

Boyton Parish Council Meeting DRAFT Minutes
held via zoom at 6.30 p.m. on 4 June 2020



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
04.06.20.4	Respond to Planning Application by 11 June	Clerk	
04.06.20.6	Liaise with local farms regarding verge cutting	IJ	
04.06.20.6	Discuss and finalise a suitable trial plan for verge cutting in Boyton with CC	JP	
04.06.20.7	Engage with MWT regarding ACV listing	JP	
04.06.20.8	Contact landowners in parish to assess interest in hosting bat boxes on a large hedgerow tree adjoining a public right of way	IJ	

1.	Attendance Chair - Richard Jesty (RJ), John Pilgrim (JP), Andy Cassy (AC), Iain Johnston (IJ), SCC Wilford Division Andrew Reid (AR), ES Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder (JM), Aaron Howe, RSPB Sites Manager, 5 members of the parish	
2.	No apologies received	
3.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation on agenda items - AC is Secretary of Quiet Lanes Committee - Item 10	
4.	Public Session Please email boytonpc@gmail.com if you would like a copy of any Report SCC AR summarised SCC May Newsletter - distributed to Cllrs and as published on website - consultation process with EDF not appropriate time to undertake consultations. The focus is on safer spaces in narrow streets, when shops start opening up - may require some of the carriageway to open, need the right conditions on pavements. There are schemes focusing on domestic abuse and healthline being more available - 24/7 - considerable increase - and facilities for supporting people with mental health. Opinion article from Rebecca Hopfensperger around Care Homes - glad to say that no care homes have gone without PPE at any time during the lockdown so far, Some of the reasoning behind why it seemed that Suffolk Care homes had more deaths around Covid - we have an area of far more nursing beds in Care Homes allowing people to remain in the home rather than going to hospital - and we instigated a local testing regime earlier than some. DC JM Report as previous meeting - similar information to CC - hope for ES and CC for more unitary system in the future. ES received 225,000 from National Government - unlocking the highstreet, accessing highways, supporting businesses and grants available. Since last meeting ES have launched Environmental home lessons - clean air slides and sheets - to send to Clerk for distribution.	
5.	RSPB Planning Application for Boyton Marshes Aaron Howe from RSPB presented plans very similar to Hollesley in 2014. Land was purchased from Mortier Farms in 2015 with the aim to create wetland habitat to extend what was being done at Boyton and Hollesley marshes. Reason for delay has been around funding - to create the overall plan would require £250,000. 50,000 has been identified but the timeline is short, and planning permission needs to be in place before funding can be considered - therefore the timeline for delivery is much shorter, hence the need to push forward the planning application - orange dotted line added to show Phase 1 area to be worked on - most low lying piece of the land within the project area - pink area shows outside farmed	

	<p>area - gradual phased approach to construction as funding permits. Scraping off the top soil to create a gentle undulating surface to set the base layer of the lagoon and the island height is the original field surface - 15-25 cm top-soil removed to create the topography to create wetland feature. Hollesley scrape was 15 hectares - took approx. 2 months. Site is very successful for key wetland species. Boyton will have more features particularly around archaeology and UXO towards end of firing range in arable field - all will need to be surveyed and designed around. Regarding future management, it will be identical to Hollesley with combination of drying out, grazing it and low level fence to exclude predators. The site will remain the same and will be very much for local and quiet enjoyment. No change of status of site - no plans for increase in car park. Start work hopefully post Christmas</p> <p>Q clarification 30 hectares - is that original plan or is that the orange dotted line area now A 30 hectares is the perimeter around the entire area - approx. 17 hectares will be worked on in Phase 1 Q Point 5 refers to an electrified fence all the way around scrape - in plan only shows along west edge A Recent developments looking at creating fence within a ditch - which means only one fence would be needed along west edge at present Q JM queries regarding liaising with A&O, carbon footprint and concern with narrow road and car park A RSPB have had conversations with A&O Community Partnership and plan fits in with the longer term strategy. Carbon off setting will not be needed as the project will be low impact. No aspirations to change - will always be managed as a quiet area unless a repeat of the sandhill crane that turned up a few years ago and caused lots of congestion - we would open a field for parking. Boyton is a more natural reserve - self managing Q Regarding funding and phased approach - what are landscaping provisions so it doesn't look like a building site all year A Farmland will remain - nothing left half completed</p> <p>RJ will share Hollesley write up from 2014</p> <p>Vote for Council in favour of plan - all agreed - respond to Planning</p>	Clerk
6..	<p>Proposal for reduced verge cutting in Boyton</p> <p>To enhance bio-diversity - wildflowers and wildlife on verges. Discussion on prime timings - one or two cuts per year - can this be facilitated to ensure management to enhance wildlife whilst making sure that potentially dangerous junctions are not overgrown. Supportive comments received from residents from email 'thoughts on verges'. JP has spoken to Holly Emmens with the Ecology team at CC and received good advice from Plantlife. CC AR have supported various initiatives throughout the county - confirming Ecology team will lead, and to liaise with Highways Safety team and CC - running in partnership with District and parish's. Ecologist will explore ways to reduce leggy unwanted plants - remain what you want to see.</p> <p>JM always in support of greening our areas - suggest micro-manage from our street - i.e. establish plants to plant in verges, pick up litter and look out for invasive weeds, monitor long grass, collect seeds - create a group</p> <p>Query Mill Lane were cut down recently - IJ to liaise with local farms - explain our aims and explain that landowners should not cut verges without permission from County Council.</p> <p>BPC in favour of reduced cutting - all in agreement. JP to discuss and finalise a suitable trial plan for Boyton with CC.</p>	IJ JP
7.	<p>Proposal for Boyton Wood</p> <p>Following a proposal for several parish Assets of Community Value in July last year, The Church Hall ACV listing was successfully achieved. It was agreed last July to try to engage with the Mary Warner Trust before taking that listing forwards. JP has attempted correspondence multiple times over the last year, with responses only from the MWT solicitors (Cross Ram; stating that the wood is private property and the trustees oppose an ACV listing), and no responses to correspondence recently. JP feels there are simple misunderstandings about what an ACV listing allow and infers, which could be cleared up by a simple conversation with MWT, but this has not yet been possible. Discussion was had about the absence of a liaison officer at the MWT. It was agreed that one last attempt would be made to engage with MWT before proceeding with the ACV listing at the next PC meeting.</p>	JP

8.	<p>AONB Community and Conservation fund for Boyton Bats</p> <p>From previous meeting we agreed to submit an application for AONB Community and Conservation funding, which JM highlighted to us. BPC has been successful and we have received funding for 9 bat box's - total of £643 - half received 321.50 and half when project is completed. JP to submit revised plan due to government guidance - i.e. to have a public event. Ecologically 3 on each tree - i.e. 3 locations - potentially Churchyard, Church Hall, large trees in the hedgerows bordering the roads - project to encourage Barbastelle species. Concern was raised with bats getting in the Church - JP will investigate. Approval needed to spend ahead of receiving all grant funding - all agreed in favour. Action: IJ to talk with large landowners in the parish to assess interest in hosting bat boxes on a large hedgerow tree adjoining a public right of way in the parish.</p>	IJ
9.	<p>Green Boyton Working Group proposal</p> <p>Discussion re environmental related issues that have been difficult to respond to in a timely way - can only take decisions at meetings, exploring options of developing a working group as long as there is feedback and parish are aware of items and have a chance to comment. On final discussion agreed to incorporate green items on Council Agenda - on-line presence is useful for communication - zoom seems to be good way for quick turn around - it was agreed we could hold more brief in-person or online Parish Council meetings when time-sensitive matters arose. JM offered enabling budget funds to support payment for zoom upgrade whilst we are unable to hold face to face meetings in the VH</p>	
10.	<p>Proposal for Quiet Lanes extension from Capel St Andrew crossroads through to Banters Barn junction</p> <p>AC declared he is Secretary of Quiet Lanes Committee. Shared map - showing nearly 40 parishes mostly ES, and Babergh, who have expressed an interest in extending quiet Lanes after the initial phase I deployments going back 2014/15 https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1h7rP7VPgPmDqPXGUj-RAQGi0mZsEFLkB&ll=52.15191983282452%2C1.15836830000001&z=10</p> <p>Proposal is to encourage active travel by extending rights of way for cyclists, walkers, horse riders even mobility scooters - creating circular routes by extending existing quiet lanes structure. There is already a commitment of 30,000 support in our District, and a grant for over 70,000 with Highways. As the proposal is becoming more active, AC request in principle for commitment from BPC. In isolation cost £5,000 per lane - by coming together with parish's and volunteer support effort for community consultations and planning applications, and ES support, cost to BPC will be in region of £500. If in principle all agreed - formal consultation will take place for comments.. Clarification was given to RSPB re Banters Barn track link to designated footpath. RJ vote Cllrs in favour - all agreed.</p>	
11.	<p>A&O Community Partnership 11 June at 6.30 p.m. via zoom - AC and RJ to attend</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Meeting finished at 7.50 p.m.</p>	
<p>Minutes agreed</p> <p>Signed Date</p>		

Jenny Lloyd Clerk