

BOXTED PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 22 MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM TECHNOLOGY ONLY AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Members - Cllr Damen (Chair), Brentnall, Collitt, Hunt, Mclauchlan, and Seakens.

Proper Officer & Clerk - Karen Thompson

ALSO IN No other people were present.

ATTENDANCE:

21/0067 **Welcome**

The members decided that Cllr Collitt would chair the meeting as Cllr Damen was not immediately available. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/0068 **Apologies and reasons for absence**

To record the apologies submitted.

Cllr's Chaplin, Oxford and Pugh were absent.

Cllr Chapman of Colchester Borough Council had sent apologies

21/0069 **Declaration of Interests** - to receive any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relating to items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest declared. .

21/0070 **To decide to accept the Village Green land transfer from Lynton Homes.**

The meeting discussed the advantages and disadvantages of taking the Village Green land at the apex of the Boxted Cross Hill Farm Estate from Lynton Homes for the sum of £1.

The transfer deed documents a number of restrictive covenants that would prevent the green being used for regular community events as the intended purpose is to offer a quiet space although Lynton Homes recognised that a Christmas Tree and Village Fete would be acceptable.

The Members took the time to see the community engagement on the topic and the text of the Boxted Neighbourhood Plan which documented the plan for the Hill Farm development with a village green.

There was concern raised about the future liabilities that might arise from being responsible for the land which would include upkeep, additional insurance, health and safety, and responsibility for replacing recently planted trees that might fail, as well as the requirement to join the management company 'Boxted Cross Management Company' and whether there might be financial exposure that the Council has no control over.

The advantages were expressed as having control of the upkeep and the ability to maintain it as a free space for all and the protection against development for the future.

A vote was taken with the majority in favour of the land purchase.

The Council resolved to instruct their legal representative to oversee the land transfer from Lynton Homes and to request further information regarding the membership of the Boxted Cross Management Company.

Meeting Closure & Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was noted as being the meeting originally planned for 14th April 2021 at 730pm via zoom.

Signed by Meeting Chair on