



# Boyton Parish Council

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## Draft minutes – May 23 meeting

**Present:** Cllrs M Stanbury, J Smith, M Law, J Sanders, J Bennett, M Wood, G Willetts.

Also present: S Cleave (clerk), and two members of the public.

### 1. Election of a chairman

Cllr Martin Stanbury was proposed to stand as chairman for the year 2022/23.

**Proposed: J Smith**

**Seconded: J Sanders**

**Votes: Unanimous**

### 2. Election of a vice chairman

Cllr Jenny Smith was proposed to stand as vice chairman for the year 2022/23.

**Proposed: M Wood**

**Seconded: M Stanbury**

**Votes: Unanimous**

### 3. Apologies

None received.

### 4. Chairman's comments

Cllr Stanbury thanked his fellow councillors for voting him in as chairman for another year.

### 5. Questions from the public

Bev Hunt from the Jubilee committee spoke about the land behind Beacon Park, and said it would make a nice community orchard. She said it wouldn't cost that much and people would be happy to maintain the space. It could become a good use of space and the community could share the apples. It could be a Jubilee orchard. Cllr Smith said there would be funding opportunities they could explore. Cllr Stanbury said the parish council should go back to Cornwall Council – more discussion would come later in the meeting.

### 6. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests

None.

## 7. Disclosure of Interests

None.

## 8. Minutes

Councillors agreed and accepted that the minutes of the council meeting held on April 25, 2022 were a correct and accurate record.

**Proposed: M Law**

**Seconded: M Wood**

**Votes: Unanimous**

## 9. Matters arising / clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted including the arrangement of the council insurance; correspondence to Cornwall Council regarding the Higher Welby appeal and also regarding the Talastone application process; advertised the councillor vacancy on Facebook, the council website and noticeboards; contact made with PC Nick Jessop regarding attending a future council meeting. The clerk also gave a report on the speed camera report, which found a number of vehicles travelling over the 30mph speed limit. The details, including number plates of the offending vehicles, have been sent to PC Mike Dodd at Camelford Police Station, who is the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator. The clerk to make contact with the police to get some informal feedback and to highlight the problem of speeding vehicles in the village. Clerk to also email Oliver Jones to highlight that a new pole has not been installed outside Dorset Farm. The new pole needs to be placed 150 yards before the existing pole, as the speed camera is ready to go.

## 10. Planning

### 10.1 Applications:

None received.

### 10.2 Decisions:

None received.

### 10.3 Other:

None.

## 11. Grants to churches and chapel

This item was brought forward to be discussed before the finances. Councillors voted to approve grants to Bennacott Chapel (£90), Boyton Church (£105) and Boyton Methodist Chapel (£105) for the year 2021/22. This brings the payments up to date and it will be reviewed in the autumn when the budget is set.

**Proposed: M Law**

**Seconded: M Wood**

**Votes: Unanimous**

Clerk to look into removing the former clerk and adding herself to the banking, and also online banking facilities.

**Proposed: M Stanbury**

**Seconded: J Smith**

**Votes: Unanimous**

## 12. Finances

**12.1 – Bank reconciliation – To approve and accept the bank reconciliation.**  
Cllr J Bennett signed the bank reconciliation.

**12.2 – Payments – Councillors voted to approve the following payments (including the cheques for the cemetery grants):.**

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
Zurich Municipal	Council insurance	Cheque 865	£214.00
Information Commissioner	GDPR / Data Protection fee	Cheque 866	£40.00
Suzanne Cochrane	Wages - May	Cheque 867	£333.52
Suzanne Cochrane	Printing, stamps, folder and file dividers, mileage	Cheque 868	£19.31
Bennacott Chapel	2021/22 grant	Cheque 869	£90.00
Boyton Church	2021/22 grant	Cheque 870	£105.00
Boyton Methodist Chapel	2021/22 grant	Cheque 871	£105.00

**Proposed: M Wood**

**Seconded: J Smith**

**Votes: Unanimous**

### 13. Co-option

Councillors noted the interest of Stephen Davey to join the council. Subject to Mr Davey meeting the required criteria, it was agreed that he be co-opted to the council and invited to the June meeting.

**Proposed: J Bennett**

**Seconded: J Sanders**

**Votes: Unanimous**

### 14. Pension

Councillors agreed to enrol the clerk onto the Cornwall Pension Fund, as per contract.

**Proposed: J Smith**

**Seconded: M Law**

**Votes: Unanimous**

### 15. Speed camera signs

Cllr Willetts researched a number of speed camera warning signs and their cost. He also looked into the legal position of displaying signs. Councillors voted to purchase five signs – aluminium signs 300 x 400mm at a cost of £9.89 each including VAT. Cllr Willetts to purchase and install and the council will reimburse him. The signs will be positioned at Tala Hill, Braggs Hill, Dorset Farm, by the bus shelter and outside Town Farm.

**Proposed: J Smith**

**Seconded: J Bennett**

**Votes Unanimous**

### 16. Response from Cornwall Council

Councillors discussed the reply received from Davinia Pritchard of Cornwall Council regarding the PA21/12101 Talastone planning application. Cllr Stanbury said the council did reply fairly quickly, but Cllr Bennett said it didn't explain anything. Cllr Smith said the parish council should have voted to take the application back to the planning committee. Councillors agreed to note the reply, and while they were not entirely satisfied with the response, it is a lesson learnt. However, they did question the point of a pre-app. Cllr Wood said the parish council should have had longer to discuss the application again, at another meeting. Cllr Stanbury said the council can organise an extraordinary meeting. Council to agree a formula at the June meeting for how it deals with five-day protocols.

### 17. Correspondence

Councillors noted the correspondence received:

Cornwall Council	Town and Parish newsletter
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NALC	Survey on local elections
Cornwall Council	Climate Literacy training opportunity

**18. Members' announcements**

Cllr Smith – community orchard. Cllr Smith proposed that the clerk write to Cornwall Council regarding the land to the rear of Beacon Park being used for a Platinum Jubilee Community Orchard. Due to residents' oppositions, the parish council put the play area plans on hold, but it could be suitable for an orchard. The council would undertake a public consultation.

Cllr Willetts – speed camera signs on posts – clerk to check with Oliver Jones that the parish council is allowed to go ahead and display signs.

Cllr Wood – a resident of Beacon Park has asked for the Beacon Park sign to be more visible. Clerk to check with Oliver Jones if we can have a new sign.

Cllr Sanders – noted the leak coming from a property in the village, that had been spoken about previously. Cllr Bennett to make an initial approach to the homeowner.

Cllr Bennett – noted that the pole outside Dorset Farm is not a new one, but when a new one is put in place, it needs to be before the current location (as you come into the village) – clerk to chase Oliver Jones.

**19. Public participation**

None

**20. Date of next meeting**

Monday, June 20