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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of BOYTON PARISH COUNCIL  
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**held on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Caroline Wheatley-Hubbard  
Cllr Phil Garratt  
Cllr Gary Treherne  
Cllr Sarah Pallant

Chairman, Treasurer  
Vice Chairman, Planning  
Infrastructure  
Clerk, RFO (Responsible Financial Officer)

**PUBLIC:**

None

**1. APOLOGIES**

21/14 Cllr Jill Adams was unable to attend.

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**2. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

21/15 The Chairman acknowledged that, as for all of us, the last year has not been normal and for local Government there have been many changes in the rules and regimes notably not having open meetings. This shows the importance of the Open Forum.

In addition to the old favourites that come up, other items have/are being dealt with and are detailed in the Minutes of the Parish Meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors for their patience and diligence through the last year.

**3. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS**

21/16 The Reports were submitted – see Parish Meeting Minutes.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

21/17 Cllr Wheatley-Hubbard was proposed to be re-elected as Chairman by Cllr Treherne and seconded by Cllr Garratt. The vote in agreement was unanimous.

21/18 Cllr Garratt was proposed to be re-elected as Vice Chairman by Cllr Wheatley-Hubbard and seconded by Cllr Treherne. The vote in agreement was unanimous.

**5. ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS**

21/19 The re-election of the Councillors was confirmed on 14.4.21.

**Annual General Meeting closed at 19.05**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

21/20 There were none.

### **2. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES**

21/21 Due to remote Meetings the Minutes of the Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 were both approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

21/22 The Parish Council Website. After several hitches, this is now up and running.

**[www.boytonandcortonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.boytonandcortonparishcouncil.co.uk)**

It has been suggested that some members of the parish and the Parish Council wish social history to be excluded from the Council website.

The Boyton Parish Council must have a website by law. A Parish Council website is subject to a wide range of regulations, requirements and restrictions governing transparency, data protection, accessibility etc.

The current site has the minimal content required from the smallest Council. As a small council with a small site, our legal requirements are met without having some very onerous conditions which apply to larger Parishes which would cost more. The current website has no associated cost.

The Parish Council is very different from a Village website which must be independent of the PC website.

Because the PC is a tier of Government the individual Councillors are legally liable for all the content of the PC website and therefore cannot include material which is outside of the control of the PC.

It would be possible to point out where village information is available and to provide a link or links to it. Therefore, Boyton & Corton Social History website will be a "link" as will Robin Grist's History of the Church and Those who went to War.

21/23 The War Memorial. This will continue to be monitored and will be inspected this year. As item 20/28, approximately £150 will be earmarked for any work.

21/24 The trees/hedge at St. Modwen's. The owner has done little due to the pandemic so work will hopefully start soon.

21/25 The Welcome Pack. The VIP will be asked to announce new arrivals in the villages.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

#### 4. FINANCE

21/26 Report

##### **Opening Balance April 2020**

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Savings Account | £1048.86 |
| Treasurer's A/C | £5428.38 |

Total **£6477.24**

##### Expenditure

|                     |           |   |
|---------------------|-----------|---|
| Bench in Corton     | £         | 500.00  |
| Sydenhams for bench | £         | 184.54  |
| WALC                | £         | 74.95 (Wiltshire Association of Local Councils) |
| GDPR                | £         | 40.00 (General Data Protection Regulations)     |
| Return o/paid VAT   | £2,123.38 |   |
| Bobby Van           | £         | 50.00   |
| Wilts Air Ambulance | £         | 50.00   |
| Insurance           | £         | 259.69  |

##### Income

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| Precept  | £1397.50 |
| Interest | £ 0.28   |

##### **Closing Balance**

**£4593.46**

21/27 There have been no invoices from id Verdi. The Council continues to wait for communication from them.

21/28 The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) was considered, completed, approved and signed.

21/29 The annual invoice from WALC (Wiltshire Association of Local Councils) was paid.

21/30 The Telephone Kiosk. A second quote is still needed.

**ACTION: CWH**

21/31 Boyton Bus shelter. This needs a few panels replacing. It was unanimously agreed that this should be done.

**ACTION: CWH**

21/32 Corton Fingerpost. AONB still to be contacted for possible funding.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## **5. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT**

### **21/33 Parish Steward Scheme**

The parish had 10 visits from the Parish Steward this year. August is never scheduled for a visit and in December he was called away on other duties.

In May of last year we were informed that his duties were to be restricted to 'safety essential' work so through the year he has worked on an ongoing programme of keeping drains and gullies clear, clearing ditches, cleaning road signs, clearing away overgrowth and filling smaller potholes.

Photographs are used as evidence of work completed.

If he has been within his remit parishioner requests have been addressed.

Through the year the PS has been helpful in accessing information from WC.

### **Reports to WC**

Work reported to WC through the MyWilts app has generally been completed however we are waiting for replacement pipework to be installed where there was an issue through the Winter with standing water in the road in Corton.

Outstanding work to be addressed as the weather improves:

Refurbishment of the telephone box and Finger signpost in Corton.

## **6. PLANNING REPORT**

### **21/34 Planning activity 2020/2021 summary**

Over the past year, planning matters have, as usual, been predominantly concerned with tree felling or pruning. There were 19 such applications, 18 of which were permitted, despite considerable controversy. One is pending.

There were 3 applications for building consent, 1 for alterations to a listed building, 1 for a garden room extension and 1 a re-application for a previous approval which had been allowed to lapse. All were permitted.

### **Planning activity since the last report**

#### **Permission**

20/09070/TCA

Fell 11x Leylandii, 1x Plum tree, 1x Beech tree and 1x Ash tree at the old nursery site, Corton

21/00677/FUL

21/01378/TCA

Felling of four mature Sycamore trees and one Field Maple at Boyton Farms, Boyton.

\*PL/2021/03504

Felling & removal of 7 Leylandii in front garden and replace boundary with Beech/Holly at Valleyfield, Corton

#### **Refusal/Withdrawn**

#### **Pending**

PL/2021/04173

Felling of 1 Apple tree and 1 Cherry tree at Little Manor, Corton.

\*Application numbering changed when new planning tracking system introduced by WC.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

21/35 Correspondence was received from Little Manor. The Parish council will carefully consider planning applications.

21/36 Correspondence was received from a parishioner regarding the state of the Play Area. It was explained that this continues to be the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. The parishioner said they would contact the Council themselves.

## **7. Date of next Meeting**

11<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

**Meeting closed at 19.45**