



Boyton Parish Council

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Minutes February 13, 2023

1. Councillors present

CLRs M Stanbury (chair), J Smith (vice chair), M Wood, G Willetts, J Bennett, M Law, S Davey and J Sanders.

2. Apologies

CLr Adam Paynter – work commitment.

3. Chairman's comments

CLr Stanbury said there had been another planning application since the publication of the agenda. Councillors were happy to discuss at the meeting.

Proposed: M Wood

Seconded: S Davey

Votes: Unanimous

There were also two additional payments that councillors were happy to authorise at the meeting.

Proposed: M Law

Seconded: S Davey

Votes: Unanimous

4. Questions from the public

One member of the public noted from the last minutes that the council decided to take no further action on the Devolution for Cornwall item. He said he attended the recent meeting in Launceston Town Hall and said there was a lot of negativity, with much of the focus being on the mayor and expenses. He said this misses the point of whether decisions are made in London or Cornwall.

Mr Mihill who is the applicant for the North Beer Farm application, addressed the council to give some details on the plans. He said they first sought planning permission three years ago, but he decided to change the position of the log cabin. The reasons for the change came as a result of the original position overlooking neighbours and intrusion on his property, so he moved it seven metres to the north and three metres to the west. He said the neighbours preferred the original location, but work had begun on putting the foundations in and other work (totalling £200k). He said it would financially ruin them to have to move it. To mitigate any intrusion, he said they have built a solid wood fence, planted trees and they plan to plant more. He said they want to invest in the economy of North Beer and already have a holiday cottage.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary interests

None.

6. Disclosure of Interests

None. Cllr Stanbury noted that he was a neighbour to the Bennacott Barn application, but he had no financial gain from the application. Councillors were happy for Cllr Stanbury to stay in the chair for that item.

Proposed: M Law

Seconded: J Bennett

Votes: Unanimous

7. Minutes

Councillors agreed and accepted that the minutes of the council meeting held on January 9, 2023 were a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: M Law

Votes: Unanimous

8. Matters arising / clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted. Clerk to check with Oliver Jones about the sign for the speed warning monitor.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted including Local Council planning training link; East Area Planning Committee minutes, letter from Mrs Marshall.

10. Planning

10.1 Applications:

PA22/11454 – Construction of a timber cabin to be used as tourist accommodation, solar array and hot tub/sauna. North Beer Farm, North Beer Lane, Boyton.

Councillors agreed to discuss this as a new application.

Proposed: M Law

Seconded: J Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

Two councillors accepted an invitation to visit the site. The council agreed that: It is a new development in open countryside, contrary to policies; it is highly visible from the village; it would extend the built environment; it was noted that the neighbours had no concerns with the first application, but now they are concerned about a loss of view. It was felt to be a completely different structure; it has been moved from within the curtilage into open countryside. If approved, an agreed landscaping plan should be a condition. It was also discussed that if approved, a condition is put in place that the previous application is revoked and can no longer be reactivated. It was agreed to send the comments as discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Willetts and seconded by Cllr Woods to support, but the vote was two in favour; three against and three abstained from the vote. A casting vote was not used and the motion failed.

It was then proposed to object to the plans.

Proposed: J Bennett Seconded: M Law Four in favour, two against and two abstained.

PA23/00279 – Single storey extension within the curtilage of a Grade II listed building. Land east of Bennacott Barn, Boyton.

Councillors voted to support the plans.

Proposed: J Bennett

Seconded: J Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

PA23/01066 – Listed Building Consent for a single storey extension within the curtilage of a Grade II listed building, land east of Bennacott Barn, Boyton.

Councillors voted in favour of the application.

Proposed: J Sanders

Seconded: J Smith

Votes: Unanimous

10.2 Decisions:

The following decision was noted: PA22/08219 – Conversion of part of shed into dwelling. Dunns Farmhouse, Boyton

Approved

10.3 Notices:

The following was noted: PA23/00552 – Prior notification for construction of small infill roof to cover farmyard. The proposed roof will connect/links into current building. West Curry Farm, Parkhurst, Boyton.

10.4 Other:

PA22/10056 Land south of Trevoya Park – councillors noted the date of the Planning Committee meeting and discussed points to raise.

11. Coronation

Cllr Stanbury noted that a meeting had been held, with Tina Hopkins in the chair and Jenny Smith as secretary. There was a request for the parish council to present a memento to the children of the parish. Cllr Smith said there would be a tea party on the Sunday and an outdoor film night. Cllr Sanders said there would also be a special coffee morning in the Chapel on the Thursday. Cllr Smith said two deposits were needed, one for the toilets and one for the film company (£90 for the toilets and £1,134 for the film company – 50% of the total cost). She said there was a budget set of £4,000. An application for the solar fund will be made but it was requested that the parish council underwrite the cost in the interim.

Proposed: M Law

Seconded: M Wood

Votes: Unanimous.

It was to be advertised on Facebook, the website and noticeboards if children are interested in a memento.

12. Solar Farm monies

The council received information from other parish councils on how their funds are administered. Cllr Smith noted that there is £59,000 in the fund that has built up over 10 years (£4,000 of that is earmarked). She said they were coming to an end with a lot of the payments. She also said that the administrator must check the money has come in and it is adjusted for inflation. The money has to be invested and needs a separate bank account. She said there had been £209 interest for the £55K (0.5%). Cllr Willetts noted that a lot of parish councils manage the money themselves. He asked if the council take their money out, would the administrators (Cornwall Community Fund) charge the council 10%? Cllr Stanbury said when the money is spent there is a 10% admin fee, and asked did the council want the existing arrangement or consider changing? Cllr Smith said quite a few have the same criteria, and there is often a separate panel that determines the applications. She said she would still be in favour of having other members of the community on board. Cllr Wood said it shouldn't be too difficult to administer as there are not many applications. It was proposed that the council look to take the administration back in house. Cllr Smith to look at the original contract, and it be looked into whether the council would be charged a penalty. The item to be placed on the next agenda.

Proposed: J Bennett

Seconded: M Wood

Seven in favour, one abstention

13. Local Maintenance Plan contract 23/24

It was agreed to accept the Cornwall Council LMP Cutting contract for 2023/24.

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: M Wood

Votes: Unanimous

14. Finance

14.1 – Bank reconciliation – Cllr Bennett signed the bank reconciliation.

14.2 – Payments – Councillors approved the following payments:

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane	Wages - January	Cheque 962	£419.76
HMRC	PAYE - January	Cheque 963	£0.40
Cornwall Pension Fund	Pension contribution - January	Cheque 964	£78.56
Suzanne Cochrane	Clerk expenses – mileage, printing,	Cheque 965	£20.20
CALC	Enforcement and Appeals planning training Cllr Smith	Cheque 966	£36.00
CALC	Planning Refresher Course – Cllr Smith	Cheque 967	36.00

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: M Stanbury

Votes: Unanimous

15. Members' announcements

Cllr Bennett – the sign as you come into the village from the Ladycross direction has fallen over.

Cllr Wood – the Holsworthy sign outside Beacon Park is grubby.

Cllr Law – said he was concerned that a councillor had taken a photograph at a planning application site, and was worried this would set a precedence. It was stated that Cllr Willetts and Cllr Smith visited the site with the owner and they remained neutral throughout. Cllr Law asked for the clerk to get advice from CALC on this.

Cllr Sanders – said he had been to the Stumble Inn and had a very good meal during the Warm Spaces initiative. He said it was worth supporting.

Councillors raised concern at the number of potholes. Cllr Smith had sent information and photos to the clerk who will report them.

Cllr Willetts – the salt bin on the Braggs Hill is empty.

16. Public participation (Standing Orders suspended for this item)

None

17. Date of next meeting - Monday, March 13.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.