

Boyton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th March 2017 at 8:10 pm in the Parish Church Hall

Present Councillors Jon Bennett, Jenny Smith, Ray Willis, Mervyn Law and Martin Stanbury.
In attendance: Jon Sharpe (Parish Clerk), eleven members of the public.

1703/01 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Graham Clarke - family commitments, Bernard Strout – other meeting & Adam Paynter

1703/02 Chairman's Comments

None.

1703/03 Questions from the Public (*Standing Orders in abeyance*)

None.

1703/04 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (*Standing Orders in force*)

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

1703/05 Disclosures of Interests

None.

1703/06 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 20th February 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record.

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

1703/07 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report

Beardon Barton – A planning application has been submitted to allow the holiday cottages to be used as full residential units. This will be considered at the 3rd April meeting.

Planning enforcement have been contacted about North Beer Solar Farm and Old Smithy houses - response awaited.

Cornwall Council have been contacted about footpath signs but there is no money for signs, only to resolve structural issues. The Clerk will look at the bridge on the footpath from 'Lyndhurst' when the underfoot conditions have improved.

The Clerk was requested to chase Cornwall Council on several outstanding emails and raise the issue of a lack of response with the Chief Executive. In addition, a reply had not yet been received from the 'Shape the Future' NHS team about the possible hospital closures; Clerk to chase.

It was confirmed that two grit bins and salt should be ordered.

The circumstances surrounding the Hornacott Solar Farm S106 funding was discussed with all the funding going to North Tamerton Parish.

The set up of Internet Banking is progressing and an amended procedure will be put forward at the meeting on 24th April for consideration.

The Clerk informed the Council that an email had been received stating that there had been a delay sending out the Annual Return. If the return has been received it will be included in the meeting on 3rd April.

It was explained that, in the past, the funding from the North Beer solar farm had been paid to the Parish Council who then passed the funding directly to the Cornwall Community Foundation.

Chairman's Initials:

It was **resolved** to send a letter so that in future the funding was sent directly to the Cornwall Community Foundation.

Proposed by Cllr Law **Seconded by** Cllr Bennett and agreed unanimously

An application for £54 has been submitted by the Boyton Gun Club to the Boyton Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund for a grant to fund the annual inter Parish Shooting match (Alexander Cup). It was agreed that, if successful, the funding would be given to the Parish Council who would pay the costs up to the amount of the grant.

It was **resolved** to accept the grant, if approved, and pay the costs up to the amount of the grant.

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

The Clerk was requested to contact Oliver Jones regarding the amount of water at the edge of the road between Westcott Farm and Hornacott Chapel.

The Clerk provided details of the year to date accounts.

1703/08 Planning

Applications: **PA17/02140** – Certificate of lawfulness for existing dwelling house known as Park Villaton – Road from Junction North of the Beeches to Hornacott Chapel.

The site plan was reviewed and the comments from the planning officer were read out.

It was **resolved** to agree with the Planning Officer's comments and to support the application.

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

Notices Received: Noted.

Other Applications of Relevance: None.

1703/09 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 – March | 708 | £194.82 |
| HMRC | PAYE | 709 | £46.20 |
| J Sharpe | Expenses (January – March) | 710 | £27.00 |
| Boyton Church Hall | Hire of Hall | 711 | £60.00 |
| Boyton PCC | Cemetery Grant | 712 | £55.00 |
| Boyton Methodist Chapel | Cemetery Grant | 713 | £55.00 |
| Bennacott Chapel | Cemetery Grant | 714 | £40.00 |

1703/10 Correspondence

The ongoing issue of broadband was discussed together with the details from Scott Mann about an alternative supplier. The Clerk highlighted the details received about the possible implications of increasing the precept in future years. There was a discussion about the emails circulated to Councillors, and it was agreed to continue with the current arrangements.

1703/11 Members' Questions

Cllr Bennett raised an issue concerning the bridge on the road from Darracott to Beardon where cones and temporary barriers had been placed and subsequently damaged/moved. There is uncertainty about who is responsible for the road and the Clerk was asked to contact Oliver Jones, copying in Adam Paynter, to establish who had installed the items and whether this means Cornwall Highways are accepting responsibility.

Cllr Law informed the meeting that the St John's Ambulance Brigade do provide free training in relation to defibrillators.

Chairman's Initials:

1703/12 Public Participation (*Standing Orders in abeyance*)

Concern was expressed about the lack of response to emails from Cornwall Council. With their desire for partnership emails need to be given a higher priority and the Chief Executive should be asked what systems are in place to monitor responses.

The issue of the road from Darracott to Beardon was raised and that the railings had disintegrated and the temporary barriers had caused an obstruction.

1703/13 Date of Next Meeting (*Standing Orders in force*)

The next meeting will be held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 19:30 in the Parish Church Hall followed by meetings on 24th April 2017 and 22nd May 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 21:05

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....