

Boyton Parish Council Minutes

held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on 12 January 2021



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
03.11.20.3	on-going discussions with Diocese and ES regarding Church hall	RJ	
12.01.21.4	Defibrillator handout to upload to website	Clerk	
12.01.21.7	ES Planning response by 28 January	Clerk	
12.01.21.8	Parishioners' input on Sizewell C - email distribution	Clerk	
12.01.21.10	Precept response by 31 January	Clerk	
12.01.21.11	Schedule of PC meetings to be agreed and upload to website	Clerk	

Payments authorised since last meeting

05.01.21	Clerk's Salary quarterly Oct-Dec		£309.00
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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), 7 members of the public	
1.	Apologies received - None received	
2.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda item RJ declared Item 5 VH Management, AC declared Item 9 as Secretary for Quiet Lanes Board, IJ declared family link Item 6	
3	Public session a) RJ received a letter from Rev Giles Tulk Team Rector of the Wilford Benfice, regarding the future of St Andrew's Church and changing it to a Festival Church status. St Andrew's would not be required to hold regular Sunday services, but would hold six services per year that correspond to major Christian Festivals, such as Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance Day together with the very special 'Memories Service.' St Andrew's will still be open for baptisms, weddings and funerals for members of the community, the church will also be open for visitors or those wanting a quiet place of reflection or prayer. Letter will be circulated to residents and available from boytonpc@gmail.com JP raised query from residents at Forge Bungalow to check any problem with changing the name of the property as continually receiving post for Old Forge. JP directed residents to on-line system at ES. No objection raised. BPC have received an email from Boyton resident with idea for a community orchard - they are contacting the Mary Warner (MW) Charity in regard to land in front of MW Homes. BPC are very positive about the idea although hampered by lack of public land - suggestion to contact Forestry Commission if unsuccessful with MW Charity. JM more than happy if it takes off as a project to support financially - key is maintenance and watering - suggesting a volunteer group. JP will contact resident and we await developments. b) Report received from SCC Cllr AR - distributed and uploaded to website AR also happy to support the orchard idea - SCC have committed funding for planting 100,000 trees throughout the county, also	

	<p>creating a 'healing wood' for people who have lost relatives and friends during the pandemic. AR presented the current covid situation in Suffolk - cases continuing to increase rapidly affecting whole families - particularly between 20-39 and deaths at that age as well - not necessarily the elderly or vulnerable. Woodbridge vaccines going operational on Thursday and will expand out to selected sites close to GP practices and pharmacies. Increasing emphasis to enforce the guidelines are adhered to - further lockdowns will impinge heavily on economy and businesses' AR wanted to reiterate the availability of help for residents through support payments, or any form of need that individuals have got. SCC are working on community space projects - tree planting and quiet lanes - also automatic number plate recognition pilot in conjunction with the police - those doing 50 in a 30 limit - identifying clusters i.e. end of shifts in our area.</p> <p>Sizewell C and discussions with EDF around their latest proposals still continue - modal split- there are suggestions of ways to decrease traffic on A12 - getting it down by increasing use of rail and delivery by sea - always Issues of noise and vibration on a track for night movements of freight. Discussions continue. RJ thanked AR for support with quiet lanes. In relation to the community orchard raised earlier IJ queried if AR or JM has any influence with Forestry Commission - AR suggested when making representations to them SCC has committed to support.</p> <p>Newsletter received from ES Cllr JM, also fly tipping leaflet and recycling leaflet - distributed and uploaded to website - JM re-iterated that ES are robust with dealing with concerns - through resources going to people who need it the most - talk to JM in confidence - help for payment of rent or food bills or mental health - we want to look after our community.</p> <p>Increase of visitors to the area - hotspots for camper vans etc. - best not to approach these people but please notify the police. JM confirmed that police have been seen and is being monitored. Litter has increased especially discarded face masks.</p> <p>At end of January new leaflet coming out on recycling -unfortunately contamination in the blue bins with glass bottles, nappies and tetra packs has increased - recycle right and waste less. Concern with fly tipping increase across the district - ES will help but if on private land would be landowners responsibility, however if fridges start leaking it would be an environmental issue and prioritised - or if fly tipping close to highways could be H&S issues and would be SCC. Any repeat areas let JM know and looking at signage to help.</p> <p>JM spoke to surgery pointing out problems for elderly residents to get to Woodbridge for a vaccination. - any issues regarding transport they will help or contact JM or the good neighbour scheme. General reminder for people not to be taken in by people that are asking for payment for vaccinations - vaccinations are free. Please look at surgery website which is being regularly updated.</p> <p>A concern was raised about several beer cans on rh side of the road going towards Capel - IJ offered to investigate and collect.</p>	
4.	<p>Action points from previous meeting dated 3 November 2020 - reviewed</p> <p>RJ continuing with correspondence with Diocese - see Item 5, HPC feedback re AOCP was 'it was'nt for them', no response received regarding farmers letter, co-ordinating responses to ES - see Item 6</p> <p>Defibrillator training organised for Tuesday 19 January at 7 p.m. Training handout has been provided - useful but large document - Action link to website/ email distribute for individuals to print. Power supply went down to kiosk on Sunday - RJ reported and was advised to unscrew back panel and reset button. Minutes for 3 November 2020 agreed.</p>	Clerk
5	<p>Update on village hall and business grant options</p> <p>RJ mentioned the business support grant of £10,000 that BPC received last year primarily for use in connection with VH and the problem with lawfully being able to use it on the Church hall. Meeting held with Giles Tulk Team Rector and members of PCC on thoughts how BPC can take on ownership of the hall or by some other means i.e. if we were to take on a repairing lease would we still be prevented by the 1894 Act from making any improvements, or is there a possible route through an arms-length trust which could operate independently from the PC. Dawn Gillett head of property at the Diocese will discuss and come back to RJ by 22 January. RJ has been in contact with Alistair Bissett (property lead</p>	

	at ES) he will consult with his colleagues and advise BPC of our options. Update at next PC meeting.	RJ
6	<p>Updates on consultations that BPC have responded to</p> <p>JP led the response on the ES study on open spaces 'what open spaces we have in our parish and what our needs are'. Also contributed to cycling and walking strategy with IJ, and co-ordinated with RJ on the local involvement in planning consultations. JP also responded on the recreational disturbance avoidance and mitigation strategy consultation (RAMS) which is a fee that is charged to any new development as a compensation for impact of increase in population on the AONB and government reserves in the area.</p> <p>IJ presented the cycling and walking strategy - there are 8.6 kilometres of footpath and 300 acres of forest within the Boyton boundary. Looking at the links to Woodbridge and sharing the map - IJ has added some dots with comments where there is a lack of space especially along the 'base' road to Woodbridge. Safe access for walking and cycling along those roads have got busier especially this summer with lockdown - if anybody wants to look at in more details happy to send the link - please contact boytonpc@gmail.com if you would like more details on any of above consultations.</p> <p>AC and JP attended Suffolk Forum - discussions regarding cyclists as being re-prioritised as road users equal to vehicles - which is tied in to imminent Highway Code changes. Due to pandemic and steering away from public transport - this is positive news for cyclists.</p> <p>JP advised that straight after East Suffolk Council approved the ACV listing for Boyton Wood, MW Charity appealed that - stating that the wood is far away from the village and does not offer any spillover benefits. JP has responded to ES on behalf of BPC and decision is awaited on the listing.</p> <p>RSPB Planning - JP has been in contact for an update on progress and advised that weather conditions have been too waterlogged for heavy machinery - fences have been erected.</p> <p>Development at Capel St Andrew DC/20/2913/FUL - was largely given a straightforward approval, despite concerns raised by Boyton and Capel Parish Councils and neighbours - comments and discussions re the environment were not raised - JP put a query to ES re this and the increase of 10% in traffic.</p>	
7.	<p>Planning proposal DC/20/5108/GUL - extension at 4 Cotton's Acre</p> <p>JP commented that not aligning with the local plan is a material consideration. BPC have agreed a Climate Emergency therefore all developments of any kind ought to support that by incorporating recycled materials, renewable energy. JP proposed providing a "neutral" response to the application from BPC, stating these recommendations. It was noted that one of the direct neighbours has expressed no objections. After discussion and noting comments raised re renewable energy, all other members of BPC voted instead to provide a "positive" response on the application adding comments. Action submit response by 26 January.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Parishioners' input on Sizewell C</p> <p>This was suggested internally by Cllrs as agenda item for discussion - should BPC engage on this issue and gain a broader view of the residents. A quick vote of those present showed the balance were not in favour of the development: a small number were undecided and significantly larger number were against. Suggested action - send out an email to residents for broader input on future response to the development from BPC. RJ mentioned EDF seem to be at Planning Inspectorate stage. JM mentioned ES will take the view of doing what's right for the community EDF will meet statutory requirements but they are giving poor information. JM suggesting a 'red herring' looking at rail - Network Rail have stated they will not upgrade the track or electrify - pollution from diesel engines and noise levels for residents remains an issue. There are so many environmental improvements that can be made - e.g. using electric vehicles. Aggregate by sea - the jetty will have a huge impact on sea bed and shingle movement which will affect our coastline. ES and SCC are working with all parties.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Green action items</p> <p>AC presented an update on the Quiet Lanes - responses deadline was end of December - 40% of parishes in Suffolk have responded to the scheme - potentially over 500 kilometres of road nominations for quiet lanes. Nominations will go through formal process - initial community engagement to raise</p>	

	<p>awareness within the parish that are affected so that they are in support and once PC formally approve those to go forward then to County consultation.</p> <p>3 parishes (Boyton, Hollesley and Bawdsey) have 10 lanes between us - joint consultation - Article going in VV starting that process. Can avoid costs of putting up new signs - reuse posts - we will start to see it being advertised to raise awareness. Planning application process in summer.</p> <p>Clarified from Boyton PC previous meeting - suggestion for Mill Lane is now in the nomination both that and Dock Farm Road into the Street up to the speed limit just before East Cottages approved in principle by Highways - just down to public approval. RJ thanked AC on this major operation</p>	
10	<p>Finance matters</p> <p>RJ shared updated Budget for 2021/22 and current 2020/2021 situation - Precept of £4,000 last year – also grants and donations for defibrillator, bat boxes and Zoom subscription grant, plus £10,000 business support grant (kept in reserves). Next year BPC will receive £104.00 from ES grant to compensate for the reduction in tax base.</p> <p>Clerk's salary to be revised in line with NALC pay scales and increased from 10 to 12 hrs per month. Outgoings and contingency of £400.00 -10% of precept. BPC agreed Budget</p> <p>BPC are all in favour of keeping same Precept amount - Action submit by 31 January</p> <p>Bank reconciliation shared for transparency</p> <p>Payments made since last meeting were authorised - Clerk's salary and one unpresented cheque for ICO (£40.00) No payments received since last meeting</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Any matters arising</p> <p>JP to attend SALC Planning on-line training on 14 January</p> <p>Defibrillator training on Tuesday 19 January at 7 p.m. All welcome</p> <p>AOCIP - 28 January</p> <p>PC meetings to continue on Tuesday evenings for the moment - schedule to be uploaded to website</p> <p>DONM Tuesday 9 March 2021</p> <p>RJ thanked everybody for attending and meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.</p>	Clerk
<p>Minutes agreed</p> <p>Signed Date</p>		