

Boyton Parish Council

Minutes of Boyton Parish Annual Meeting held on Monday 19th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall

- Present** The Chair, Cllr Stanbury welcomed Cllrs Bennett, Strout, Law, Smith and Davey. Sally Neems Parish Clerk. Seven members of the public
- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Received from Cllr Paynter, Cllr Willis and Cllr Davey
 - 2. Minutes of Meeting**
The minutes of the meeting **Monday 20th March 2017** had previously been agreed and uploaded to the website
 - 3. Opening Remarks**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - 4. Cornwall Councillor's Report (Written Report)**
The past year has been a different one as I have now been the Leader of Cornwall Council for almost a year and I am really enjoying it. When I started in the role, I committed to listen to people, to use our resources wisely and to deliver real change.
We have just committed to a four-year budget and business plan which will help protect services for vulnerable children, adults and families, provide more homes, support jobs, increase wages and support economic growth. We're investing over £800m through the capital programme in new and improved housing, major highways and transportation links and projects supporting economic growth, returning empty homes back to use, reducing fuel poverty and more.
I am also leading a campaign calling on central government to change their funding model to provide fairer funding for Cornwall. The current way funding is allocated is outdated and based on historical information. Our campaign is calling for a model which allocates money in a fair way, based on need and based on factors that drive demand for local services, such as the number of older people and the higher cost of delivering services in rural areas.
This new funding model would also narrow the gap between the highest and lowest funded councils. For example, Camden receives around £1100 per resident in funding from government, compared to £784 per resident in Cornwall. This model would even out that amount. In total Cornwall would receive an additional £39 million a year. This is important to fight for as it is money which will help ensure we can continue to provide local services at a time when many councils are having to cut back or stop services.
At a local level, as your local member, I have also fought for better services in and around Launceston. We hope to have some exciting news coming soon relating to Cornwall Council building homes in Launceston and new highway improvements as well as more jobs in the area. Continuing to provide a library service is also important and hopefully we will be able to say more soon.
It has been a real fight to keep up with potholes in our roads in the parishes. The almost continual rain over the winter with the cold snap a few weeks ago have really took its toll. We hope to catch up over the next few weeks if we get some dry days!
I am sorry that I am unable to be with you tonight but please do get in touch by email if you have any question

5. Parish Council's Report (Martin Stanbury)

2017/2018 could be seen as the year of the three clerks. Jon Sharpe stepped down in May, and neighbouring clerk Kate Denton stepped in until we appointed Sally Neems as clerk in October. There were no contested elections in Boyton, but we were pleased to welcome two new councillors: Bernadette Davey and David Blaney.

The council has met 13 times and considered 16 planning applications since last April

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their attendance and support and also a mention for the small but loyal group of parishioners who regularly attend our meetings.

6. Presentation of the Parish Cup

This year the Parish Cup is awarded to Norman Perkins. Norman has long been associated with Bennacott Chapel, he has been Secretary of the Skittles since 1992 and regularly attends village events. The cup will be engraved and presented to him.

7. Reports from Parish Organisations (to be uploaded to Website in due course)

Boyton Methodist Church (Lorraine Sluggett)

Boyton Methodist Church continues to meet most Sunday mornings of the year with the majority of services being at 11am. We have a small Sunday School with children ranging from the ages of four to ten years, with provision for younger children.

Last year we held a Bible Study which started in Lent and carried on into the beginning of June; in the same month we received a visit from our Chair of District, Rev Steve Wild, who brought along as his guest, Bishop Tim. Two weddings and two christenings have taken place, along with our annual Harvest Festival in October.

We continue to host Thursday morning Coffee Mornings in conjunction with the Church, with ours being held on the first and third Thursday of each month. As well as the Coffee Mornings, the community have supported other events we have held including lunches and the annual Christian Aid Coffee Morning.

Community organisations using the building in the past year include the Garden Club, Countrysiders, WI and Boyton Primary School. In May the chapel was full when we held a Concert by the Minstrels and Mini Minstrels; in December we hosted the community carol service which took on a different look in the form of Community Carols and Cake which was supported by many from the community and beyond, filling the chapel to capacity. The community defibrillator was installed on the chapel building and subsequent training was given in November.

The chapel's aim remains to be a place open to all members of the community through a range of activities.

Boyton Church (Tim Smith)

The Reverend Kenneth Wakefield retired as our priest at the end of June 2017 after a long illness. We wish him well in his retirement. We are now in what the Church of England calls an interregnum. This is the period before a new priest is appointed when the administration of the parish is the responsibility of the churchwardens, in our case, Pauline Frost and Tim Smith. In practice, they have received a huge amount of support from our retired priest, the Reverend Andrew Wilson. Thus, it has been possible to continue with our normal rota of Sunday services. The Deanery of Trigg Major (effectively, Launceston and the surrounding parishes) is undergoing a major reorganisation. So, it is likely to be some time before a new priest is appointed and that we will have to share our new priest with more than the four parishes with whom we share now. In the meantime, our small community must continue to maintain the fabric of our lovely Grade 1 listed Church of the Holy Name (for which the insurance alone costs £2,000 a year) and send our contribution to the Diocese of Truro for our share of the priesthood, a further £6,000 a year. Thus, it is that we depend upon and thank God for the goodwill of the wider community in Boyton in supporting our fund-raising activities.

Boyton Church Hall (Tim Smith)

The Church Hall, expertly managed by Gerd Willetts, has continued to host many community organisations including Boyton Parish Council. It was also our polling station for the General Election in June 2017.

The Church Hall committee has been looking into the possibility of demolishing the toilet block which was inherited from the Parish Council two or three years and replacing it with a modern facility which would include a disabled toilet. A grant has been obtained from the Boyton Wind and Solar Fund which has enabled the committee to appoint an architect from Bude, Benjamin Richards. He has drawn up plans for the committee and will be submitting a planning application on their behalf in due course.

Ladies Skittles (Vanessa Stanbury)

Boyton Ladies Skittles currently have a membership of 23 players. This year we have played in the second division. At the time of writing this report, the 'B' team are at the top of division 2 with 60 points and the 'A' team are in second place with 47 points. On aggregate we are top with 107. The cup matches have been played at Holsworthy Memorial Hall recently.

Boyton Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund Grant Panel (Jenny Smith)

The Grants Panel of the Boyton Solar and Wind Farms Community Fund meets twice a year to consider applications for grants. Cornwall Community Fund administers this fund on behalf of Boyton Parish Council. They assess grant applications, manage our accounts and liaise with our developer donors.

The Grants Panel includes two members of Boyton Parish Council and at least three members of the community. Jenny Smith is the current Chairman and acting Secretary, other members of the Panel are: Mervyn Law, Rachel Ellacott, Ian Rocks, Darren Ruby, Phil Strout, Richard Stanbury and Gerd Willetts. If anyone in the parish would be interested in serving on the Grants Panel, please contact one of the members for further information.

In addition to our regular income from the two solar panel parks and Bennecott wind turbine, the BSWFCF received a one-off grant of £10,000 in May 2016 from Pure Energy Professionals, the developers of the Grange Farm wind turbine. CCF has reported back to the developers on behalf of the fund. We received another one-off sum this year, a repayment of £1224 from the Boyton Church Hall Committee which was a refund from the Defibrillator Company who had to install a less expensive model than in their quotation.

We considered two applications for grants during the year. The first was for £54 for trophies for Boyton Gun Club who were hosting the annual inter-parish clay pigeon shooting competition. In October, we awarded a grant of £1785 to Boyton Church Hall towards architects' fees and planning fees for the refurbishment of the toilets, inherited from Boyton Parish Council. The Church Hall is used by many community organisations and so the public will benefit from this improvement.

The next Grants Panel meeting is due to be held on Monday 16th April at 7.30pm in Boyton Church Hall. The grant fund currently stands at £21,410.

8. Any Other Business

An old presentation shield was given to the Council and it was agreed that this should be displayed in the Church Hall. It was suggested that any other items of interest / memorabilia could be given to the Hall who will look into an exhibition display

There is a coffee morning on Saturday 24th March at the Church Hall at 10am in aid of the Marie Curie organisation. All welcome to attend, where there will be cakes and bric a brac. Please come and support this great cause

The Countrysiders are having a talk on Wednesday 21st March at 2.30pm at the Chapel by Mr Rodda from Rodda's Cream. All welcome and a cream tea will be served

This meeting closed at 8.00pm