE workshop notice invitation. Standards Board for England March 2008 newsletter.

Planning. There were no planning applications or decisions sent to us from Winchester City Council. There was an application from Hampshire County Council regarding the Warren Farm Waste Transfer Station at Downend Road Fareham. This was for a partial change of use at the site to allow parking of lorries overnight. In this instance Hampshire County Council can grant themselves permission rather than having to refer this application to the district authority. Boarhunt Parish Council chose not to comment on this matter.

Finance. The following orders for payment were approved by the Parish Council of Boarhunt.

Buchanan Events Marquee Ltd £1486.86 (**loan to BMH**).
SEC Ltd £79.96p and £98.84 (street light repairs).
Audit Commission £334.88 (Annual fee).
Southern Electric Ltd £36.86 (Pavilion supply).

Highway Matters. The following defects within the parish have been reported to HCC Highways department.

Potholes between Carmans Farm and Staples Cross REF:1432940
Large pit at the junction of Ham Lane and Monument Lane REF:1432952
Potholes at Shoothill Lodge Fareham Road up to its junction with Common Lane REF:1432979
Erosion of the verges at the entrance to the St Nicholas Church car park REF:1433021
Church Road Newtown is now suffering from subsidence towards its junction with Fareham Road. REF:1433085

For Information. The Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Tuesday April 8th at 7.30pm. Notices have now been issued by Winchester City Council regarding the district and parish elections due to take place on Thursday May 1st. This council will be retiring at that point. The Clerk informed members that he will shortly be receiving election nomination packs which would be available to parish councillors and others seeking election to the parish council.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th April 2008. 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.55pm. Brendan Gibbs. Clerk to the Parish Council of Boarhunt.