

# Boyton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 6th June 2016 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Church Hall

**Present** Councillors Jon Bennett, Mervyn Law, Jenny Smith, Martin Stanbury, Graham Clarke and Bernard Strout.  
In attendance: Jon Sharpe (Parish Clerk), five members of the public and Cllr Adam Paynter arrived during the meeting.

### 1606/01 Apologies for Absence

Councillors Trisha Melzer - family commitments & Ray Willis – work commitments.

### 1606/02 Chairman's Comments

At the start of the meeting, the Chairman reminded members of their duty to respect the decisions made by the corporate body especially when considering planning applications. He confirmed that the role of the council was to make decisions on behalf of the whole of the community and once made, councillors were obliged to respect the democratic process.

### 1606/03 Questions from the Public (*Standing Orders in abeyance*)

None

### 1606/04 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (*Standing Orders in force*)

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

### 1606/05 Disclosures of Interests

None

### 1606/06 Minutes

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed as an accurate record.

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

### 1606/07 Matters Arising and Clerk's Report

The planings have been delivered to the School and Cllr Law will contact Mr Neil to arrange for them to be flattened. The water leak near the school is the school side of the water meter and the Clerk will contact the school for details and offer any help that might be required. Whilst the pot holes have been repaired to the road at the entrance to the Solar Farm on the Hornacott to Boyton road, the Parish Clerk has been requested to raise the issue of the adverse camber of the road. North Beer Solar Farm - it has been confirmed that the hedge has been planted. It has been confirmed that two of the houses opposite the Old Smithy are classed as affordable and that there is a landscaping condition that requires the landscaping to take place during the first season after completion. The Annual Return has been submitted to the external auditors. The Clerk was requested to chase up the issue of the street light not working by the Parish Church Hall

The cheque signatories for the Nat West bank account require clarification.

It was **resolved** to confirm that Cllrs Stanbury and Law should be cheque signatories.

**Proposed by** Cllr Clarke and **Seconded by** Cllr Strout and agreed unanimously

It was **resolved** that a laptop bag, HDMI cable and extension lead be purchased

**Proposed by** Cllr Smith **Seconded by** Cllr Law.

## 1606/08 Planning

Applications – **PA16/04443** Mr B Newport construction of an agricultural barn. The details were described by the Clerk.

It was **resolved** that the comments below be submitted online to Cornwall Council.

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

General views on compliance with relevant planning policies e.g. within or outside a development boundary.	Not relevant.
Beneficial and adverse impacts of a development on the local community.	None.
Effects on surrounding buildings (e.g loss of privacy or light) and environment.	None.
Acceptable design, scale, materials and landscaping to fit in with site and/or adjacent buildings.	Acceptable.
Problems with site access or parking.	Not relevant.
Adequacy of highway network to cope with additional traffic and related safety issues.	Adequate.
Adequacy of local services and/or infrastructure to cater for a development.	Not applicable.
Particular features existing onsite which should be retained.	Not applicable.
Problems with noise, dust, smell or fumes or any other adverse impact on the amenity of local residents.	None.
Any suggestions to improve the proposed development.	None.

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

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

Notices Received – **Darracott** – The planning application is not yet on the planning website. The Clerk will monitor any requests for comments from the Parish Council.

**PA16/03829** – Land south of Danesfield – It was **resolved** that the Parish Council will request committee consideration by the planning committee.

**Proposed by** Cllr Law and **Seconded by** Cllr Bennett and agreed on a 3 to 1 vote.

Other Applications-None.

## 1606/09 Finance

To approve Cheques for payment: -

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
J Sharpe	Salary – May	674	£239.35

It was **resolved** to approve the above payment.

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

It was **resolved** to adopt the National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreement on increased pay scales for 2016/17 & 2017/18 for the Parish Clerk's salary.

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

It was **resolved** to provide funding for flower boxes at £30 per box with £10 kept for maintenance

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

It was **resolved** that a monthly bank reconciliation form be completed by the Clerk and checked by Cllr Stanbury on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

**1606/10 Correspondence**

Speed limit outside the school – Cllr Paynter confirmed that Cornwall Council have a priority list of schools based on risk from traffic accidents outside schools and that unfortunately Boyton School was not included. He has arranged to visit the school with a highways representative to witness the problems. He will then arrange for various costed options to be provided but emphasised that there isn't any funding available from Cornwall Council.

**1606/11 The Queen's 90th Birthday Committee Update**

Cllr Law explained that everything was arranged but many helpers were needed.

It was **resolved** to pay the invoice for the Commemorative Medals of £247.80 (Reference 675)

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

**1606/12 Members' Questions**

Cllr Law – A concern has been raised by a member of the public that a Parish Councillor gave incorrect information to the neighbours of the planning application PA16/03829. Cllr Smith responded that this might relate to a discussion she had been involved in and that she had only provided information that was on the planning website.

Cllr Smith – A Burial Grounds survey has just been received. She requested that the Clerk, together with help from the Councillors, arrange for it to be completed.

**1606/13 Public Participation (*Standing Orders in abeyance*)**

Cllr Paynter confirmed that the planning application PA16/03829 will go to the next Planning Committee which will be in July. He also confirmed that he is looking into the hedge trimming which took place on the B3254 at 3:30 am.

A question was raised about the power under which the Parish Council could purchase Commemorative Medals to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from Parish Council funding, with a view that the Parish Council should think of constraints before making decisions of this nature. Cllr Paynter replied that it was his understanding that, within the Local Government Acts, Parish Councils had the power to incur this type of expenditure. Cllr Stanbury explained that this type of expenditure had been made in the past and he felt it was justified as it celebrated an important occasion and was of benefit to Parishioners.

**1606/14 Date of Next Meeting (*Standing Orders in force*)**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 19:30 in the Parish Church Hall.

**The Meeting Closed at 21:00**

Signed:.....Chairman

Date:.....