



# Boyton Parish Council

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## **Annual Parish Meeting** **Monday, March 13, 2023** **Minutes**

### **1. Apologies (with reasons for absence)**

None received.

### **2. Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2022 (previously uploaded to the website).

**Proposed: M Wood**

**Seconded: J Smith**

**Votes: Unanimous**

### **3. Opening remarks**

Cllr Martin Stanbury, parish council chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **4. Cornwall Councillor's report**

Cllr Paynter said it had been an interesting year. Since Covid, they have worked differently to previously with lots of meetings online and from home. He said it was a challenging time financially, and this is hitting the council services and personal budgets. He said there were a few changes that had been made to make things easier for council tax payers, including online forms and transactions. If you log into the Cornwall Council website, you can do everything from one place, and it will show you the five nearest current planning applications. He said the parish council chair had spoken at the last two East Cornwall planning committees – one went in the way of the parish and one not. He said there is currently a lack of planning officers, which is proving to be a challenge with

the number of applications being submitted. Cllr Paynter said he would investigate any news on the opening of Launceston Police Station front desk. There was also an update on the food waste collections, the Link Road development in Launceston, Community Network Panels and affordable housing levels. Cllr Paynter also gave an update on the recently re-opened Launceston Leisure Centre, reporting that there are over 200 members, and the centre is running well.

## **5. Parish council report**

Cllr Stanbury gave an overview of the last year. He noted that it had been a quiet first half of the year with regards to planning applications, followed by a busy second half. Two applications were taken to the East Sub Area Planning Committee. The parish council explored a possible play area and community orchard near Beacon Park, but there was not enough local support and the plans were put aside. A book of condolence was opened in memory of HM The Queen. Speed cameras were put in place, which showed some interesting and disturbing results. The parish council is planning more investment on this. There is still the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money available. Cllr Stanbury said if any parishioner has any ideas on how this money could be spent, please get in touch. The council welcomed Cllr Stephen Davy at the start of the year. Cllr Stanbury thanked the clerk for her diligent work.

## **6. Presentation of Parish Cup**

Cllr Stanbury announced that the recipient of the Parish Cup would be Colin Tinkler, a stalwart of local events and skittles. The news was met with a round of applause.

## **7. Reports from parish organisations**

Reports were given by the Grants Panel (Jenny Smith), the Coronation committee (Jenny Smith), PC McDermott, Skittles (Vanessa Stanbury), Community Lunches at the Stumble Inn (Bev Hunt), the Parish Hall (Tim Smith), Table Tennis (Mike Wood). These reports will be published on the parish council website.

## **8. Any Other Business**

Jenny Smith gave thanks following a Marie Curie coffee morning that was held in the parish hall recently, which raised £750. She said it was a real community event, and offered thanks to everyone who participated in any way.

John Sanders reported that a Chapel coffee morning raised approximately £500 for the Turkish earthquake appeal. He said on March 30 the ladies of the primary school are organising a coffee morning to raise funds for the school. Everybody welcome.

Martin Stanbury said it was good to see the village coming out of lockdown and finding its feet again with good community spirit. He noted the success of the Platinum Jubilee events last summer, and said it was a sad occasion after the Queen's passing. The parish will look forward to the uplifting news of the King's Coronation in May.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.