

# Boyton Parish Council

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

- Present:** Cllrs M Stanbury (chair), J Smith (vice chair), J Bennett, M Law, J Sanders, G Willetts and M Wood.  
Also present: S Cleave (clerk), A Paynter (county councillor) and two members of the public.
- 2202/127 Apologies for absence**  
Cllr J Hiscock – work commitment
- 2201/128 Chairman's comments**  
Cllr Stanbury introduced the new clerk and asked her to say a few words about herself. He said the inclusion of planning application PA21/12101 on the agenda was due to a mistake by Cornwall Council sending out a duplicate consultee form. Comments had previously been made and submitted on this application and it would not be discussed again at this meeting. Grit bin at the end of Underlane – after consultation with councillors, it was unanimously resolved to purchase a grit bin for the end of Underlane, with the permission of the landowner. This permission was given and Cllr Bennett agreed to purchase and install the bin, at a cost of £69.50 (to be paid at this meeting in Agenda Item 9.2). Cllr Bennett was thanked for doing this.
- 2202/129 Questions from the public on agenda items only**  
None received
- 2202/130 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests**  
None
- 2202/131 Disclosures of Interest**  
None
- 2202/132 Minutes of previous meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on **January 11, 2022** were **approved** as being accurate and were then signed by the chairman.  
**Proposed: Cllr Smith                      Seconded: Cllr Wood                      Votes: Unanimous**
- 2202/133 Play area**  
It was agreed to move Items 13 and 14 to the beginning of the agenda, in order for Cllr Paynter to speak.  
Cllr Paynter said Cornwall Council looked favourably on the parish council leasing the land for a play area, or them handing it over. The land in question is owned by Cornwall Council but operated by Cornwall Housing. If it was leased to the parish council, it would be fairly straightforward, and then the parish council would proceed to look after it.  
Cllr Sanders said he had asked a few residents their opinion of having a play area, and most were agreeable. The clerk is to email Cllr Hiscock to see if he has had any updates or responses.  
Cllr Stanbury said it would be a good idea to draft a letter to the residents in that area with a questionnaire about what they would like to see. Clerk to print out 30 copies to be distributed.

Cllr Paynter to check with Cornwall Council about any legal costs. He said the neighbouring landowner was agreeable to giving some land if needed, although the land in question may be large enough. He advised the council to think about costings of equipment. He said asking children in the parish what they wanted would be a good thing. Mentioned the play area at North Petherwin which gets a lot of use. Clerk to speak to North Petherwin clerk about how their area was funded and also look into what funding is available.

Cllr Law said the play area at St Giles uses items like telegraph poles for the swings. He said the area was well used and was maintained, insured and looked after by the village.

The council is in a position with reserves and CIL money to put together a play area for the children as a Platinum Jubilee project.

#### **2022/134 Community Network Highways Scheme**

Councillors discussed possible expressions of interest for the scheme. Cllr Smith suggested potholes in the parish. She had measured them, with some 36 yards long and 7in deep. Lots of vehicles passed while she was measuring them, and many had to go off the road. These could cause potential damage to vehicles and in the dark or if it has been raining, drivers cannot see them. She asked if this was maintenance or a project. Cllr Smith said there needed to be defined passing places.

Cllr Stanbury said the expression of interest could be potholes, passing places and widening from Hornacott Chapel to Westcott Cross.

Cllr Paynter said there was £34,000 available, between all parishes. He hoped this would be one scheme for each parish, but the money available would not deliver a large project anywhere.

Cllr Stanbury said the need for a passing place is important due to the number of vehicles using the road. It is a safety issue.

Clerk to fill out form and return by the closing date of February 28, including details, measurements of the potholes, maps and photographs.

#### **2022/135 Planning**

##### **a: Applications**

**PA21/12323** Recladding of existing agricultural building to replace Yorkshire boarding with box profile steel sheeting – Higher Silverlands Farm, Boyton Bridge

Councillors queried why this was brought to council. The alterations would look better, last longer and be waterproof. It was noted that as the building was in a good state of repair, why would it need cladding? Councillors noted that the colour was not mentioned, but to conform with sheds and properties in the area, a request for green was made. Councillors resolved to support the application.

**Proposed: Cllr Bennett**

**Seconded: Cllr Wood**

**Voted: Unanimous**

##### **b: Decisions**

Planning decisions were noted:

**PA21/03337/PREAPP** Pre application advice for full renovation of the Grade II listed cottage at Talastone Gardens (this consists of a 2/3 bedroom cob walled cottage with thatch roof, also a rear addition of mixed construction along with two single storey additions to the west elevation, best described as conservatories) – Talastone Gardens, North Beer Lane, Boyton – CLOSED, ADVICE GIVEN

##### **c. Other**

None

**2022/136 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 (Feb)	Cheque 846	£310.00
PAYE	February	Cheque 847	£244.24
Jon Bennett	Salt bin	Cheque 848	£69.50

**Proposed: Cllr Smith**

**Seconded: Cllr Wood**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**2022/136 Mobile phone**

Councillors discussed the provision of a mobile phone for the clerk. It was also raised that the council needed a new laptop to replace its existing computer. Clerk to get quotes for a new computer and to check about how the council accesses the speed camera information (is it accessed through a mobile phone app or on the laptop?), and bring back to the next meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr Law**

**Seconded: Cllr Wood**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**2022/137 Grass cutting contract**

The clerk to check the photos and map that were previously sent to the clerk by Cllr Willetts. If not there, Cllr Willetts to take new photos. Make relevant alterations to the contract and go out to tender for a two-year contract from March 2022 to March 2024. Grass cutting to take place from April to October. To be advertised on Marketplace, the noticeboard and on the council website. Tenders back by March 18 to be discussed at the March 21 meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr Smith**

**Seconded: Cllr Law**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**2022/138 CIL**

Councillors felt this would be the play area in the short term. Clerk to provide a quarterly report as to what CIL money is available.

**2022/139 Correspondence**

Correspondence was noted:

- Keep Britain Tidy – Great British Spring Clean 2022
- Chris Sims (Launceston CNP) – Community Network Highways Scheme
- Cornwall Council – Town and Parish Council newsletter
- NHS Partners – Reopening of Launceston Hospital x-ray department

**2022/140 Members' announcements**

Cllr Law gave the clerk the logo to be put on council correspondence.

Cllr Sanders said there had been some graffiti daubed in the parish, but he had scrubbed it. He was thanked by councillors.

Cllr Willetts said there were large vehicles going along Underlane leaving nowhere for pedestrians to go. Councillors said there wasn't much that could be done. Clerk to email Oliver Jones and see if a sign could be put on Braggs Hill/Taylor's Hill saying not suitable for large vehicles.

Clerk to check when Cornwall Council is putting up the pole at Dorset Farm for the speed camera. Parish council has been waiting three months.

Cllr Wood noted there was now table tennis in the hall on the Wednesday of every second week. Everyone welcome, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Refreshments available.

**2022/141 Public participation**

One member of the public questioned whether Underlane should be closed to traffic and pedestrianised.

**2022/142 Date of next meeting**

Monday, March 21, 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.14pm.**

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