



# Boyton Parish Council

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## Draft minutes – April 25 Annual Parish Meeting

**Present:** Cllrs M Stanbury (chair), J Smith (vice chair), M Law, J Sanders, J Bennett, M Wood, G Willetts.

Also present: S Cleave (clerk), Cllr Adam Paynter and two members of the public.

**1. Apologies**

None.

**2. Minutes of meeting**

Councillors accepted the minutes of the March 18, 2019 meeting.

**3. Opening remarks**

Cllr Stanbury said there had not been an Annual Parish Meeting since 2019 due to Covid, when parishes were not required to hold one.

**4. Cornwall Councillor's report**

Cllr Adam Paynter said the area had been affected by the roadworks in Launceston recently, with continuing works taking place on the bridge at Newport with evening closures. He said it was good to see investment in the town with the bridges project. He also noted the passing places in Boyton that had been carried out as part of Cornwall Council's maintenance programme. The parish council didn't have to go through the Community Highways Scheme, but it turned out that the work was carried out sooner than it would have been. He said it had been an interesting year since the elections last May.

Cllr Smith noted her thanks to Oliver Jones at Cornwall Council for his help, for getting the passing places sorted, and for looking after Boyton.

Cllr Paynter also gave an update on the Launceston Library project and the leisure centre. Approval had been given for the £3-million library plans that will see the library moved to a new location. Building is due to start soon, and will be a 12-month build.

There are regular meetings of the Coronation Park trustees about the future of the leisure centre. There were five expressions of interest from people wanting to run the leisure centre. A few of these have pulled out, with the rise in energy prices being the reason. They are in the process of finding someone to take it over from January 23, 2023, with the hope of keeping the pool and other services open. He said there were various funding opportunities that could be explored.

Cllr Paynter also responded to a member of the public's query about Launceston to Plymouth bus services. There is a reduced price locally but there is an issue with border buses. He said it was not much use if people wanted to go shopping or get to Derriford Hospital, and will look into it.

**5. Parish Council's report**

Cllr Stanbury's report was noted. He was thanked for his efforts and also for the reduction in precept.

**6. Presentation of the Parish Cup**

This year the cup is to be presented to Mrs Kathleen Dennis. Cllr Stanbury said she is a lady who moved into the parish several years ago and who has helped with many organisations. She can usually be found in the kitchen at parish and church events and supports many village events. Councillors gave Mrs Dennis a round of applause in her absence, and the cup is to be presented to her at a future village coffee morning.

**7. Reports from Parish Organisations**

Reports were received from the Boyton Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund, the Jubilee Committee, Boyton Countrysiders Club, the skittles club, Boyton Church and from the Parish Church Hall.

These will be uploaded to the parish council website.

**8. Litter Pick**

Cllr Bennett said one parishioner picks up litter in the parish and clears the gulleys, adding that he is doing a sterling job. The council extended its grateful thanks to him.

**9. Any other business**

None.