

**BOARHUNT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on**  
**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

DRAFT MINUTES – To be approved at 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 meeting

Present	Mr J Cooper	Chair and District Councillor
	Mr D Andrews	Councillor
	Mrs G Andrews	Councillor
	Mrs K Jeffreys	Councillor
	Ms E Billingham	Clerk
	Approx 30 members of the public.	
Absent	Mr E Schofield	Councillor

**09/46 Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Schofield was not present and sent no apologies

**09/47 Public Session**

**The meeting was adjourned for public session.**

See notes on public session

Meeting resumed.

**09/48 Declarations of interest.**

Cllr Cooper listed his elected membership of Winchester City Council as a standing declaration.

Cllr Cooper wanted to restate that in matters regarding the new village halls he would remain outside the process.

**09/49 Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009**

All councillors agreed the minutes to be correct and the Chairman signed the minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

**09/50 Chairman's report**

The Chairman stated that at the end of the last meeting it was his intention to hold a Parish Meeting but due family circumstances he had not been able to hold the meeting. However on taking time to think about the situation he decided that this decision had been taken in haste and that therefore he would not be holding a Parish Meeting and that he wanted to apologise to the Parish Councillors and the community. He felt that the Parish Council had debated and made their decision. Beyond the decision there now needed to be addressed the cost and difficulty in funding and maybe other options.

**09/51 Clerk's report**

09/34 – The keys to the recreation Ground would left at the Shop with Mr Neil for easy access to users. Cllr Jeffreys would deliver to Mr Neal.

09/34 – The Social Club received a copy of the last minutes and would have them delivered each month.

09/36 – Cllr Pratt had formerly resigned and a notice of vacancy had been posted.

The Chair wished it noted that he thanked Jo Pratt and believed that her work on the Parish Council had been invaluable and acknowledged the considerable amount of work that Cllr Jeffreys and Cllr Pratt did on the village hall plans and their determination to see it through to planning. All Councillors agreed.

**09/52 Planning Applications and Decisions.**

.1 To receive planning applications from Winchester City Council and agree response: None

.2 To receive application decisions:

Boarhunt                      Ward      Boarhunt And Southwick

**Conservation Area:**

**Case No:**                      09/01043/FUL

**Ref No:**                      W16870/02

**Date Valid:**                2 June 2009

**Grid Ref:**                    460301 111098

**Team:**                      WEST                      **Case Officer:**      Lorna Hutchings

**Applicant:**                Mr Wayne Saunders

**Proposal:**                Change of use of part of an existing barn to a 1 bed flat  
(RETROSPECTIVE)

**Location:**                The Yard Trampers Lane North Boarhunt Hampshire

**Decision:**                Application Refused

**09/53 To discuss items regarding the Village Hall:**

1. To agree on the wording of a letter to the BMHC Trustees

**RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would write and state the following:

Inform the Trustees of the Parish Council's recommendation

To ask for formal clarification of the way forward.

To note that the Parish Council could not pass a resolution relating to the recommendation of a site for six months.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Doug Andrews would put himself forward as a Trustee. All councillors were asked to reconsider whether they wished to become Trustees and to write personally to the Trustees.

2. To agree on a representative from the Boarhunt Parish Council to attend the next Boarhunt Memorial Hall Committee meeting.

The Chair felt that in light of the cost of both sites that neither site at present would be able to find funding to cover building costs. He felt it important that all three parties meet and discuss a way forward and receive outside advice.

3. To agree on representatives from Boarhunt Parish Council to attend the Tri-party meeting.

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Jeffrey, Cllr Doug Andrews, Cllr Glennis Andrews and Cllr Cooper attend the Tri meeting and to go to the meeting, listen to outside advice and options. The Councillors wanted to make it clear that they could not make any decisions that would effect the Parish Council and that the Parish Council could not revisit the resolution on their recommendation of the site for six months. Cllr Jeffrey would report back at the next Council meeting.                      **ACTION: KJ**

**RESOLVED** to decide which Councillors would attend the Trustees after the Tri meeting had taken place.

4. To consider a meeting with Southwick Estate.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to arrange a meeting after the Tri Meeting to state the current situation and inform them of the decision of the Parish Council.

5. To consider notifying WCC of BPC recommendation.

After some discussion and the Chair stating that informing the Planning Dept of the decision would mean that the Recreation Ground site's planning permission being withdrawn, it was resolved to do the following:

**RESOLVED** that Cllr Jeffries draft a letter for all Councillors to agree and the Clerk to send to Chris Ashcroft in WCC Legal Dept and Neil McIntosh WCC Planning Dept to notify them of the decision to recommend the siting of the hall be at the existing site. A copy to be sent to the Trustees.

09/54) To discuss arrangements for a meeting with the Social Club regarding renewal of lease.

**RESOLVED** to arrange a meeting with the Social Club to discuss the renewal of the lease. In light of the possible changes to the Village Hall it was agreed that the new lease would be an annually renewable lease.

30<sup>th</sup> September was agreed as a possible date but would be confirmed.

To be placed on the next agenda

**ACTION:** Clerk

09/55) To receive County Councillors Report

Cllr Allgood highlighted the items below:

- Regarding the fatal accident on the Southwick Road, the issues would be reviewed once a detailed study of the findings of the report were made and these would be reported back to the Council.
- There was a joint partnership initiative between Hampshire County Council and an energy company which would mean replacement of all street lights with energy efficient units. This contract would then run for 25 years.
- Staunton Park and Queen Elizabeth Country Park had been awarded Green Flags for being outstanding.
- The new Children's Centre in Wickham was encouraging people from the community to come and visit and see its facilities.

09/56) To receive the District Councillors Report

Cllr Cooper reported that:

- There would be some changes to the Local Plan and he would report back to the community when that had been finalised.
- He invited the community to see the new children's woodland play facility in the West Wood section of the 100 Acres Wood.

There was some discussion of the play area in Boarhunt and it would be put on the next agenda.

**RESOLVED** The Clerk would invite the Open Spaces Officer to the next meeting. **ACTION:** Clerk

09/57) To receive Boarhunt Memorial Hall Committee report.

This report was given during Public Session

**09/58) To receive Police Report**

No report

Cllr Cooper reported that there seemed to be a trend of an increase in burglary from non-dwellings.

**09/59 Finance.**

**.1 To approve orders for payment.**

**RESOLVED to approve the following:**

**Cheq 786 – Zurich Insurance – Annual Insurance renewal - £984.50**

**Cheq 787 – Clerk salary - £322.66**

**Direct Debit -5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - ICO – Data Protection Act renewal - £35**

**.2 To consider the cost of regular litter clearance at the Trampers Lane recreation ground.**

To be referred to the next meeting

**ACTION: Clerk**

**.3 To consider the cost implication of installing and maintaining a dog bin at Trampers Lane recreation ground.**

To provide and install <b>120 litre plastic</b> dog waste bin	£180.00 plus VAT
To provide and install <b>50 litre metal</b> dog waste bin	£235.00 + VAT
The servicing costs include cleansing, disinfecting, provision of liners and disposal of waste in accordance with Clinical Waste Regulations. The cost is £3.10 per emptying per bin. (Inclusive if VAT) (usually weekly or bi-weekly – annual cost – weekly £161.20 Bi-weekly £80.60)	

**RESOLVED To be considered on budget. 2010-2011**

**ACTION: Clerk**

**09/57) Highway Matters.**

None

**09/58) To consider Health and Safety items**

None

**09/59) Correspondence**

**a) To action**

- Invitation to the next Community Safety Forum - Parish Policing Partnership Forum

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Cooper attend the Community Safety Forum - Parish Policing Partnership Forum.**

**To be held on Wednesday 21 October 2009 in the Arlebury Park Centre, Alresford**

- Storage of Youth Equipment and restart of the Youth club

**RESOLVED an advertisement be made in the Parish Magazine and that Cllr Cooper to investigate other villages approach to funding for a Youth leader.**

**b) To note**

None

**09/60) Date of next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 7pm**

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**09/47 Public Session**

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Members of the public were asked to identify which item they wished to speak about and then make a short statement.

1. A request was made for a rubbish bin next to the bottle bank. This would be put on the next agenda.
2. A comment was made about there not being an article in the Parish Magazine. The Clerk answered that she had been in contact with the Parish magazine and that an article would be submitted in time for the next issue.
3. It was asked how many Councillors there were on the Boarhunt Parish Council. The answer was five with one vacancy.
4. It was requested that the public seating be moved nearer to the Parish councillors at the next meeting as it was hard to hear all comments made during the meeting.
5. It was requested that an advertisement for volunteers come forward to help run the village fete. The Clerk said that she would be putting this in the report to the Parish magazine.
6. There was some concern over the future of the youth club and what would be done. The Clerk would include a request for volunteers to come forward in the Parish magazine article. The Chair would ask other councils, who had a youth leader, what process they used to obtain funding etc.
7. Jan Griffiths was asked to present her Trustees report. It was as follows:

***Boarhunt Memorial Hall Planning and Management Committee***

***Registered Charity: 1085003***

***Report for Boarhunt Parish Council September 2009***

*The Trustees await written confirmation from the Parish Council regarding the vote and its implications taken at last months Parish Council meeting indicating a preference for the existing site. Does this mean the P/C are recommending this site to the trustees and asking the trustees to reconsider, does it mean the P/C wish to run this project themselves now, does it mean that all support for the recreation ground site and associated funds are now withdrawn? We need clarification on these issues.*

*During the past 20 months Doug Andrews the Parish Council representative on the hall project has only attended 3 committee meetings and on no occasion has he produced a report for this slot on your agenda. Meanwhile I have*

taken it upon myself to produce a report for you and have been to virtually all the Parish Council meetings over the past two years which in my opinion are not the forum for detailed debate on this huge subject. Not only did no-one from the Parish Council attend last weeks committee meeting we also received no apologies. After last months vote I contacted all Parish Councillors yet again to ask if they would consider becoming Trustees and be responsible for decisions and not one councillor came forward. It is a sad reflection on the Parish Councils desire to be involved in the decision making process of the Trust. Indeed after the Trustees had presented their recommendation in support to continue with the recreation ground site in May 2008 the majority of Trustees offered to stand aside so that new Trustees could be appointed if the Parish Council felt pursuing the existing site was the right course of action. This could have saved the use of parish funds in applying for planning permission. We were told in July 2008 that the P/C would be applying for planning on the existing site but they also continued to support the rec site and subsequently the Trust paid almost £7000 of money raised within this community for planning permission. We were also informed that should permission be granted on the existing site that considerable discussion and debate would need to take place to decide on a plan. It would appear that the Parish Councillors made their decision to vote based on the Quantity Surveyors Report only. Incidentally the trustees have priced both sites with building companies and feel confident that the prices quoted by the QS will be considerably less. The one point the Trustees requested in the design of the new building on the existing site was that the size of the main hall should not be compromised and there was unanimous agreement to this. However, the final plans for the existing site did not reflect this and the main hall can accommodate only the same number of people as in the current hall (excluding the pool room).

As you know, for the past 15 months the Trustees have been requesting that leasing arrangements be put on the Parish Council agenda. The Trustees asked the Parish Council to seek legal council with regard to commissioning a 'risk assessment' on the exchange of land from freehold to leasehold as in our opinion this would have gone some way to reassuring both the councillors and parishioners that there was no additional risk but this was deemed as inappropriate.

The Trustees have received 3 responses to the newsletter recently distributed one suggesting re-negotiating with Southwick Estate, one suggesting a smaller/cheaper option and one suggesting refurbishment of the existing hall. There have been no volunteers coming forward as Trustees or other helpers.

It is perhaps time to step back and consider other options too. Is there enough will within this community to have a new hall at all? If the Parish Council now choose to run this project without charitable status backing, will the costs be passed on through the precept to the parishioners?

Some are saying that there is no longer a community spirit in Boarhunt, but I personally believe that is not true. The Social Club work extremely hard in promoting local events for local people along with offering the facility to the Blues and Folk Club etc. But, keeping the current hall up to modern-day-standards has obviously become increasingly difficult.

The Trustees are hopeful that Parish Councillors will join them and the Social Club for a tri-meeting so that all the options can be laid out prior to any further action, and that some sort of consensus can be achieved to formulate a forward plan. It would be a huge shame if after 9 years of work and fundraising this project was forced to be abandoned and the charity dissolved.

8. Mrs Jo Pratt wanted to thank all the parishioners who had written and thanked her for her time and work whilst she was a councillor in particular the thanks for the work carried out whilst a Councillor to ensure the results of the village poll were taken into consideration and acted upon.

She stated " I too felt it was imperative, following the legally moderated village poll that took place after Parishioners became concerned about losing the 'Freehold' of the existing site, that the results, **whatever** these may have been, were taken into account and acted upon by the Parish Council. In this instance it was to therefore pursue the feasibility of obtaining planning permission for a replacement building on the existing site. I refute the statements made that this poll was inconclusive, as has been stated in various communications and statements made to date, as in answer to the main question which asked which site people would prefer the hall to be built on actually resulted in:

81 people voting for the hall to be built on land at the Rec. ground site and  
100 people voting for the hall to be built on land at the existing site.

19 more people therefore voted for the existing site – We live in a democratic society and 19 is not an inconclusive number.

Or if you look at the numbers from a % point of view

55.25% voted for the existing site

44.75% voted for the rec. site

A majority of 10.5% - again not an inconclusive number.

I also refute statements made that the PC's decision was not based on necessary information. As people are aware it took immense investigation, time and effort to see the planning application for the existing site through to fruition and I sincerely hope that the work already completed will continue to progress to a satisfactory and democratic conclusion.

I am however concerned at the costings for the replacement building and feel, as I know many Parishioners do, that it would not be a responsible way forward to pursue builds of this cost in such a small village. My personal view is that perhaps the next stage could be to investigate alternative building construction methods or that the existing building could be looked at again with regard to refurbishment/rebuilding as the Architect's first impression on seeing the existing hall was that he had seen a lot worse that had in fact had been able to be refurbished albeit, of course, cost would be a considered factor when making this decision.

Note – Poll Question

Some people only ticked the "yes" box for their favoured location and therefore it is likely that if everyone had ticked both boxes the rec. site would have received more "no's".

"Do you wish to see the new Boarhunt Village Memorial Hall to be built on land at the Recreation Ground Trampers Lane?" - 81 people voted 'yes' and 79 'no'.

Do you wish to see the new Boarhunt Village Memorial Hall to be built on land at the existing site in Trampers Lane?" - 100 voted 'yes' and 62 voted 'no'."

9. Mrs Pratt also wanted to know what the results were after the visit by the Safer Roads Officer (Kevin Joyner) relating to the fatal accident on the Southwick road. She had spoken to him and had been advised that it was possible for additional signage to be put in place along this stretch of road. She felt that their view was that every little helps and additional signage can only improve things. Mr Joyner suggested that residents should write with their suggestions.

Mrs Pratt stated that she would be writing to the Safer Roads Officer suggesting what she would like to see there and wanted to urge anyone else who felt strongly about this issue please write to or contact him:

Kevin Joyner, Safer Roads Officer, Cosham Police Station

Tel: 0845 045 45 45 Ext 681 144

Email: [traffic.management@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:traffic.management@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)

Mrs Pratt also requested that a letter or email be sent on behalf of the Parish Council to provide further support for additional signage along this stretch of road. She also suggested that as some Councils were purchasing their own speed flashing signs ie Shedfield that the BPC could investigate the cost of these signs.

Clr Cooper asked Cllr Allgood to note these comments. He stated that the meeting with Safer Roads Officer and all parties would take place on 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. and that he would report back their findings. This would be an agenda item at the next meeting and the Clerk would investigate the cost of these signs.

10. Another member of the public read out a statement with the background of the hall decision and that the village had been investigating a new hall for over 10 years. The costs that had come in at the last meeting and the option to build either site would probably be more than a village the size of Boarhunt could support. She stated the vote should be respected and that village should now unite.