

# Boyton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2017 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Church Hall

**Present** Councillors Jon Bennett, Jenny Smith, Bernard Strout, and Martin Stanbury.  
In attendance: Jon Sharpe (Parish Clerk), Cllr Paynter and four members of the public.

**1702/01 Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Graham Clarke - family commitments, Trisha Melzer – Holiday, Ray Willis – Sickness & Mervyn Law – Sickness.

**1702/02 Chairman's Comments**

None.

**1702/03 Questions from the Public (*Standing Orders in abeyance*)**

None.

**1702/04 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (*Standing Orders in force*)**

No written requests of Declarations of Pecuniary Interests had been received.

**1702/05 Disclosures of Interests**

None.

**1702/06 Minutes**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record.

**Proposed by** Cllr Smith **Seconded by** Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

**1702/07 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report**

High View Clay Shoot - The Clerk confirmed that the Environmental Protection Department at Cornwall Council had confirmed they had received complaints and would liaise directly with them. Also, the Planning Enforcement Department had been contacted about the possible breach of planning application PA14/05605.

The website statistics were reviewed and advertising for businesses discussed.

It was **resolved** that the annual advertising costs for businesses on the website should remain at £12 including VAT and invoiced for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Proposed by** Cllr Smith **Seconded by** Cllr Strout and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk explained the options and associated costs for the installation of an internet connection to the Parish Church Hall. Based on the cost, it was decided not to proceed further and that the details should be passed to the Parish Church Hall Committee.

Planning Protocol – Concern was expressed about the amount of additional work that Councillors would be involved with. It was felt that the current system in place was effective and that there was a lack of relevance to Boyton as no Neighbourhood Plan was in place.

It was **resolved** not to adopt the policy at this point in time.

**Proposed by** Cllr Strout **Seconded by** Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

The Traffic Speed monitoring report was discussed and it was noted that not as many vehicles had been recorded as speeding as anticipated.

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It was **resolved** to send a copy of the report to the Head teacher and Governors at the school for them to discuss and make representations to the Parish Council on the next steps and place a copy of the report on the Parish Council website.

**Proposed by** Cllr Smith **Seconded by** Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk provided details of the year to date accounts.

## **1702/08 Planning**

Applications: **PA17/00091** – Replacement dwelling including new garage - Floden Tor, Boyton, Launceston

It was **resolved** that the comments on page 39 be submitted online to Cornwall Council.

**Proposed by** Cllr Bennett **Seconded by** Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council supports the application and that the Clerk reinforces the concern of the Parish Council regarding the scale of the building to Cornwall Planning.

**Proposed by** Cllr Smith **Seconded by** Cllr Strout agreed by 3 votes in favour and 1 against.

**PA16/12114** – Agricultural shed for the storage of fodder and sheep – South Beer, Boyton, Launceston

It was **resolved** that the comments on page 39 be submitted online to Cornwall Council.

**Proposed by** Cllr Bennett **Seconded by** Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council supports the application.

**Proposed by** Cllr Bennett **Seconded by** Cllr Strout and agreed unanimously.

**PA17/00866** – First floor side extension – Treveth, Cider Press Road, Boyton, Launceston

It was **resolved** that the comments on page 39 be submitted online to Cornwall Council.

**Proposed by** Cllr Bennett **Seconded by** Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Council supports the application.

**Proposed by** Cllr Bennett **Seconded by** Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

Notices Received: Noted.

Other Applications of Relevance: **PA17/00130** – Single storey extension amendment to PA16/08510 – South Bridge Road, Boyton. The Clerk confirmed that following the circulation of details to Councillors on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017 there had been no objection raised to the amendment and this had been entered on the planning website.

	<b>PA17/00091</b> – Replacement dwelling including new garage	<b>PA16/12114</b> – Agricultural shed for the storage of fodder and sheep	<b>PA17/00866</b> – First floor side extension
General views on compliance with relevant planning policies e.g. within or outside a development boundary.	Complies.	Complies.	Complies.
Beneficial and adverse impacts of a development on the local community.	None.	None.	None.
Effects on surrounding buildings (e.g loss of privacy or light) and environment.	All immediate buildings in the area are single storey.	None.	None.
Acceptable design, scale, materials and landscaping to fit in with site and/or adjacent buildings.	Concern about two storey building, footprint acceptable.	Acceptable	Acceptable.
Problems with site access or parking.	None.	None.	None.
Adequacy of highway network to cope with additional traffic and related safety issues.	Adequate.	Adequate.	Adequate.
Adequacy of local services and/or infrastructure to cater for a development.	Adequate.	Adequate.	Adequate.
Particular features existing onsite which should be retained.	Mature trees and planting should be retained where possible.	None.	None.
Problems with noise, dust, smell or fumes or any other adverse impact on the amenity of local residents.	None.	None.	None.
Any suggestions to improve the proposed development.	None.	None.	None.

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**1702/09 Finance**

It was **resolved** to approve the payments below.

**Proposed by** Cllr Smith **Seconded by** Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously.

Cheques for payment: -

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
J Sharpe	Salary – February	706	£192.82
HMRC	PAYE	707	£48.20
J Sharpe	Salary – January	704	£194.62
HMRC	PAYE	705	£46.40

**1702/10 Boyton Parish Council Standing Orders**

It was **resolved** to accept the Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC) Model Standing Orders, previously circulated, and to incorporate the recent update from CALC which amended sections 13 and 14.

**Proposed by** Cllr Bennett **Seconded by** Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously.

**1702/11 Welcome to Boyton**

The contents and design of the leaflet was agreed. A copy is to be placed on the website and emailed to Councillors to distribute to new members of the Parish as required. Any amendments should be advised to the Clerk.

**1702/12 Future of Local Hospitals**

Cllr Stanbury raised his concerns that smaller hospitals are under threat of closure and the possible effect on residents of Boyton and surrounding areas. The Clerk was requested to send a letter to the Health Authority, MP and Ward Member highlighting the potential problems if the hospitals were closed i.e. increased travelling distance and time to attend/visit hospitals, the problems of people being discharged and their subsequent care, given the distance from hospitals, the potential increase in care costs when patients are discharged to their homes and live in a rural community and the time it takes care workers to travel between patients compared with visiting several in one place, the long trips that would be involved for minor injuries and that all of these factors would increase demand at the larger hospitals which are already struggling with numbers. Rural areas have different issues when compared to urban areas.

Cllr Paynter mentioned it was a huge issue to the Council due to the increasing Social Care cost and the pressure on the NHS linked to a lack of funding nationally and the knock on effects.

**1702/13 Correspondence**

Library devolution – Cllr Paynter explained the current position and that various options were being considered for different locations. Launceston Town Council are currently looking at options for library devolution in Launceston.

The Clerk explained he had just received a further email regarding the broadband issues in the Parish and would be sending details to Councillors shortly.

**1702/14 Members' Questions**

Cllr Smith – Explained the Community Benefit Fund had a balance of £13,814. The next round of grant applications should be submitted by the end of the March. Councillors should alert everyone to this and encourage applications.

The Clerk was requested to contact Cornwall Council about the missing Footpath sign and condition of the footpath/bridleway near “Lyndhurst”.

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The Clerk was requested to contact Oliver Jones regarding the South Beer road and the amount of surface water and resultant damage it is causing, to establish whether there is a solution. Cllr Stanbury requested that the following be noted so they could be considered by the Parish Council after the May election:

1. Boyton does not have a Neighbourhood Plan.
2. In November 2018, there will be a commemoration nationally of the end of the WWI.

**1702/15 Public Participation** (*Standing Orders in abeyance*)

A request was made and agreed that the Clerk helps with sending out the Inter Parish Shoot invitations in May.

The Parish Church Hall Committee is considering the location for a Defibrillator either outside the Parish Church Hall or the Methodist Chapel. The consensus appears to be the Chapel but there has been no decision yet. The ongoing maintenance cost also needs clarifying. The Committee is also investigating the future of the Parish Church Hall toilets and quotes are being sought for the submission of a planning application to demolish them and replace with a new building.

Cllr Paynter explained that Cornwall Council was spending £2.9m on road improvements which includes refreshing 'School Keep Clear' markings and road drainage improvements. He also offered to deliver Election forms, if required, to the Clerk. He explained that Cornwall Council is looking at reducing the number of County Councillors with the Boundary Commission for 2021 and that whilst the Council Tax charge will increase next year, car parking charges would remain the same.

**1702/16 Date of Next Meeting** (*Standing Orders in force*)

The next meeting which will include the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 19:30 in the Parish Church Hall followed by meetings on 24<sup>th</sup> April and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.

**The Meeting Closed at 21:35**

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....