



Boyton Parish Council

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Draft minutes – August 1 meeting

1. Councillors present

CLRs M Stanbury (chair), J Smith (vice chair), G Willetts, S Davey, J Sanders, M Law and J Bennett. Four members of the public and S Cleave, clerk. 22/57

2. Apologies

CLr Mike Wood – prior commitment
Cornwall Councillor Adam Paynter – prior commitment. 22/58

3. Chairman's comments

CLr Stanbury welcomed everyone to the meeting and offered an apology for the delayed meeting that was due to take place a week earlier. 22/59

4. Questions from the public

One member of the public (MoP) asked if the public could speak on items 14 and 16 when they arose on the agenda with the council suspending Standing Orders. 22/60

5. Declaration of Pecuniary interests

None. 22/61

6. Disclosure of Interests

CLr Stanbury – planning notice in 9.2. 22/62

7. Minutes

Councillors agreed and accepted that the minutes of the council meeting held on June 20, 2022 were a correct and accurate record.

Proposed: J Bennett Seconded: S Davey Votes: Unanimous 22/63

8. Matters arising / clerk's report

The clerk circulated her report which included enquiries to Cornwall Council re the community orchard, affordable housing, requests for strimming, cars parking and redundant fence posts and wire at Beacon Park. Enquiries to the police regarding the speed camera data; AGAR forms sent to the external auditors; information about the planned Cormac community engagement sessions; and advertising the need for volunteers to help with the garden plots. * The clerk to contact Cormac to reserve two/three spaces for Boyton representatives at the proposed Launceston workshop date.

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9. Planning

9.1 Applications:

None received.

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9.2 Decisions: To note the following decisions:

PA22/06663 – Prior approval notification to determine if planning permission is required for proposed tracks at Bennacott Farm, Boyton. Decision: Prior approval not required

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9.3 Other:

APP/D0840/W/22/3293717 Appeal made in respect of the planning application PA21/07563 Proposed new single storey dwelling with attached garage, parking and amenity space that was refused by Cornwall Council.

Councillors felt there was no new information to add, but to resubmit the council's original comments 'Boyton Parish Council object to this application. The council feel that this development does not represent 'infill' but is a greenfield site and there is no business justification for it. It is also adjacent an ancient monument, consequently, if approved, the dividing hedge (between the monument and the development) is significantly important and should be protected/enhanced.

Proposed: J Bennett

Seconded: J Sanders

Votes: Unanimous 22/67

10. Finance

10.1 – Bank reconciliation – Cllr Bennett signed the bank reconciliation

10.2 – Payments – Councillors voted to approve the following payments

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane	Wages - June	Cheque 874	£394.16
Suzanne Cochrane	Printing, stamps and mileage	Cheque 875	£17.56
Gerd Willetts	Speed camera signs	Cheque 876	£51.24

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: M Law

Votes: Unanimous 22/68

Agenda item 15 was brought forward under finances. Councillors resolved to add the clerk, Suzanne Cleave as an authorised signatory.

Proposed: J Bennett

Seconded: J Smith

Votes: Unanimous 22/69

Councillors resolved to remove former clerk Sally Neems as an authorised signatory.

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: J Sanders

Votes: Unanimous 22/70

11. Garden plot volunteers

Councillors had not been contacted by anyone interested in taking over the garden plots, but the clerk had received a message via the website by a couple who showed interest in volunteering, although they would not be able to until next year. The clerk to write back to them, thanking them for their interest shown and to get in touch in the new year. The clerk to also pass on Marion Willetts' contact details so they could have a chat with her about the role.

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12. Pension

Following an initial discussion at the June meeting, councillors passed the following motion: 'That all employees of the parish council shall be members of the Local Government Pension Scheme if, in any particular case, the individual makes written request to the council and the council agrees that request.'

Proposed: J Bennett

Seconded: J Sanders

Votes: Unanimous 22/72

13. Speed camera

The council received an email from PC Nick Jessop, Neighbourhood Beat Manager, in response to data sent to the police from the council's speed camera. PC Jessop explained that cameras supplied by Auto Speed Watch do not conform to their own processes, the Regulation of Investigative Powers Act (RIPA) and as such most police forces have advised this company they cannot and will not be able to use any data supplied by their devices. The decision was made at a Chief Officer level several years ago. In response, Cllr Law asked if the council sought any advisory from the company at the time of purchase, as the camera is not fit for purpose. Cllr Smith said the council would never have purchased the unit having known this. Cllr Law suggested writing to the company, informing them of the police's response, and request a refund, along with the collection of the camera. Cllr Bennett said the council should also write to PC Jessop to find out which cameras would be suitable for the council to use. Cllr Smith mentioned that the camera and its results has confirmed a speeding problem, which strengthens the argument that a camera is needed.

Cllr Willetts also spoke about the speed monitoring sign that has been erected near Dorset Farm. He has downloaded the data, which has shown vehicles travelling at high speeds entering the village (many in the 40s and some clocked at 63 and 67mph). Cllr Stanbury said there was a definite speeding problem and the flashing sign erected at Dorset Park appears to be an incentive for motorists to slow down. Figures show one third of all motorists entering the village from the Launceston direction are driving over the speed limit. Councillors resolved for the clerk to write to Auto Speed Watch, the police and Cornwall Council regarding the issue.

Proposed: G Willetts

Seconded: J Smith

Votes: Unanimous 22/73

14. Community orchard

Cornwall Council has said it is happy for the land behind Beacon Park to be used as a community orchard. Standing Orders were suspended for Bev Hunt to speak. She submitted an initial report to the council before the views of residents were sought. Cllr Stanbury said the council would have to consult with residents to get their views. Cllr Sanders said there was a lot to consider such as the maintenance of the trees. Cllr Bennett said he wouldn't want to see the parish council landed with financial responsibility. Bev said it wouldn't be just for residents surrounding the area of land, but for the whole community. A committee would have to be formed and there would need to be commitment for people to look after it. Bev said she was prepared to do the groundwork. Councillors discussed the next steps including balloting neighbours, wider residents and holding an open meeting. Clerk to contact Cornwall Council to find out which area the council is willing to gift and request a map; to ask Cornwall Council if the land is transferred to the parish council, would they be able to lease to a local committee; to contact CALC for advice on how to carry out the process properly (holding a ballot and using the electoral register). Clerk to liaise with Bev and send out information by email to councillors. The aim is to get papers out in September.

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: M Law

Votes: Unanimous 22/74

15. Public toilets

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a MoP to speak. Tim Smith said there were three options for the parish hall toilets – 1, Do nothing; 2, Pull the building down and build another one; 3, Organise the interior. Mr Smith thanked Cllr Willetts for his work on the toilets and said some initial plans had been drawn up. Cllr Willetts said the ladies toilet could be made into a disabled toilet and the other toilet become a unisex toilet. Plans will cost a lot of money, and Mr Smith said the church hall committee has £5,000 in the bank. Grants may be available, but he asked if the parish council would like to give any money. Cllr Law pointed out that they are not public toilets, but belong to the hall. He added that the council needed more information on costings for the three options and what the full plans are. Cllr Smith said the hall is widely used. Cllr Law noted that it is often more difficult to get grants being a church hall, but it was noted that the chapel received a grant for a disabled toilet from the Pirate FM Trust. Mr Smith to come back with more information for the October meeting. 22/75

16. Affordable housing

Figures were circulated from Cornwall Council regarding the amount of affordable housing units required on a new development. The information was noted. 22/76

17. Hedgehogs R Us

The council received a letter from Hedgehogs R Us regarding their Highway Project. Cllr Smith said Boyton was more rural whereas the project appears to be more for urban areas. The letter was noted. 22/77

18. Queen's Jubilee

Cllr Law said although the Jubilee celebrations were very successful there was no memorabilia given to the children, as in previous events where the children have been

presented with a mug or coin. He said it was a once in a lifetime event. Cllr Smith said a decision was made not to give memorabilia but instead to spend the money on festivities. Cllr Law said if that was the case, the parish council could still do something. Although Cllr Smith said it wasn't the council's job, Cllr Law disagreed. Cllr Stanbury noted that the parish council, as a corporate body, did not make a donation to the Jubilee events. Cllr Law's proposal to provide something for the children did not receive a seconder. Cllr Law asked for his proposal to be noted, and the clerk to look at the past minutes to find out when the decision was recorded.

Cllr Stanbury said it would be good to have at the next meeting a summary account of the parish's Jubilee events, so the council can see the accounts and see where the money was spent. Mr Smith to bring accounts to next meeting. 22/78

19. Members' announcements

Cllr Sanders spoke about the bus shelter. He said people have to cross the road and stand on the bank. He asked if it would be possible to cut out an area in the bank for people to stand? Photos were circulated to councillors from a MoP. Clerk to contact Oliver Jones to ask if possible. 22/79

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

One MoP reiterated Cllr Sander's comments about the bus shelter. She said she has slipped on the embankment and there is also a safety issue as a bus had to swerve to miss people standing there. There was recently seven people including a lady with a buggy waiting to use the bus, so the service is being used.

Another MoP said the events committee bank account should be part of parish council funds. He also spoke about a recycling league table in Cornwall, and wondered where Boyton stands. The clerk will make some enquiries. 22/80

21. Date of next meetings

Monday, September 12 and then Monday, October 17. 22/81

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