



Boyton Parish Council

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Minutes – Monday, October 9, 2023

At the start of the meeting, Jon Bennett signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office following his co-option to the council at the September meeting.

1. Councillors present

Cllrs J Smith (chair), M Wood, G Willetts, J Bennett, M Law, S Davey and J Sanders. Also in attendance: Adam Paynter, county councillor, three members of the public and Suzanne Cleave, clerk.

10/1

2. Apologies

Cllr M Stanbury – holiday.

10/2

3. Questions from the public

None.

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4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

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5. Disclosure of Interests

None.

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6. County Councillor's report

Cllr Adam Paynter reported on Launceston Leisure Centre, which has been a success since it was taken over and run as a charity. He said a meeting has been held with Cornwall Council and an agreement has been made for a capital sum of money to be paid, which should help pay for a leaky roof. Other work is taking place behind the scenes, including possible plans to put another floor on to include a café.

He said there was a lot going on in Launceston. The new library will now be developed in the former Barclays building. Plans for a hub on the Exeter Street site were shelved after costs came in very high. He said the current library is expected to be removed.

Cllr Paynter was asked several questions including about the local bus timetables and taxis for schoolchildren. He was also asked if there were plans to have a one-way system installed in Launceston town square. He said that although nothing has been decided yet, one thing that was looked at was to pedestrianise the Square, but there are no plans to close any more streets. Cllr Law told Cllr Paynter he counted 12 empty shops in Launceston and Cllr Wood said something needs to be done to encourage more shops. Cllr Willetts said he had recently returned from holiday, and in a lot of places he visited, there was free parking.

Cllr Willetts asked what was happening with the development on the Link Road. Cllr Paynter said the cost of building has been rising since the pandemic, but work is getting close. Cllr Paynter will keep the parish council posted on developments. 10/6

7. Minutes

Councillors approved the minutes of the council meeting held on September 11, 2023.

Proposed: M Law **Seconded: S Davey** **Votes: Unanimous** 10/7

8. Matters arising / clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted. 10/8

9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: Cornwall Council budget consultation; Cornwall Council new food waste/recycling collections information. 10/9

10. Planning

10.1 Applications:

PA23/07414 – Change of use of building from shop to shop and restaurant with associated facilities (retrospective). Erection of a single storey extension to provide office, WCs and storage. Chelsfield Farm Holiday Cottages and Park, Boyton.

Councillors voted in favour to support the planning application, with the suggestion of downward lighting (that would be turned off after closing time).

Proposed: M Law **Seconded: J Bennett** **Votes: Unanimous** 10/10

10.2 Decisions:

The following decision was noted: PA23/010006/PRE – Enquiry regarding a new sewage plant. Talastone Gardens, North Beer Lane, Boyton. Closed – advice given 10/11

10.3 Notices:

None. 10/12

11. Website

Councillors discussed the current website, run by HugoFox, which has started to implement a monthly charge. They also looked at another local provider who could build a website for the council. It was agreed to continue with HugoFox, with the proviso to revisit again next year or sooner if there are any problems.

Proposed: M Law **Seconded: M Woods** **Votes: Unanimous** 10/13

12. BSWFCF

Cllr Smith gave an update on the Boyton Solar and Wind Farm Community Fund. She said a meeting will take place in a week's time, and added that there was one application submitted. She was happy that the fund will be coming in-house in the new year. She suggested that at a future meeting, the system and structure of managing the funds is discussed, along with community involvement. This will be discussed at the December meeting. 10/14

13. Finance

13.1 Accounts

To note the bank account details (as of October 2, 2023):

Current account	£ 9,809.80
Reserve account	£10,755.18
Events Committee Account	£ 755.12 (as of last statement May 31, 2023)

13.2 Payments - To approve the following payments:

Payee	Details	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane	Wages – September (PAYE to be added to list to pay online)	Cheque 1002	£419.76
Suzanne Cochrane	Clerk expenses – printing, mileage,	Cheque 1003	£20.20
Cornwall Pension Fund	September contribution	Cheque 1004	£82.35

13.3 Income – to note income

Cornwall Council – second half of precept - £2,750.00

Coronation money box money - £1.00

Councillors proposed to close the Events Committee account

Proposed: J Bennett **Seconded: S Davey** **Votes: Unanimous** **10/15**

Councillors approved the accounts and the scheduled payments.

Proposed: M Wood **Seconded: J Bennett** **Votes: Unanimous** **10/16**

15. Members' announcements

Cllr Wood – asked where the footpaths are in the parish. A map to be sourced from the Cornwall Council website.

Cllr Sanders – a couple of parishioners have reported discoloured water running down the road from the old Post office. The clerk to speak with the owner of the property.

Cllr Law – had been approached by a member of the public that lives near the sewage works to say the septic tank is being emptied three times a day. The vehicle goes around the back of her property and she is worried it will hit her house. The clerk to report to South West Water and ask them to investigate.

A report was given on the recently held dog show, which raised £860 for Boyton Primary School. A scarecrow competition is being held in the half term week, with posters being displayed around the parish. A coffee morning will be held on the last Thursday in November (30th). **10/17**

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

None. **10/18**

17. Date of next meeting

Monday, November 13 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.