

Boyton Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 19 October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Hall

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

1. Apologies: Councillor Trisha Melzer (unwell).

2. Chairman's Comments: Mobile phones to be switched off.

3. Re Item 19 (Recruitment of new parish clerk): Section 2 (1) of the Public Bodies Act as proposed by Councillor Clarke, seconded by Councillor Willis and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved that** because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public leave the meeting when this Item is taken.

4. Questions from the public (Standing Orders in abeyance): None.

5. DPs (Standing Orders in force): There were no written Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

6. Disclosures of non pecuniary interest on matters to be considered at the meeting:

Councillor Willis declared such an interest with respect to Item 7 (PA15/03083) and left the room whilst it was discussed and voted upon. Councillor Strout declared such an interest(PA15/08676)- he left the room whilst this Item was discussed and voted upon.

7. Planning Application: PA15/08676 Letters received immediately before the meeting from Mr and Mrs Newport were read as summarised and councillors went on to draw up their comments. As proposed by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Law and on a vote of 3 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved** the following representations be forwarded to Cornwall Council:

- i) General Remarks-The proposed development was outside the Development Boundary; those residents in the affected hamlet (abounding the Hornacott to Westcott Cross Road) were concerned since no reasons had been given regarding the proposed change of route which now ran through the centre of the hamlet as opposed to the original plan which ran predominately through farmland.
- ii) There would be disruption to traffic and a temporary impact on the environment during the construction phase. A proposal that 'this council supports the application' was defeated by a vote of 2 in favour and 3 against.

Planning Application Appeal: As proposed by Councillor Bennett and Seconded by Councillor Strout and on a vote of 3 in favour and none against it was, **Resolved that:** (i) Cornwall Councils reasons for refusal as stated on the communication be supported; (ii) Boyton's comments of 15 May be re-endorsed sections referring to traffic levels and highway management to be omitted and (iii) re-emphasise the fact that the site was adjacent to an Area of Great Landscape Value(AGLV).

8. Minutes: As proposed by Councillor Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Strout and on a vote of 4 in favour and none against it was Resolved that those Minutes relating to the Meeting of 14 September be accepted as a true and accurate record.

9. Matters Arising:

- i) Footpath Signpost and Dog/General Litter Bin Move: Clerk would try and obtain a post through Cornwall Council and liaise with Councillor Strout regarding its re-instatement and move of the Dog Litter Bin to the position agreed with Cornwall Council (some 8meters to the west).

10. Finance: The Reconciliation Statement for September was presented-current account balance creditor of £8716.29, second precept £3350.00.included. Councillors to receive a copy of the Adopted Financial Regulations by E mail.

11. New Correspondence: (i) Noted the appeal by Kingfisher Nursery for committee members and helpers and (ii) the stated intention of Cornwall Council to provide a grant of £700.00 to assist councils in moving to the paperless world. Once received it would be set aside within the accounts.

12. Correspondence on Circulation: There were no comments arising from the previous circulation pack (full distribution not yet achieved). New pack containing the SLCC magazine and Clerks Direct placed on circulation.

13. Rationalisation of the Council's Historical Database: Councillor Smith to contact Cornwall Council's Archivist and report back to the next meeting.

14. Standing Orders: See paragraph 10.

15. Members' Questions: Noted a report that motorists were not showing due consideration to other road users around and outside the village-to be reported to the Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team.

16. Public participation:

- i) WFI in the Parish Church Hall-matter investigated but required an update in electrical circuitry.
- ii) Renewable Energy Target-whether Cornwall had reached it's target was to be confirmed-clerk to write to the Chief Planning Officer.
- iii) The provision of another Dog Bin would be reviewed once the work to re-site the unit opposite the Methodist Church was complete.
- iv) Noted that planning applications could be loaded by councillors onto their personal computers.

17. Date of next meetings: 30 November 2015 and 11 January 2016.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.05pm.

19. Recruitment of new clerk: Councillors went on to address Item 18 namely the recruitment of a new parish clerk. A plan of action was drawn up to include advertising, defining the role, essential skills required of the individual the employment contract and recruitment process which had to meet current statutory obligations. Councillors to be provided with copies of the current contract and job description: and review, amend as required. Finalised documents to be available for distribution as part of the 'Employment Package' for prospective candidates from the first week in November. As proposed by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Willis and on a vote of 4 for and none against, it was **Resolved that** a budget of £150.00 be dedicated to advertising the vacancy in 'The Cornish and Devon Post'.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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

