

Boyton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 3 August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall

Present: Councillors: Jon Bennett, Graham Clark, Mervyn Law, Trisha Melzer, Jenny Smith, Martin Stanbury (Chairman), Bernard Strout, Ray Willis and Clerk, David Scott. Eleven members of the public attended.

1. **Apologies:** Ward Member, Councillor Adam Paynter.
2. **Chairman's Comments:** None.
3. **Questions from the public on agenda items only** (Standing Orders in abeyance): None.
4. **Written Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** (DPI's)(Standing Orders in force): None.

5. Disclosures of Interest:

- * Councillor Willis declared a non pecuniary interest with respect to Item 6 bullet point 2 (PA15/06062 Bradridge Farm), as a neighbour of the applicant-he left the room whilst this proposal was debated and voted upon.
- * Councillor Strout declared a non pecuniary interest with respect to Item 6 bullet points 1 and 2 as a fellow landowner in the case of the former and a relative in the latter. He left the room while these proposals were debated and voted upon.

6. Planning Applications:

* PA15/05525 Installation of 1x5kw small wind turbine (R9000) on a 15m tower at Villaton Farm for Mr Harold McInlis. **Noted** that eighteen letters of objection received including one from BRAG (Boyton Residents Action Group) and 17 letters of objection on CC's website: **Noted** remarks of consultees extracted from Cornwall Council's online Planning Register, in particular those of the Environmental Health Officer. Members' comments:

- i) This is the third attempt-little had changed since the second application PA15/00414-concerns raised at that time have not been addressed.
- ii) There is concern about the possible noise impact.
- iii) Large scale public objection is apparent : cumulative impact is evident in particular on those in neighbouring properties as shown in their correspondence to this council: no public consultation has taken place and the application fails to meet the guidelines made in DCLG's House of Commons: Written Statement (HCWS42) (as forwarded by the Case Officer 4 August). It is abundantly clear this proposal has little support in the community.
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As proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Law and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that the above comments be forwarded to Cornwall Council. As proposed by Councillor Law and seconded by Councillor Smith and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that this council does not support the application.

* PA15/06062 Proposed livestock building at Bradridge Farm for Mr Phil Strout.

Members' comments:

- i) General Views-The proposed development is outside the Development Boundary.
- ii) There is visual impact on a neighbouring property.
- iii) Scale and Design-this is a standard agricultural building.
- iv) Boyton Parish Council is concerned about the height of the proposed building in a prominent position within the ALGV.
- v) Site access-existing farm accesses will be used.
- vi) The proposal regarding existing hedges in the D&A Statement is agreed.

As proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that the above comments be forwarded to Cornwall Council.

As proposed by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that this council supports the application.

7. Minutes:

* As proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that those Minutes relating to the meeting of 22 June 2015 be signed a true and accurate record.

* As proposed by Councillor Bennett and seconded by Councillor Clarke and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that the Minutes of meeting dated 6 July 2015 together with minor corrections as noted be signed as a true and accurate record.

8. Matters Arising and Clerk's Report: None.

9. Finance:

* External Auditor's Report tabled: follow up actions noted. Updated Financial Regulations to be circulated enabling adoption next meeting: Internal Controls to be minuted as they are discharged by the Council. Quarterly Report: Current and Reserve Accounts Current account stood at £7564.75 and £1092.24 respectively on 30 June 2015. **Noted** that current account/bank statements are reconciled monthly.

* *CCF Report* comprising 3 statements noted-details-**Period** 01.01.14-30.06.14-Donations £10,062.50, (Interest £0.00) Grants-£717.00 Management Fee £71.70 and Outturn-£9,273.80: **Period** 01.07.14-31.12.14-Donations carried forwarded £10,062.50 Interest £14.47, Grants-£4586.16, Management Fee £114.65 and Outturn-£5376.16 and **Period** 01.01.15-30.06.15-Donations £2622.82 B/F £5376.16(Grants/Management Fee £0.00) Interest £6.82 and Outturn £7,998.98-these details to be sent to Councillor Law. *Post Meeting Note*-Boyton's Diamond Jubilee Fund stood at £59.87 on 30 June 2015.

* As proposed by Councillor Strout, seconded by Councillor Smith and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** that the following payments be made-Grant Thornton (External Auditors Fee 2014/15) £120.00 (Chq 646) and Boyton Church Hall (Hall Hire PC Meetings Apr 2014-Apr15) £100.00 (Chq 647).

10. New Correspondence:

* *Mi-grid's e mail of 7 July* (widely circulated) regarding their wind turbine project intentions noted. To date 140 letters of objection had been received: replies made.

* CARE (Councils Against Rural Exploitation) as proposed by Councillor Law, seconded by Councillor Smith and on a vote of 5 for and none against it was, **Resolved** that this council joins CARE with the proviso that 'membership' was for the purpose of this appeal only. Next steps to be advised during meeting in September.

* *Launceston Library and One Stop Shops*-individuals to complete Questionnaire as they see fit. Link to be forwarded to members and appropriate notice to be placed on notice boards and website.

- * *Cessation of paper copies of planning applications by Cornwall Council*-implications noted: Boyton can overcome through loan of screen and laptop subject to permission from Boyton Methodist Church. Nevertheless permanent solution required: transitional funding and reliable source of broadband-points to be put to Ward Member. See also Item 16 (bullet point 3) Public Participation.
- * Potential Areas where a rural parish council could supplement work carried out by CORMAC-noted.
- * Re- Boyton Solar and Wind Energy Fund-CCF's 'standard' management fee of 10% was to be applied from 1 October 2015.

11. Correspondence on Circulation: A number of minor documents circulated: Clerks and Councils Direct/Launceston Community Network Panel Meeting Notes/ Care for Cornwall/ Communities and Devolution Bulletin/Potential Housing Sites on Brownfield Land and Cornwall Expo 2015.

12. Risk Assessments Review: Budget v Spend for the current F/Y in regard to the requirements under Financial Internal Controls noted. A full update of the Council's Risk Assessment List would be available next meeting.

13. Recruitment of Parish Clerk: Notice to be placed on all boards and advertisement made in local press following next meeting.

14. Standing Orders (Site Visits): Item deferred pending resolution of the procedures required to coordinate such visits for all applications. The system currently in place (i.e. clerk making arrangements) would continue for major applications. To be reviewed in February 2016.

15. Members' Questions:

- * Dog Bins not being emptied-resolved.
- * As proposed by Councillor Law and seconded by Councillor Clarke and on a vote of 5 for and none against it was **Resolved** that the Dog Bin opposite the Methodist Church to be shifted 20 yards or so further westwards.
- * Noted that a Pre application advice (PA15/02143 PREAPP) had been requested by Mrs Brenda Strout for demolition of buildings and replace with residential development on land adjacent to Dorset Farm. Noted also that a 'Pre-app' was simply advice from Cornwall Council on whether a proposal might be viable.
- * Website-confirmed that Hugo Fox had been tasked formally to provide a new website for Council and Community.
- * School Car parking-a hydrant opposite the main gates had now been dropped to ground level by Highways clearing the way for further work as required by the school to level off and dress increase car parking area. Noted planing were not available locally at present-Highways would inform the council if this position changed.
- * Overgrown hedgerows on sharp bends Braggs Hill and potholes to be reported to Highways.

16. Public Participation:

- * Alexander Cup Inter-Parish Shoot: Six parishes took part and Boyton came third.
- * De-fibrillator for the village-noted a parish organisation must apply if money is required from Boyton's Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund. Mr Tinkler would be invited to October's meeting to advise on crules/costs and procurement.
- * Paperless Planning applications-Mr Gerd Willits volunteered to run a demonstration next meeting liaising with Mrs Lorraine Sluggett to load a screen. Clerk to provide link with a new application or existing proposal.

- * Hedgerows at Grange Farm not being 'left to grow i'a'w' the Decision Notice-Enforcement Department to be informed.
- * PA12/10520 Grange Farm Hedgerows being cut in contravention of Decision Notice Conditions-Enforcement action to be pursued with Cornwall Council.

17. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14 September 2015 in the Parish Church Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Signed.....Chairman.....Date