

BOARHUNT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 3rd December, 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

1. Apologies.	Mr.F.Allgood	County Councillor
	Mr.D. Andrews	Councillor
	Mrs.J.Pratt	Councillor
Present.	Mr.D.Green	Chairman
	Mr.E.Schofield	Vice Chairman
	Mr.N.Eastman	Councillor
	Mrs. S.Leatham	Councillor
	Mrs.E.Green	Clerk
	Mr.J.Cooper	District Councillor
	Rev.R.Green	
	Mr. Brendan Gibbs	Replacement Clerk
	1 Parishioner	

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting approved, proposed by S/L and seconded by D/G.

3. Matters Arising.

a. Report from Boarhunt Village Memorial Hall Committee. (Minutes on Notice Boards)

The Committee continue to meet and pursue funding from different sources. Applications are in for grants from HCC and WCC.

There is still no proper Treasurer in place. It may be necessary to employ a qualified person to take on this role.

Another Surgery will be held in the Parish Hall on 15th December, from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Another Newsletter is under preparation to inform parishioners of the pros and cons of the two sites.

b. Progress of Planning Application for Hall on Present Site.

Paul Harmsworth and Derek Ross reported that Mr.Derek Ross has resigned his position on the Committee, and from the task he undertook at the Open Meeting in August, of helping to prepare new plans for the existing site.

P/H has spoken to many agencies now regarding the proposition of a new hall on the existing site and has received no serious opposition. However, there is still no plans drawn up and no planning submission made. In view of slow progress, J/G had designed a possible layout, hall and club remaining the same size as now, on 2 stories as suggested by WCC. She had also recovered the original plans for the site at the Recreation Ground, without the changing rooms. Comparisons between the two plans are surprising. The original for the Rec. Ground is 399 sq. meters and the proposal for the existing site is 406 sq. meters. This arises due to health and safety requirements insisting on toilets to both floors, stairs, lift and corridor widths and the constraints of the narrow existing site.

A letter has been sent to Mr. B. Watson regarding the use of land on a temporary basis for site access and material storage. No reply to date.

A Parish Poll to decide which site is preferred was discussed. It is necessary to have an Open Meeting for Parishioners to request a Poll. J/C said better sooner rather than later due to time restraints on Council funding. It was decided to have the Open Meeting for half an hour before the next Parish Council Meeting. 7 p.m. on Monday 7th January, 2008. The wording of the question has to be decided at the Open Meeting.

c. Youth Club, update.

The Red Card suspensions seem to have worked and behaviour is better. There continues to be a good attendance of between 15 and 20 at the meetings. The new games equipment is helping to keep everyone occupied.

d. Boarhunt May Weekend, final outcomes.

E/G pleased to report that the £600 outstanding for the Auction of Promises has been received. However, there is another Promise which was not honoured and another refund will be necessary to Mr.J.Parker of £320. This second refunded item also relates to The Shane Warne Experience, unfulfilled due to Shane

Warne being out of the Country. After this is settled, the balance of funds from the BM Weekend will be donated to the BVH Committee for banking.

e. B2177, 30 mph. Progress Report.

Whilst there has been no new information to the P/C, J.C reported that there is every indication that the 30 mph limit will be installed during this financial year.

f. Recreation Ground, Toilet Cubicle, Repairs to Bench and Pavilion.

Keys to the toilet are now with E/G. E/S reported that the pavilion door needs replacing and that the damage to the benches adjacent to the MUGA had not been repaired. D/G will ask Mr.D.Pynigar if he could do these repairs.

g. The new Parish Council representative at the BVH Committee meetings will be E/S. In his absence, S/L.

h. Review and Set Allotment Rents.

It was agreed that the rents remain the same, £15 and £7.50 for the large and small plots.

4. District Councillors Report.

WCC is still looking at ways to reduce expenditure. Good results with recycling, WCC being one of the 5 top authorities, gives savings on landfill taxes and bonus payments.

J/C had spent time with Hants. Constabulary to see them at work. There are no special issues with Boarhunt. J/C has asked that they show a greater presence at both Boarhunt and Southwick and this will be done by Police Community Support Officers.

Plans for WCC to pay Parish Precepts half yearly were opposed and defeated.

J/C asked Clerk to look out for pending correspondence on Local Development Framework, strategy for next 20 years.

5. Correspondence.

Actioned as appropriate, other than that mentioned elsewhere in these minutes.

HCC. Hants. Now, newsletters: Minutes of Annual Parish transport Rep. Meeting, 2007.

W.C.C. Planning Enforcement Services meeting, 8.1.08. Brendan Gibbs attending: Working With Parishes, meetings, 17.1.08 and 22.1.08, 5.30 p.m. Winchester Guildhall.

HALC. Safer Young Drivers, course, looking for venues: Parish Polls, only Parish business: Salary awards: Planning workshop, responding to Planning Applications: Hants. Association of Local Councils website, new electronic mailing and information 'members only' area, password coming: HALC response to WCC 'Working with Parishes', states support for 'hub and cluster' approach.

Community Action. Annual Review: Magazine Awards. **WACA.** Carer's News. **CPRE.** Newsletter. **SLCC.** Newsletter: Membership renewal documents: Conference Programme. **Hants. Highways.** Climbing Lanes, M27, Councillors preview, Portchester Community Association, 30.11.07 and 1. 12.07, notice to shop. **Wickham Parish Council.** Safer Neighbourhood Panel, meeting, 11.12.07, Wickham Comm. Centre, 7 – 8 p.m. Neighbourhood Watch notified.

6. Planning.

W02723/14 Case No.07/02287/FUL

Chartwell, Bere farm Lane. Conversion of integral garage to accommodation and in filling of porch with new canopy, erection of new detached garage. BPC no comment. Permitted.

W03772/04 07/00090/REFUSE.

Merryvale, Southwick Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and building of 2 detached dwellings. This application was refused and will be taken to Appeal. Comments by 15.11.07. Decision pending.

W14825/05 Case No. 07/02548/FUL

Land off Bere Farm Lane. Replacement hay store and implement store/workshop. BPC supported. Permitted.

W02623/02 Case No. 07/01908/OUT

Journeys End, Trampers Lane. Convert and extend existing dwelling to form 2 no. semi detached three bed dwellings: erection of 1 no. 4 bedroom detached dwelling and garage in rear garden of Journey End. BPC opposed on grounds of over development of the site, concerns regarding drainage, both foul and rainwater, affect on local environment, both ecological and street scene. Pending.

7. Finance.

BPC supported payments to the following:

Schofield Groundworks Ltd. Toilet, Recreation ground, rebuild.	V No. 696	2140.00
P.Reynolds. Internal half year Audit.	V No. 697	180.00
Southern Electric. Metered supply, Pavilion.	V No. 698	36.86
Howard Smith, Land Agent. Fees, representing Mr. B. Watson, on loss of rented land. Negotiations with Southwick Estate regarding new lease to B/P/Council. BPC agreed to indemnify Mr. Watson on costs related to loss of land and the new Lease.	V No. 699	471.46
Statement of Accounts:		
Treasures Account		923.02
Business Call Account		4356.69
Community Fund		625.13
Scottish Widows 60 Day Tracker		30,885.40

(This balance includes Earmarked Reserves of £14,000, Building Fund, £10,000 Awards For All grant, Precept balance, Parish election fund, etc.)

Half Year Audit completed satisfactorily.

BPC agreed that pay level for incoming Clerk to remain as existing and as precepted for 2008/9.

The Clerk's Contract of Employment for Mr.Brendan Gibbs agreed and signed.

8. Highway Matters.

Mr. Neal reported that the safety rails beside the stream in Black House Lane have still not been repaired. Also, that overhanging branches adjacent to the telephone box in Trampers Lane, are affecting school buses and lorries. These trees belong to Southwick Estate. E/G to notify them.

9. For Information.

Concerns over the use of the Recreation Field by young car drivers resulted in a decision to investigate the use of a lockable bollard at the entrance to the field. E/G is to contact WCC and SERCO to get their agreement, as both have right of access down the track to the sewage treatment plant and the dustbin.

S/L raised concerns regarding the granting of a licence for shooting by the Forestry Commission to Langstone Wildfowlers to control vermin in the Forest of Bere. Safety issues with regards to riders and horses, walkers, children at play, etc do not seem to have been addressed. S/L to draft a letter expressing these fears to the Forestry Commission, Clerk to forward on BPC headed letter.

N/E is already planning 2008 Boarhunt May Weekend. To lighten load for volunteers, all tenting has been booked from Buchannan Events. He is also actively looking for direct sponsorship for the event with the aim of covering outgoing expenses, allowing all monies raised over the weekend to be retained for the building fund. The marquee is booked for a private function on the Friday evening, giving some extra revenue. His aim this year is to simplify arrangement by creating a sub committee to take responsibility for each day. More volunteers needed, please contact him on 01329 834509.

D/G asked for a volunteer to take on the planning of the Summer Fete from an early stage. Last year difficulties were caused by everything being left to the last minute. This is not an onerous job as all contacts etc. remain on file for future inclusion in the event. Date to be decided.

This being the last meeting for E/G as Clerk to the Council, E/S proposed a vote of thanks from BPC and Parishioners to E/G on her retirement, after almost 9 years service. Thanks from E/G.

10. Date of Next Meeting.

Monday 7th January, 2008.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Evelyn Green, Clerk.

This meeting will be preceded by an

PARISH OPEN MEETING

JANUARY 7TH 2008

7.00 - 7.30 P.M.

AT THE PARISH HALL

The purpose of this meeting is to determine if Parishioners wish to hold a Parish Poll to decide which site is preferred for the new Memorial Hall. A Poll can be demanded on any question arising before the end of the meeting, by either, not less than ten, or one third, of local government electors present, whichever is the lowest number.

The wording of a Poll must be determined by the Parish Meeting. Answers to the questions must be ‘yes’ or ‘no’, or ‘for’ or ‘against’.

The following Parish Council Meeting can then decide to ask for a Poll, which would take place between the 14th and the 25th day after the demand is made to WCC by Boarhunt Parish Council.