

**Boyton Parish Council**  
**Report of Annual Meeting of the Parish of Boyton 2 March 2016 in the Parish Church Hall**

1. **In attendance:** Cornwall Councillor and Deputy Leader of Cornwall Council Adam Paynter, Parish Councillors Jon Bennett, Graham Clarke, Mervyn Law, Trisha Melzer, Jenny Smith and Ray Willis. Chairman of the Parish Council Councillor Martin Stanbury presided. 6 members of the public attended.
2. **Apologies:** Councillor Bernard Strout and Mrs Agnes Colwall, Mrs Rachael Ellacott, Mrs Lorraine Sluggett.
3. **Report of Meeting 20 April 2016:** The Report was accepted being taken as read as proposed by Councillor Law, seconded by Councillor Smith and carried.
4. **Introduction and County Council Report:** The Chairman welcomed Councillor Painter who presented a wide ranging and comprehensive report covering the areas of his portfolio and local matters. His talk including information arising from questions is summarised as follows: Rates- were to increase by a total 3.97%, 2% of which was principally to fund Social Care. Newquay Airport was the fastest growing business in the county-an expansion bringing more flights, jobs and high tech businesses to the area: CC were looking at building houses again including sales/rentable/part rent part buy options. Leisure Centres had been put up for tender and 16 companies including charitable trusts across the county had expressed an interest-there was, however, a fall back position to prevent closure of facilities. Highways-a difficult and challenging year but restorative action was underway locally in Werrington, Warbstow and North Petherwin. Further afield major A30 works at Temple were progressing and to assist in traffic flow the plan was to have alternate 3 lanes open to cope with busy periods (similar to the system operated at Tamar Bridge). Launceston Library-TC were investigating all possibilities including the venue such as the Town Hall or Job Centre as these offered better quality buildings. There were no immediate changes and the facility would not close. Rural broadband and the lack of a 'working' and reliable supply frustrated and disadvantaged local businesses-EU money was being targeted and Councillor Paynter would use his position to influence spending in those needy areas. Health Centre-frustratingly slow progress was being made but the improvements were moving ahead-money coming from Central Government was very tight and it was emphasised that every surgery in Cornwall had at least one vacancy for a doctor. Ambulances were not achieving their targets a situation unlikely to improve for next 2 years-suitably trained Fire Fighters in First Response Teams were providing vital support. Business rates-no more money was to come but a 50:50 funding formula with the Government was under consideration: all business rate money would eventually be devolved.
5. **Boyton Parish Council Report:** Budget 2016-2017 had been set at £6658.00 and areas of anticipated expenditure were detailed on the website; copies could be obtained from the clerk; a record 21 planning applications had been processed one in particular attracted 140 letters of protest and had tested the Council's administrative system to almost to its limit. Launceston Library's future was being discussed and surrounding local councils had been asked if they could contribute funding an issue for discussion with parishioners during the break. Also for consideration was the possibility of procuring a defibrillator: Boyton's Website had been renewed and updated with various reports, local photographs, Council's finance and business advertising: Paperless World-BPC were in receipt of funds from CC and had applied for a Central Government Grant to support the growing need for less paper and greater transparency in their activities. The Council were grateful for the loan of the equipment from the Methodist Church to enable planning applications to be shown on the wall of the Hall and, importantly, the assistance and expertise of Mr Gerd Willits. Roads to the north of the parish in particular remained a concern in wake of the solar farm works adjacent: restorative works were planned over the coming weeks given some drier weather. The Queen's 90th Birthday-informal chats with parishioners indicated there was a will to run some events to mark this unique occasion, now it was essential a nucleus of keen volunteers was gathered to organise and run them-another topic for discussion during the break. Meanwhile BPC had provided a lead by calling an inaugural meeting on 7 March here in the Hall. Ward Member Adam Painter was thanked for his support, Councillors and outgoing clerk, David Scott were thanked for their

attendance record and work: New clerk Jon Sharpe was introduced and David Scott took the opportunity to present a gavel and block to the Council.

**6. Presentation of Parish Cup:** Was presented in absentia to Hans and Heather White.

There followed informal discussions during the tea/coffee break the refreshments being kindly prepared and supplied by Mrs Vanessa Stanbury and Mrs Sylvia Law.

The Meeting closed at 8.45pm and was followed by a routing Parish Council Meeting

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