



Boyton Parish Council

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Minutes – Monday, March 23. 2026

1. Councillors present

M Stanbury (chair); S Davey (vice chair); G Willetts; M Law; K Bailey; G Cook and J Sanders. Also in attendance S Cleave, clerk and two members of the public. 26/3/1

2. Apologies

Cllr Adam Paynter. 26/3/2

3. Questions from the public

None. 26/3/3

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None. 26/3/4

5. Disclosure of Interests

None. 26/3/5

6. Cornwall Councillor's report

In his absence, the clerk read Cllr Paynter's report: 'Cornwall Council will soon announce a scheme to support low-income households with the cost of heating oil. Cornwall has been allocated £1.5 million to do this. Please urge your residents to shop around if they need heating oil as prices have risen massively over the last few weeks. Residents can now recycle cartons and soft plastics through improved household collections in their red recycling bags. Cornwall Council continues to progress plans for greater devolution, confirming a move toward becoming a Single Foundation Strategic Authority and ruling out any merger with Devon. I have been doing some work with the leader and joint work with MPs on key priorities including transport, SEND, mobile connectivity, health, and wider strategic issues. The draft Cultural Strategy 2026–36 is open for public consultation until 24 April on the 'Let's Talk Cornwall' website.' 26/3/6

7. Minutes

Councillors approved the minutes of the Ordinary council meeting held on February 9, 2026.

Proposed: G Cook

Seconded: J Sanders

Votes: Unanimous

26/3/7

8. Matters arising / clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted. Cllr Willetts reported that the parish defibrillator is still active, he has ordered new pads and battery. The clerk will email again about the recent 20mph consultation. Cllr Stanbury said he attended the recent CAP meeting. Most of the items focussed on Highways. Work will shortly begin on the Plusha junction to lengthen the slip roads. They are still making a case for a fly over bridge. Cllr Stanbury raised the tree/hedge cutting issue, which we believed would be an agenda item. There was a vague response. It is believed the next meeting will be on June 4, which falls on the first day of the Royal Cornwall Show. He said if this is the case, someone from the council should attend. Cllr Stanbury also said there was a high representation from the Gunnislake and Callington areas, but not much from Launceston. 26/3/8

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Tamar to Moor Community Area Partnership Agenda (March meeting); Tamar to Moor CAP December meeting draft notes; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter; road

closure notification – B3254 between Meadowside and North Beer Lane to Buttern, Boyton (March 16 to March 18, 24-hour closure); Tamar Tag consultation details; Cornwall Local Plan and Local Councils involvement document (CALC); Cybercrime session information; Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; Community Emergency Plan workshop information (April 22). 26/3/9

10. Planning

10.1 Applications:

PA26/00799 – Change of use of land to garden and siting of caravan for ancillary annexe accommodation. Park Villaton, Boyton.

In their discussions, councillors felt the building would be in the curtilage of the existing property. There would be no issues with site access or parking. It would be using the existing on-site septic tank. It needed to be brought to the planning officer's attention that two bedrooms would be needed as one would be for a possible carer.

Councillors resolved to send these comments to the planning officer.

Proposed: M Law **Seconded: K Bailey** **Votes: Unanimous** 26/3/10

Councillors voted to support the application.

Proposed: G Willetts **Seconded: M Law** **Votes: Unanimous** 26/3/11

10.2 Decisions:

The following decision was noted:

PA26/01187 – Royal Mail are proposing to decommission (permanently seal and paint black) the wall post box near 2 Bennacott Cottages, Boyton. CLOSED – ADVICE GIVEN 26/3/12

10.3 Notices and information:

None.

11. Play park

An email was received asking if the parish council would consider the provision of a play park in the village for the children. Councillors said they have always tried to, but have come up against where to put it and obtaining the land. The parish council would still support the concept of a play park if a suitable site is identified. It was resolved to write to Cornwall Council / Cornwall Housing to see if they would be willing to give the land west of Beacon Park with the view to create a play park, and also to contact the primary school to see if they would consider extending their play park facilities to include a community area.

Proposed: M Law **Seconded: S Davey** **Votes: Unanimous** 26/3/13

12. Speed indicator signs

The clerk presented various options and prices. It was proposed to ask Highways if they could supply a temporary speed indicator sign (coming up the hill from Boyton Bridge / Braggs Hill) to monitor the figures. The clerk will also ask Oliver Jones from Cornwall Highways his advice on what can be done outside the school, and possibly cost up and look at the feasibility of having three speed bumps either side of the school and in the middle.

Proposed: S Davey **Seconded: G Cook** **Votes: Six in favour, one abstention** 26/3/14

13. Emergency Plan

The details and template will be circulated to councillors and discussed at the next meeting. 26/3/15

14. Housing criteria

A response was received from Cornwall Housing Association, which said it is not possible to provide a definitive overview on the usage of Cornwall Housing properties or an overview of who may be eligible for certain properties. Some properties which have an age limit on them can sometimes be used for exceptional needs cases by individuals who may not necessarily meet the age requirement, and no assurances can necessarily be given with certainty over future usage. When properties are advertised on Homechoice the eligibility criteria can be seen at that point which shows who is able to bid on that specific property. The clerk was asked to check how long a property can be empty for (private property). 26/3/16

15. Finance

15.1 Bank reconciliation – The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Law.

15.2 Accounts

To note the bank account details (as of March 16, 2026):

Current account	£ 801.57
Reserve account	£ 5,640.24
CIL money	£ 9,102.80
Community Fund	£53,732.40

15.3 Payments - To approve the following payments:

Payee	Details (March)	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane	Wages including HMRC – February	BACS	As per contract
Cornwall Pension Fund	February contribution	BACS	As per contract
Suzanne Cochrane	Clerk expenses – printing and mileage	BACS	£ 16.29
HugoFox	Website monthly payment	Direct Debit	£11.99
Cornwall ALC	Code of Conduct training – Cllrs Cook and Law	BACS	£60.00
Suzanne Cochrane	2025 Work from Home allowance	BACS	£104.00
Westernweb	Register of gov.uk domain for two years; set up of cloud email accounts	BACS	£218.40
Creative Wood	Bench	BACS (to be paid from current account and reclaimed from CIL account)	£660.00

15.4 Income – to note income

CIL account interest (February)	£ 18.95
Community Benefit Fund account interest (February)	£ 83.55
Reserve account interest (February)	£ 4.44
HMRC VAT reclaim	£227.75

(*To note transfer of £900 on February 13 from Reserve account to Current account).

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

Proposed: G Willetts

Seconded: S Davey

Votes: Unanimous

26/3/17

16. Members' announcements

Cllr Willetts has ordered the defibrillator battery and pads.

Cllr Stanbury was asked by a resident how long the B3254 road closure will be. The clerk will seek clarification.

26/3/18

17. Public participation (Standing Orders suspended for this item)

None.

26/3/19

18. Date of next meeting – Monday, May 11.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.