



Boyton Parish Council

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Draft minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, March 21 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall

Present: Cllrs M Stanbury (chair), J Bennett, J Sanders, G Willetts and M Wood.
Also present: S Cleave (clerk) and seven members of the public.

2202/143 Apologies for absence

Cllrs J Smith (vice chair) – holiday; M Law – holiday; J Hiscock – unwell. Cllr Adam Paynter also unable to attend.

2201/144 Chairman's comments

Cllr Stanbury's comments will be included throughout the meeting.

2202/145 Questions from the public on agenda items only

The members of the public in attendance sought some more information on the council's proposals to site a play area on land to the north of Beacon Park. Reports were given of rubbish, children almost getting knocked over, people being abused by children, youths jumping on the roof of the bus shelter, people having items taken out of their gardens. They thought it was the wrong place. One gentleman said there were a lot of elderly people and those with health issues and mental health issues that live in Beacon Park, and to put a play area there would, in their opinion, be a mistake. Another said the car park was for residents only, so where would people park? Another gentleman suggested the area behind the school be elaborated on. One gentleman who has lived in Boyton for 50 years said the problems have only started since the influx of building and the new people moving into the village. Problems with speeding traffic was also raised, including tractors.

2202/146 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

None

2202/147 Disclosures of Interest

None

To be approved at the meeting on April 25, 2022

2202/148 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on **February 21, 2022** were amended (item 2022/134 to change the word potholes for passing places and to remove that Cllr Smith asked if it was maintenance or a project, and item 2022/140 change Braggs Hill/Tala Hill to Underlane) and approved as being accurate and were then signed by the chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Bennett

Votes: Unanimous

2202/149 Clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted by councillors.

2022/150 Planning**a: Applications**

None

b: Decisions

Planning decisions were noted:

PA21/12323 Recladding of existing agricultural building to replace Yorkshire boarding with box profile steel sheeting. Existing agricultural building, Higher Silverlands Farm, Boyton for Mr Lindsay Ellacott – APPROVED (with conditions).

PA22/00294 Ground floor gable extension to kitchen. Sutton Cottage, Boyton for Mr K Little – APPROVED (with conditions).

c. Other

None

2022/151 Finance

a. The bank reconciliation was presented and accepted

b. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane	Clerk wages (March)	Cheque 850	£315.36
PAYE	March	Cheque 851	£78.80
Martin Stanbury	Indeed advert	Cheque 852	£161.19
Martin Ashley & Son	Grass cutting x 6	Cheque 853	£288.00
Suzanne Cochrane	Printing, paper and stamps and mileage	Cheque 854	£19.44
Autospeed Watch Limited	Speed monitoring unit repairs	Cheque 855	£12.00

Proposed: Cllr Wood

Seconded: Cllr Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

* Councillors briefly discussed the budget. The clerk to send the existing budget sheets to all councillors.

2022/152 Grass cutting contract

To be approved at the meeting on April 25, 2022

The clerk circulated the six tenders received following the advertising of the grass cutting contract. Councillors resolved to go with tender number 3, which was from Martin Ashley & Son at £25 plus VAT per cut. Clerk to get contract written up.

Proposed: Cllr Bennett

Seconded: Cllr Wood

Votes: Unanimous

2022/153 Laptop

Councillors resolved to accept the quote from Tavistock Computers for a Lenovo ThinkBook at £700 plus VAT (with additional set up costs charged at £40 plus VAT per hour).

Proposed: Cllr Bennett

Seconded: Cllr Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

2022/154 Mobile telephone

The clerk gave some prices for different mobile phones, contract and SIM only. Councillors voted to purchase the IMO Dash 4G at £21.99.

Proposed: Cllr Bennett

Seconded: Cllr Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

2022/155 Play area

Cllr Wood noted that he had dropped the play area consultation forms off around Beacon Park, and later collected them. He received lots of comments and gave the council a summary. He received seven forms back, in addition to three emails sent to the clerk. These consisted of 1 in favour of the play area, 4 not in favour, and 2 maybe (although these were more on the no side). Among the comments were concerns about the noise, vandalism, graffiti, fires, dog mess, litter, anti-social behaviour, and it was highlighted that many elderly people live in the area. He said lots of information was given and there were some very good arguments. Cllr Bennet said the land owner supported handing over the land on the proviso that the parish council had the support of the residents, but the residents do not appear to support it. Therefore, they would not be prepared to transfer the land. Cllr Stanbury said quite a few people had said there wasn't anything for the children to do, and that area had been identified as semi-unused. The parish council had thought that as Cornwall Council was in the process of devolving responsibility and as a way to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, they would possibly provide a play area. However, Cllr Stanbury said they had listened to what the residents had said at the meeting and it had been found to be an unsuitable site and it would be left on the table. He also said there seemed to be an issue in Boyton that needs addressing independently of what had been raised. People are worried about their own wellbeing and physical damage to their property. Contact needed to be made with the police, and the MP. This would be expanded on later in the meeting.

2022/156 Boyton Annual Parish Meeting

There has not been an annual parish meeting for the last two years, but councillors decided to set the date of Monday, April 25 at 7.30pm for the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting.

2022/157 Platinum Jubilee Insurance

Clerk to check with the council's insurance company that it is covered for the jubilee events (to liaise with Bev Hunt, the jubilee secretary).

2022/158 Speed camera pole

The council revisited the subject of the speed camera pole, as Cornwall Council was under the impression that the parish council wanted to use an existing pole. However, councillors said this was not tall enough and they wanted a pole like the one at Ladycross. The clerk to contact Cornwall Council to say that the parish council would like this done as soon as possible, as it

has been in discussion for more than six months. The parish council already has the speed unit and the clerk will also ask if the county council will install the unit onto the pole, copying Cllr Paynter into any correspondence.

Proposed: Cllr Bennett

Seconded: Cllr Woods

Votes: Unanimous

2022/159 Correspondence

Correspondence was noted:

- CALC Pledge for Nature slides presentation
- CALC – Funding for Ukraine
- Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council newsletter
- NALC – National Salary Award

2022/160 Members' announcements

Cllr Stanbury spoke about the apparent anti-social behaviour in Beacon Park, Trevoya Park and the bus shelter area. He said residents have tried to do something about it, and maybe it was time for the council to do something, by contacting the police and the MP, Scott Mann. There needed to be some sort of action quickly. Cllr Bennett suggested it be placed on the website and notice board that the council is aware of the problem and action is being taken.

Cllr Saunders said there was a lot of dog mess in the village.

Cllr Willetts asked if there was anything the council could do to stop people jumping on the roof. He also asked if the council could revisit the footpath towards the school. This will be placed on the April agenda. Cllr Willetts also said the defibrillator was accessed the previous week and the person had taken it to the hospital with her. Cllr Willetts located it at Derriford A&E. He has placed his number on the side of the defibrillator unit along with information on what to do to get it re-enabled. Cllr Willetts to purchase a new set of pads (funding to either come from the Solar Farm fund or the parish council).

Proposed: Cllr Bennett

Seconded Cllr Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

2022/161 Public participation

One member of the public asked if there could be some form of lighting in the Beacon Park car park. Cllr Stanbury said the council could look into low level street lights or illuminous paint. Another member of the public noted that the visiting Pulse Bus, run by Oriel Ministries, is well used by the children of the village.

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Date of next meeting

Monday, April 25, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.