

## Boyton Parish Council

### Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall

**Present:** Councillors: Jon Bennett, Graham Clarke, Mervyn Law, Trisha Melzer, Jenny Smith, Martin Stanbury (Chairman), Bernard Strout, Ray Willis and Clerk David Scott. Three members of the public attended.

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Chairman's Comments:** None

**3. Questions from the public:** There were no questions.

**4. DPIs** (Standing Orders in force): No written requests concerning Declarations of Pecuniary Interests had been received.

**5. Disclosures of Interests** (Standing Orders in force) : None

**6. Minutes:** As proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 5 for and none against the Minutes of the meeting of 11 January 2016, were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

#### **7. Matters Arising and Clerk's Report:**

- \* Future of Launceston Library-Reply awaited
- \* Boyton Bridge to A388 road-to be followed up with Devon County Highways and Torridge District Council
- \* Members were content that correspondence apart from magazines and brochures would be communicated by e mail as they were received.
- \* Footpath No 5-Cornwall Council had added the trimming requirement to the signpost work for later this year.

#### **8. Planning:**

*Application:* PA16/00408 The change of use of part of the recreational domestic curtilage to The Barn to a use for the stationing of a residential lodge to provide annex accommodation for the parents of the occupiers of The Barn for Mrs C Brown at The Barn Darracott. Council advised this application was a 'mirror image' of that processed during the last meeting and had not been available on Cornwall Council's website. The applicant's representative was not present: Case officers advice to be sought on whether any comments were required.

As proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Willis and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against, it was:

**Resolved that** if comments were required those previously sent would be resubmitted.

Decision Notices:

- i) PA15/10883 Erection of Polytunnel on Land NE of Talarise for Mr R Loy.
- ii) Non material amendment to allow 2 security lights in respect of Decision Notice PA12/10520 at North Beer.

#### **9. Finance:**

\**Payment*-As proposed by Councillor Law, seconded by Councillor Strout, and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was,

**Resolved that** the following cheques be made in payment: David Scott £74.99 (Chq 655-Printer Ink), Launceston Sports £6.50 (Chq 656-Engraving of Parish Cup), £55.00 (Chq 657-Boyton PCC Cemetery Grant ) £55.00 (Chq 658-Methodist Church Cemetery Grant) and £40.00 (Chq 659- Bennacott) previously approved in Budget 2016-2017.

Finance cont...

- \* *Risk Assessments*-Deferred until March meeting.
- \* **Noted** that the council's annual VAT claim would be made as soon as all income from the website was known.
- \* **Noted** External Audit for Smaller Authorities Letter of 27 January 2016: and as proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Law and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against it was: **Resolved that** BPC would 'Opt In' and continue with a Full Audit by an SAAA appointed auditor for the remainder of the contract period until March 2022.
- \* Website Business Advertising: **Noted that** 3 businesses had paid. Businesses to be contacted by the councillor or clerk as noted in brackets: St Giles PC Shop(Councillor Law); Bromells (Clerk); John Fry (Chairman); Orchard Electrical (Clerk); Phil Mason (Councillor Law); Pint and Post (Councillor Law); Whitstone Stores(Chairman); Holsworthy Heating (Councillor Willis) and Aardvark (Clerk); Countryman Inn(Councillor Bennett).

#### 10. New Correspondence:

- \* Cornwall Local Plan-details to be sent to all members.
- \* Paperless Planning Session in Launceston Business Space-Councillor Clerk and Mr Willetts would attend.
- \* CALC Newsletter-placed on circulation.
- \* AONB Letter-placed on circulation.

#### 11. Correspondence on Circulation: As noted above.

**12. Government Transparency Funding:** This fund provided a unique opportunity to obtain Government finance in support of paperless operations. As proposed by Councillor Law, seconded by Councillor Melzer and on a vote of 5 in favour and none against, it was:

**Resolved that** BPC would apply for a grant. Details were agreed the aim being to render the completed application form to CALC to meet the February deadline.

**13. BPC Governance/Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures:** Members were requested to read the information supplied and be ready to comment/amend next meeting.

**14. New Clerk Recruitment:** The Interview Panel would meet to finalise the questions and procedures. Five candidates were involved: interviews to take place 15 February 2016.

**15. The Queen's 90th Birthday:** Indications were that parishioners attending coffee mornings were supportive and would appreciate something being organised. In Boyton initial thoughts would involve organising a Beacon on Town Farm field to coincide with the Nationwide Beacon on 21 April. On 11 June to avoid any clash with Launceston Town Council's plans on 12 June, children's event(s) during the day and an event for adults later the same day. A meeting of interested parties would be held on Monday 7 March at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall: the Parish Council would meet the Hall Hire Charge for the first meeting.

**16. Members' Questions:** None.

#### 17. Questions from the public:

- \* Possible benefit from the commissioned wind turbine at Grange Farm- Developer to be contacted. **Noted that** BPC content with a 50:50 split of any benefit with North Petherwin thereby following the president set over the wind turbine at Bennacott. Meanwhile the Developer was to be contacted over any benefit that might be accrued from the Solar Farm at West Ditchin.
- \* Transparency-Boyton Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund-Mr Tim Smith would produce a detailed breakdown of the cash/balance transactions and receipts (from whom) for publication. Minutes/notes of meetings, meeting dates and agendas to be downloaded on the website in a

newly generated page. A report on proceedings would be given at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

**18. Date of Next Meeting:** 2 March 2016 in the Parish Church Hall following the Annual Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date

