BOURN PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of Bourn Parish Council held on Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs: Mr Neil Blair (Chairman) Mr D O'Brien

Mr J Atherton Mr L Rolfe
Mrs V Bruce Ms T Watts

Mr S Jones

In attendance: 6 members of the public, including Giles Nelson (Bourn Sports Club)

and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

Giles Nelson, Chairman of Bourn Sports Club, outlined a proposal for increasing the use of the Pavilion, as it was currently underutilised, being used largely for storage. This would involve carrying out internal alterations to create a larger inside space for indoor sports or children's parties, thereby creating an additional income stream for the Sports Club. He had obtained a quotation for approximately £4000.00, and suggested that if the Parish Council funded half of the cost, he would propose to the Sports Club Committee that the Club should fund the other 50%.

The Parish Council suggested that a working group be set up at the next meeting to look into the proposal further, including budget implications and any covenants applicable. Cllr O'Brien declared that he and Cllr Jaggers were members of the Sports Club and that he would be willing to join the working group. Mr Nelson was asked to forward further details of the proposal, including plans and diagrams, and three quotations, in time for consideration at the next meeting, when this will be an agenda item. In the meantime it was suggested that Cllrs O'Brien and Jaggers should liaise with the Club to look at the proposal further and bring fuller information to the May meeting.

A resident asked whether the 20 mph sign outside Home Farm could be moved further up Riddy Lane as in its current location it was not clearly visible to drivers. It was explained that the site of the sign had been approved by CCC after taking into consideration the width of the verge and the need for vegetation to be regularly cut back if the sign was further up. The resident offered to contribute to the cutting back of vegetation or carry it out themselves. The Parish Council felt that the effect of the roundels should be awaited, as the scheme was not yet finished.

Several residents outlined their objections to the planning application for a "Passive House" on land between Fox Cottage and Acorns, stating that it was inappropriate for the isolated rural setting, there were limited transport services and the details submitted with the application were inaccurate. The reasons given when the previous application for a bungalow on this site was rejected on appeal, still applied. It was observed that the land had never been built on and concerns were expressed that a precedent would be set.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Jaggers (out of parish).

2. Declarations of interests

- 2.1 <u>To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda and details of any dispensation held</u>
 - Cllr Rolfe declared an interest in item 5.2 as Treasurer of the Tuesday Morning Club.
- 2.2 <u>To receive written requests for dispensations from members and to grant any request as appropriate</u>
 None.
- 3. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 15 March 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 15 March be approved and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendments: under item 9.2, line 4, change "Repeater" to "Terminal", and line 7 to read "contact CCC"; under item 9.1, paragraph 5, to read "A mayoral candidate is speaking." (Prop DOB, 2nd VB, unanimous)

4. Co-option to fill 3 casual vacancies

RESOLVED that Tara Watts be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. (Prop NB, 2nd SJo, unanimous)

RESOLVED that John Atherton be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council. (Prop NB, 2nd SJo, unanimous)

Cllrs Watts and Atherton signed their Declarations of Acceptance of Office before taking their seats and were asked to return their Declaration of Members' Interests form to the Clerk within 28 days.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting or a previous meeting

5.1 (5.1) Proposal for a "Considerate Contractors' Zone" – to consider draft letter to residents

RESOLVED to approve the draft letter to residents whose planning applications had been approved, and that this should be signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED that the decisions on the SCDC planning portal should be checked frequently and regularly, and that the letter should be sent by the Clerk to the named applicant at the application address or in the case of a derelict site, to the agent for forwarding. (Prop NB, 2nd DOB, unanimous)

5.2 (Jan 2017) To consider S137 requests for financial support from Bourn 1st Scouts, Tuesday Morning Club and Merrybourn Club

RESOLVED in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, to donate £250.00 to 1^{st} Bourn Scouts, £250.00 to the Tuesday Morning Club and £240.00 to the Merrybourn Club, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants. (Prop NB, 2nd SJo, unanimous)

6. <u>To consider reports on the progress of all ongoing projects and to see if further action is required</u>

6.1 (6.1) Green Energy S106 funding

Nothing to report. The Working Group will bring a report to a future meeting. A suggestion from Cllr Jaggers following comments from a resident about the appearance of the scheme at Chapel Hill will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

6.2 (6.2) BT Phone Box adoption and installation of defibrillators
Cllr Rolfe reported that nothing further had been heard from BT.

6.3 (6.3) Village Traffic Strategy

Cllr O'Brien reported that he had received ideas from residents and suggested that a working group be set up outside the Parish Council to consider an overview of speed limits, road furniture and discuss options. Cllr Atherton indicated an interest in participating.

6.4 Broadway play area maintenance

RESOLVED to contact residents and arrange a date for a working party to undertake removal of the loose stones loose stones that had to be removed from the surface before the contractors could begin maintenance.

RESOLVED to approve the specification provided by Frank Haxton for ongoing maintenance and to keep just one contractor for the first year, bringing the maintenance into the main contract thereafter. (Prop NB, 2nd DOB, unanimous)

7. To consider planning, tree work applications and any planning related matters

- 7.1 Planning applications received since the last meeting
- 7.1.1 S/1058/17/DC 140 Caxton End Application for approval of details reserved by condition 1 (Time), 2 (Plans), 3 (Materials), 4 (Stairs, fenestration and rainwater goods

- details), 5 (Schedule of works), 6 (Repairs and replacement) and 7 (Materials site meeting), of listed building ref S/0183/16/LB
- RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no comments.
- 7.1.2 S/0840/17/NM 30 High Street Application for a non-material amendment following grant of planning permission S/2545/16/FL reducing width of extension and minor changes of fenestration
 - Cllr O'Brien declared an interest as he knows the applicant. RESOLVED that the Parish Council supports the application.
- 7.1.3 S/0879/17/DC Parces 5A (S), 5B (S) and 5C, Upper Cambourne Discharge of condition 40 (drainage details) of S/6438//07/O
 Noted.
- 7.1.4 S/1011/17/FL Former runway NE of flying club, Bourn Airfield Part change of use of runway for external storage, to include but not limited to, the temporary siting (2 years) of oversized materials, plant, machinery, storage containers and vehicles RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds of:

 1) the working hours, being up to 7 pm on 6 days a week, which are longer than those enjoyed by Wincanton;
 - 2) serious visual impact from the flyover on the old St Neots Road and The Broadway;
 - 3) the plan as drawn would mean that storage would be put right at the end of the new runway, and the Parish Council is concerned at the safety implications, especially in the light of a recent fatal crash. (Prop NB, 2nd LR, unanimous)
- 7.1.5 S/1161/17/VC Bourn Golf Club, Toft Road Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) on Application S/0060/11

 RESOLVED that the Parish Council has no objections. (Prop DOB, 2nd VB, unanimous)
- 7.1.6 S/1101/17/OL Land between Fox Cottage and Acorns, Fox Road Outline planning permission for proposed erection of a detached Passive House and associated works RESOLVED that the Parish Council objects on the same grounds as for previous applications on this site and notes that the map contains inaccuracies. (Prop NB, 2nd VB, unanimous)
- 7.1.7 S/1144/17/OL Land off Grafton Drive, Caldecote Residential development of up to 58 dwellings with associated infrastructure, landscaping nad public open space, all matters reserved except for access

 RESOLVED that the Parish Council reaffirms its previous objections.
- 7.2 SCDC Decision notices
- 7.2.1 S/0465/17/FL The Grange, Broadway Erection of an agricultural grain store Permission granted.
- 7.2.2 S/0532/17/PA Storage building at Golders Farm, Fox Road Prior approval notification for change of use from a storage building (Class B8) to a dwelling house (Class C3) under Schedule 2 Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 Prior approval granted.
- 7.2.3 S/0510/17/FL Storage building at Golders Farm, Fox Road Proposed external alterations to storage building necessary to use the building Permission granted.
- 7.3 <u>Tree Works applications</u> None.
- 7.3.0.1 RESOLVED that Cllr Jones will take a look at Chapel Hill where a number of trees had recently been removed and a hedge planted in their place.
- 7.3.0.2 RESOLVED that Cllr Atherton should report to CCC as unsafe, enclosing a photograph if possible, the a fallen tree on the Broadway, at the top of Alms Hill between Crow End and Crow End farm.

8. <u>Finance, procedure and risk assessment including considering any urgent work required because of health and safety or risk</u>

8.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED that the financial report be received and considered, and that the invoices, statements and bank statements be checked at the end of the meeting by the signatories before the cheques are signed.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the finance report be approved for payment, plus CCC (street light energy) £1390.66. (Prop DOB, 2nd NB, unanimous)

SCDC (Allotment rent) (DD)	£50.00
SCDC (Trade waste) (DD)	£16.25
S Jones (Expenses)	£74.95
Bourn Village Hall (Room Hire)	£90.00
P Oakes (Tree works)	£360.00
CAPALC (Affiliation fee)	£280.52
P Oakes (Tree works)	£900.00
Salary	£75.36
NEST (Pension) (DD)	£75.30
LGS Services (Admin support)	£984.93

8.2 Play inspection report

RESOLVED to receive Frank Haxton's report.

RESOLVED to seek quotations from Peter Oakes and Burch Treework for trimming the trees above the embankment slide, to prevent the droppings from birds perching on the overhanging branches above it. Details of another contractor from whom Frank Haxton is seeking a quotation are also to be obtained. Cllr Jones and the Tree Warden will take a look and the Tree Warden will provide a specification. The quotations will be considered at the next meeting.

- 8.2.0 Cllr Jones and the Tree Warden will also look at a cherry in Hall Close and ask for a quotation for trees in Caxton End.
- 8.3 To consider any matter which is urgent because of health and safety None.

9. Members reports and items for information only unless specified

9.1 <u>Planning Working Group report, Coalition of Parish Councils and Examination in Public report</u>

Cllr Jones reported that the EIP hearing had taken place but the outcome and views of the Inspector were not yet known. Cllr Jones reported on his involvement with the Local Liaison Forum on the City Deal and Busway and will continue to provide an input on behalf of the Parish Council and the Coalition. The history of the Coalition and the efforts to have the Girton interchanged upgraded to an all-ways interchange were outlined.

Cllr O'Brien reported that modifications to the Local Plan in November 2016 extended the area covered closer to Caldecote and had changed the issue of access to the Broadway. The Local Plan now sought to introduce vehicular access to the Broadway, in the northbound direction only. It was noted that a further consultation would take place and no decision would be made until early 2018.

9.2 <u>Highways report</u>

Cllr Bruce reported that the 20 mph signs and repeaters were now installed, but that installation of the roundels was still awaited.

RESOLVED, with regard to the sign at the entrance to Riddy Lane, to await the installation of the roundels and see their effectiveness.

9.3 <u>Community Land Trust</u>

Cllr O'Brien undertook to follow this up.

9.4 Cycle rack offer from Cambourne Parish Council

RESOLVED to contact John Vickery at Cambourne Parish Council to express an interest in the cycle rack offer and to find out the size and details to establish whether they are suitable for the possible locations.

9.5 Solar farm outstanding hedge

Cllr O'Brien reported that he had been unsuccessful in contacting John Koch but would continue to follow this up.

9.6 Bourn Parish Council's successes – to note

The 20 mph limit was now in place.

9.7 <u>Grass cutting contract schedule of works – to consider if anything further is required</u> Cllr Rolfe reported that Riddy Lane and Hall Close now looked much better. He had not received a response from Buchans about the schedule but would continue to pursue this.

10. To consider correspondence/communications received

10.1 Litter Picker Volunteers' request for equipment and sign cleaning

RESOLVED that in principle the Parish Council is in favour of providing funding for the purchase of the litter picking equipment, and to ask the volunteers for a detailed proposal including a costed list of their requirements. (Prop NB, 2nd VB, unanimous)

With regard to the cleaning of signs, given that the litter picking group would prefer not to be involved, consideration is to be given at a future meeting to setting up another voluntary group or a sign cleaning day, possibly co-ordinated with the cutting back of the verge at Chapel Bank. Volunteers are to be sought at the Annual Parish Meeting.

10.2 Highways England Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet A428 consultation

RESOLVED that Cllr Jones should submit a response objecting to the proposals on the grounds that the scheme will cause extra traffic, particularly as the A428 becomes a single lane, and there is no view on the alignment; also to emphasise the need for an all-ways interchange at Girton. A formal consultation on the alignment will take place in the autumn.

10.3 CCC consultation on revision of Local Validation Guidance List and Local Validation
Check List for planning applications for the County Council's own development and
for waste development

Deferred to the next meeting.

10.4 <u>East Anglian Air Ambulance and Salvation Army – request for sites for clothing</u> banks

RESOLVED to ask how wide the access needs to be for the clothing banks, and to investigate and consult others on the suggested sites of the car park at the Jubilee playing field, Church Street or Manor Farm.

10.5 <u>Village of the Year competition</u>

Noted.

11. Closure of meeting

The Parish Council asked what was happening about the green bin on the Jubilee Playing Fields.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Signed	(Chairman)	_(Date)