Draft minutes – April 25 council 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. Chairman's comments

Cllr Stanbury noted that since the last meeting, Cllr John Hiscock resigned as councillor. Both Cllr Stanbury and the clerk thanked Cllr Hiscock for his service. Advertising for a casual vacancy has been set in motion. In the last year, the council has not issued cheques for the cemetery funds. Cheques for 2021 to be issued at this meeting, along with the consideration of a new planning application.

Proposed: J Bennett   **Seconded: M Wood**   **Votes: Unanimous**

3. Questions from the public:

Cllr Adam Paynter spoke of his casework surrounding the sewage sludge that has been tipped just off the B3254 near West Curry. One member of public has been vociferous in their complaints. Cllr Paynter has emails prior to 2018 about tipping and the smell. He has been in conversation with the member of the public and also Environmental Health (EH). EH has since visited. This is an ongoing problem that is being dealt with.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

5. Disclosure of Interests

None.

6. Minutes

Councillors agreed and accepted that the minutes of the council meeting held on March 21, 2022 were a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: M Law   **Seconded: M Wood**   **Votes: Six in favour, one abstention**

7.   **Matters arising/clerk's report**

The clerk's report was noted. She gave a report on the results from the speed camera, which had clocked three vehicles exceeding the 30mph speed limit, one at 52mph. Clerk to get prices for two speed camera signs, to be erected at either end, to act as a deterrent to motorists. Clerk to also chase Oliver Jones about the pole for the second speed camera.

8.   **Planning**

8.1 Applications:

PA22/02660 To slate hand two elevations at the rear of the property. 1 Bradridge Court, Boyton for Valerie Blacker.

Councillors voted to support the application.

Proposed: M Law   **Seconded: J Smith**   **Votes: Unanimous**

8.2 Decisions:

Councillors noted the following decision

PA21/ 12101 | PA21/12101 | Erection of agricultural general purpose storage building, together with existing access improvements and formation of access to building | Land East of Talastone Meadow Tala Hill Boyton Launceston PL15 8NP – APPROVED (with conditions).

Cllr Bennett requested that the council write to the chief planning officer at Cornwall Council to find out why they did a 180 on the original recommendation. It was recommended that the application needed the backing of neighbours, backing of the parish council and a robust business plan, but it had none of these three things. The planning officer decided to overrule and go for approval. Cllr Bennett said the parish council spent a lot of time discussing the application and wanted to know why they went against their own recommendation in the pre-app advice (a public document). Cllr Stanbury suggested copying in the chief executive in the letter, and said the parish council based its comments and decisions on the pre-app document.

Proposed: J Bennett   **Seconded: J Smith**   **Votes: Unanimous**

8.3 Other –

PA21/10486 Higher Welby appeal

Councillors discussed the appeal made to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in respect of the application PA21/10486 (application to determine if prior approval is required for conversion of existing barn to dwelling house and associated building works on land north of Higher Welby, Boyton for Mrs H Gosling) and resolve a course of action. Cornwall Council's decision was that planning permission was required.

Councillors felt there was not enough evidence against, and therefore supported Cornwall Council. If in the course of time and an application proceeds, it will come before the council.

Proposed: J Bennett   **Seconded: J Smith**   **Votes: Unanimous**

9.   **Finance**

9.1 – Bank reconciliation – Cllr Bennett checked and signed the bank reconciliation.

9.2 – Payments – Councillors approved the following payments, and three additional payments as listed below (highlighted in bold).

Proposed: J Smith   **Seconded: M Wood**   **Votes: Unanimous**

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane (Cleave)	Wages - April	Cheque 856	£394.16
Tavistock Computer and Network Solutions	Computer – installation, Lenovo Thinkbook, mouse, bag, security licence	Cheque 857	£1,052.40
Cornwall ALC Limited	CALC and NALC subscription	Cheque 858	£278.13
Boyton Church Hall	Hire of hall for parish council meeting April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022	Cheque 859	£110
Mr G Willetts	Defibrillator spare pads	Cheque 860	£108.30
Suzanne Cochrane (Cleave)	Printing, mobile phone, envelopes, USB stick and mileage	Cheque 861	£44.68
Bennacott Chapel	**2021 grant**	**Cheque 862**	**£90**
Boyton Church	**2021 grant**	**Cheque 863**	**£105**
Boyton Methodist Chapel	**2021 grant**	**Cheque 864**	**£105**

10.   **Insurance**

Councillors discussed the council's insurance, due for renewal at the end of May. The existing renewal is £218.96, but this would not cover all jubilee events. Clerk has spoken to Zurich and there is a specific parish council insurance which would offer greater cover for the council and would also cover the jubilee events. This is priced at £214. Councillors voted to proceed with the new quote of £214.

Proposed: J Smith   **Seconded: M Wood**   **Votes: Unanimous**

11. **Cornwall Hospice Care**

Following a letter from Cornwall Hospice Care to consider a request for financial help, councillors noted that in the past the policy has been not to make a donation. Cllr Smith there are many events held in the village for various charities and donations by personal subscription. Councillors voted to reply with this explanation, but to display the letter on the council notice boards with information for parishioners to donate if they so wish.

Proposed: M Law **Seconded: M Stanbury** **Votes: Unanimous**

12. **Invitation to Truro's Jubilee parade**

Councillors considered an invitation from Bert Biscoe to send a representative from Boyton to take part in the Jubilee parade in Truro on Thursday, June 2, but voted to say thank you but councillors will be attending events in the village.

Proposed: M Stanbury **Seconded: J Bennett** **Votes: Unanimous**

13. **Community Network Highways Scheme**

Councillors noted the response to the council's Expression of Interest for passing places, and the subsequent work that has been carried out.

14. **Correspondence**

Councillors noted the correspondence received:

Cornwall Council	Town and Parish newsletter
Citizens Advice Bureau	Newsletter and stats on Boyton
Eco Green Communities	Environmental Stations
Cornwall Council	Guidance on using Cornish in the naming and development of streets
Cornwall Council	Copy of the Jubilee proclamation in Cornish

15. **Members' announcements**

Cllr Stanbury – the council approved cheques for the cemeteries for 2021, asked if councillors wanted to add the 2022 cheques at the May agenda? Councillors agreed.

Cllr Stanbury – noted that some residents were against the initial proposals for a play area at Beacon Park. He had been contacted by a resident who doesn't live in the areas consulted to ask why they were not included. Cllr Stanbury explained that the consultation was narrow, covering two areas only. Cllr Law said the council needs to consider the whole parish as sooner or later, the parish will need something for the children. Councillors agreed to leave the matter on the table, until a suitable site is found.

Cllr Wood – noted that a lot of people have said an upgrade of the toilets would be a good thing.

16. **Public participation** (Standing Orders suspended for this item)

One member of the public said he agreed with Cllr Bennett about the planning application process, adding that if the planning officer has a situation where they know a planning application is controversial, it should go to the East Area Planning Committee.

Date of next meeting

17. Monday, May 23 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.