

Boyton Parish Council Minutes
held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on 10 March 2021



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
10.03.21.4a	Village and Beach litter picks - dates to be organised	Clerk	
10.03.21.4a	Email to Cllr AR re signs for fires	IJ/Clerk	
10.03.21.4b	Email re bird scarers	IJ/Clerk	
10.03.21.4c	To discuss requirement for a grit bin and source if necessary	RJ/Clerk	
10.03.21.6a	Consider whether there would be any benefits from BPC leasing the hall, compared to the present situation	BPC	
10.03.21.6b	Ask the Diocese what sort of price and term they may envisage for a lease of the church hall, in order to present options at the April Parish meeting	RJ	
10.03.21.6c	Approach Clarke and Simpson for valuation of the church hall in order to present options at the April Parish meeting	RJ	
10.03.21.8	Preparation for Audit	Clerk	

Payments authorised since last meeting

08.03.21	SALC Cllr training		30.00
08.03.21	SALC 6 months Payroll Service		22.80
08.03.21	CHT Emergency Phone Cellular Annual Rental		72.00

No payments received since last meeting

	Attendance Chair - Richard Jesty (RJ), Vice Chair John Pilgrim (JP), Iain Johnston (IJ), Andrew Cassy (AC), SCC Cllr Andrew Reid (AR), ES Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder (JM), Rev'd Giles Tulk (GT), 6 members of the public	
1.	No apologies received	
2.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda item RJ Item 6, JP Item 7a, IJ - Item 4b, AC - Item 7a	
3.	Parish Councillor vacancies and co-option Interest was received from a resident of Boyton and discussion took place at end of the meeting of his availability until September. Council in agreement for short-term member. JP voted and seconded by AC to co-opt Jasper Pryor on to Boyton Council. Acceptance of Declaration of Office was signed in camera view. Agreed to review in September.	
4.	Public session a) Query raised re anticipated increase in staycations this summer and bins - Cllr JM responded ES are getting ready - increasing number of bins and collections, street cleaning, dog bins - will support Boyton where necessary and in contact with Clerk. Any concerns contact boytonpc@gmail.com .	

<p>Query why bins have been taken away at Shingle Street - SS residents are looking at National Park policy where they have removed bins to encourage visitors to take their rubbish home rather than overflowing bins - currently piloting and monitoring on Rectory Road and Shingle Street.</p> <p>Query raised if BPC can organise a Village Clean and Beach clean. Action date tba. It was mentioned that ad hoc litter picks have been carried out in the village - thank you to all concerned. Suggestion if residents collect large amounts to let Clerk know to arrange for collection by Norse - if bags are left on the side of road it can be perceived as fly tipping. Query raised if any plans for signs on B roads and dual carriageway - ES are supporting the 'Don't be a Tosser ' campaign and Keep Britain Tidy along with SCC and looking at more advertising. Cllr JM monitoring the increase in dog dirt and litter issues in the forest and discussing with the Forestry Commission.</p> <p>IJ mentioned the increase of fires in the forest - lots more people parking as no charge. Cllr AR offered support and welcomed a short email from BPC re Forestry Commission - he will contact Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service. Action</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>IJ/Clerk</p>
<p>b) Bird scarers</p> <p>Email received from Boyton resident via JM regarding bird scarers. BPC have contacted land owners and they are aware of concerns raised regarding disturbance for birds in protected areas and for dogs - and were confident they were working within guidelines. BPC has investigated the frequency of 'pops' and NFU guidelines. JM suggests if it continues to be an issue can be directed to Environmental Protection through East Suffolk - evidence based. The scarers have ceased. Action email reassure resident that BPC will monitor</p> <p>c) Report received from SCC Cllr AR - distributed to Cllrs and uploaded to website</p> <p>Grit bins have automatically been re-filled by SCC due to snow conditions. Piloting the ANPR with Suffolk Police launching in the next 2-3 weeks - local initiative with its own unit and camera - also employing ANPR capabilities in Household Waste Recycling at Foxhall in line with the booking system. Two infrastructure schemes The Third River Crossing in Great Yarmouth and Gull Wing project in Lowestoft will make a big difference from an economic perspective. Budget has been agreed for 21/22 spending to 60m - about 40m more than last year - more into drainage and Highways.</p>	<p>IJ/Clerk</p>
<p>March Newsletter received from ES Cllr James Malinder and distributed and uploaded to website</p> <p>ES Looking at bins and being emptied correctly and frequency of collections. Parishes have to pay for dog bins - JM happy to use the enabling budget if that is an issue in Boyton.</p> <p>RJ suggested a small grit bin for bottom of Mill Lane/The Street junction may be required - JM will support Action apply to SCC.</p> <p>Fly tipping is a concern and try to clear within 48 hrs - will assist if on private land or an environmental concern. Simperts at Ramsholt put in an application for a permanent campsite - 90% were against and it was rejected - however they are using an emergency statutory law for 'pop up' sites - change of land usage - 56 days will not be consecutive so that will be dragged out through spring, summer and autumn. If there are any environmental or anti-social issues photo evidence would be appreciated. Planning are quite restricted with that change of land usage. The 56 days is a covid-related doubling of a pre-existing allowance for 28 days of such use. BPC are very proactive in looking at local planning.</p> <p>Launch of pardon the weeds feeding bees - 100 sites identified so far - 45% reduction in ESC use of glyphosate spray, using foam to suffocate the weeds.</p> <p>JP mentioned that final confirmation has not been received from SCC Highways - Boyton should be on 1 Autumn cut.</p> <p>It was reported to BPC that 1m cube of solid palm oil was washed up on Boyton beach in last 2 weeks - and was in discussion with ES - Norse did not have the equipment to access it unfortunately. Concern is for dogs as it is poisonous - dog owners need to be aware of hazards on the beach. It was monitored and can confirm that it has unfortunately been washed away with the tide.</p>	<p>RJ/Clerk</p>
<p>d) Presentation by Rev'd Giles Tulk</p> <p>The proposal for St Andrew's is not about closing the church - looking at a positive decision for keeping it</p>	

	<p>open for the community - taking into account the declining and aging population and fewer clergy operating. The proposal for St Andrew's Church to become a Festival church will mean it can hold 6 services per year and still be open for baptisms, funerals and weddings. Rev'd GT would like to allay any fears about closing the church and welcome any questions.</p> <p>Discussion it is inevitable that the church has got to look at all that's involved - challenge to get volunteers and support. Many churchyards are a haven for wildlife - volunteers are welcome to help tidy.</p> <p>BPC response - pragmatic solution to the context at the current time and we support what Rev'd GT is proposing. Discuss further at the Annual Parish Meeting. Query raised if the decision for the Festival Church can be reversed at some point in the future - Rev'd GT confirmed it is not irreversible if financially viable in the future - it allows to plan in a more consistent way. Would welcome volunteers to look after and clean the interior of the church and help with the maintenance of the churchyard - they work with Suffolk Wildlife Trust on the bats resident in the church - BPC may be able to include in the Village tidy up.</p>	
5.	<p>To review and agree minutes of previous meeting dated 12 January</p> <p>Actions reviewed - on-going discussions with Diocese regarding Church hall - see item 6</p> <p>a) RSPB - were unable to do work proposed due to the wet weather conditions - it is proposed at the end of bird breeding season in August</p> <p>b) Parishioners' input on Sizewell C - 6 responses received from email 15 January. A clear and large majority of respondents are not in favour of Sizewell C and BPC will react to future consultations on the project accordingly. No further action at this time.</p> <p>Minutes agreed</p>	
6.	<p>Update on Church Hall discussions</p> <p>RJ in on-going discussions with Rev'd Giles Tulk. The church is not actively seeking to sell the hall - however resources and volunteers are limited and so they are trying to find a practical way forward to provide a community asset for the village. Discussion followed on the potential for:</p> <p>i) BPC (or a new community entity) taking on a lease for the hall - grants could be offered/used from ES for anything that would be for support for community benefit - not for remedial or maintenance works. Due to current legislation restricting PC support to religious entities, the church would have responsibility to keep the hall in good repair. Action: BPC to consider whether there would be any benefits from such an approach compared to the present situation. Action: RJ to ask the Diocese what sort of price and term they may envisage a lease for, in order to present options at the April BPC meeting.</p> <p>ii) BPC (or a new community entity) taking on ownership of the hall</p> <p>BPC needs to understand a realistic purchase price given the challenges of obtaining change of use permission for sale of this land for other purposes. Considering that Boyton is a small parish - the hall would be a community hub for benefit to everybody in the community. There would be additional opportunities that BPC can take if we have publicly accessible land that is not owned by a private entity. Likewise, BPC/charitable ownership would open the doors to more funding opportunities for the hall itself, and may increase community involvement in running of the hall.</p> <p>Query that the land was designated for community use. JP: the Local Plan has now changed and the whole of Boyton is mapped as countryside, so any new developments are under a level of restriction. JP: the Local Plan, as part of one of its policies, states that if there is still interest from the community in using a property with an ACV it cannot have a change of use - this is also the case for the Swan pub in Alderton, so we may gain insights from the current application to change use of this ACV to a private dwelling.</p> <p>Diocese use Clarke and Simpson - discussion of conflict of interest. If BPC goes ahead with a purchase, it will be important to use at least one independent valuer also, but the valuation through Clarke and Simpson is a necessary first step from the point of view of the Diocese. Would Clarke and Simpson charge nominal fee to a small parish?</p> <p>RJ suggested a proposal for vote – BPC should request a simple, cheap initial first valuation from Clarke and Simpson. The Council were all in favour of this request, and of proceeding with the valuation if the</p>	BPC RJ

	cost was reasonable. Action: RJ to approach Clarke and Simpson for valuation.	RJ
7.	<p>Green Action items</p> <p>a) Notification of AONB Amenity and Accessibility fund application Email went out to all those on the village email list for interest in establishing a wildlife pond or planting native trees and bushes. Given the season and the relative levels of interest we decided to put in an application for pond materials - to establish or improve ponds for five interested households. The application has been submitted. The funders raised a question as to whether all ponds will be on private land – this is yet another case where it would be beneficial to have some public property in the village</p> <p>b) Proposal for AONB Community and Conservation fund application opens in September - one to consider for native trees and bushes (or other purposes) JM mentioned the AONB Sustainability Development Fund available until 17 May.</p> <p>AC summary on Quiet Lanes from meeting taken place - for and against votes - on balance if worthy of putting forward at parish level.</p> <p>AC is following through with proposals for Boyton - whole of Mill Lane down to bridle path and from East Cottages round to cross roads at Capel. Good news that there are sufficient funds to cover all infrastructure signage costs. Printing costs and running an open public meeting only for PC. RJ thanked AC for input and hard work over the whole county. The Annual Parish Meeting may be an appropriate time to formally raise awareness.</p>	
.8.	<p>Finance matters</p> <p>To approve accounts and payments made since last meeting Invoices as above authorised To note any payments received since last meeting - none Clerk to prepare for Audit - end of March All approved</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Updates from meetings attended by Cllrs</p> <p>AOCP - AC attended - still chasing issues with funding part of initial business case also revamping website to move on from first phase and reflecting what's happening now. Work in progress. Next meeting 1 April. Planning session - 25 March - JP to attend RJ thanked JP for involvement with training and planning items</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Boyton Annual Parish Meeting - for residents to have their say Wednesday 14 April at 7 p.m.</p> <p>RJ thanked everyone for attending and meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.</p>	
Minutes agreed		
SignedJoP.....		Date 6 July 2021