

Boyton Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting

BT Removal Minutes - 12 August 2019



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
120819.4	Check Boyton Emergency Plan for reference to Payphone	AC	
120819.5	Receive Cllr vote	TF	15/08/19
120819.6	Post Consultation Return to East Suffolk	Clerk	15/08/19

Payments In/Out

120819.7	Information Commissioner's Office - Data Protection fee	40.00	000370
120819.7	Clerk's reimbursement of calls/expenses re Lloyds Bank	29.79	000371
120819.7	Lloyds Bank refunds total to BPC Account	129.79	

	Attendance Chair - Richard Jesty (RJ), Iain Johnston (IJ), John Pilgrim (JP), Andy Cassy (AC), Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder (JM), 4 members of the community	
1.	Apologies received Tina Fletcher	
2.	Proposed Removal of Boyton BT Payphone The Meeting was held to raise public awareness and involvement, following receipt of correspondence on Friday 26 July 2019, from East Suffolk Council and formal consultation process regarding removal of Boyton BT Payphone. RJ commented that ES is seeking our views and we have three options - request to keep it, agree to BT removing it, request BPC to adopt it - if we agree to adopt the kiosk, we could use it to benefit the village by installing a defibrillator	
3.	Discussions, views and concerns 1 call was made from the phone box in last 12 months - difficult to justify to keep the facility. BT are decommissioning box's in the area, and have placed a Notice in the Boyton phone box dated June 2019. RJ read Ofcom criteria - i.e. number of people within 10 mins walk (less than 100) - Score 1, Type of housing - general private (no multi occupancy) within 15 mins walk - Score 2, provision of a phone box within a mile - (within 3 miles)- Score 5. Age demographics considered - at very most we score 8 - has to score 10 or more for a phone box facility Concerns raised and discussion followed re issues with calling 101 and mobile coverage being poor. 999 cuts through all networks wherever you are, not sure about 101 Suggestion could we reject or defer East Suffolk - RJ has spoken to ES - they have a deadline to get back to BT. BPC has the veto Suggestion we should keep a service we already have - better off with a phone box - concerns not having the option to call i.e. Childline, Samaritans for persons less likely to have a mobile Discussion regarding Defibrillator project Retention of 999 service is critical - BPC goal is to install a defibrillator for surrounding area ASAP. Working Group have registered with two potential providers - British Heart Foundation and	

	<p>Community Heartbeat Trust. Locating defib at Village Hall raised concerns with accessibility across frontage, time is of the essence in an emergency - walking an extra 10 mins does matter. May be difficult to find i.e. in dark or bad weather. BHT will provide a defibrillator in return for a donation of £600 by the Parish Council. Extra costs would include connection of power and lighting, connection of a landline and provision of an outdoor cabinet.</p> <p>Mary Warner Homes location not progressed, as this is not public land - also access could be 15 minutes walk away from main 'cluster' of village</p> <p>Logistically phone box seems likely place - well lit - RJ commented the existing phone line and somewhere primarily weatherproof, in a location where people know - by the side of the road. Defibrillator has push button easier to make 999 call than current Receiver. CHT are the preferred supplier of defibrillators to BT - assuming the Parish Council take ownership of it. Opportunity to use phone box interior for local emergency information</p>	
4	Emergency Plan - need for availability of landline at all times - phone box as alternative - to be amended if BT phone is lost	AC
5	<p>BPC decision Concerns raised at meeting have been acknowledged. Disappointing number of supporters have shown interest, we would need a strong case for BT to say this is essential service, validated with facts, backed up with statistics - maybe the case that 10 people in the area could be strong enough to keep the phone box in current state. We may lose phone box altogether if outside timely period of response - if BT decommission opportunity may be lost and costly to purchase. May be worth adopting the kiosk - see where we go from there - having started the process and registered with both organisations. Still opportunity to locate defib at VH or possibility for two defibrillators BPC said difficult decision and significant concerns about losing the facility, however voted 3 to 1 for adopting the kiosk - TF vote to follow by email Need for further discussions re funding at next meeting - consider engagement with local area, farmers, Trusts, Village Voices, Heritage Lottery</p> <p>Contact BT with concerns re poor mobile coverage ie Mill Lane - any alternatives for Childline Emergency/Samaritans line ?</p>	TF
6	<p>Specify recommendation and reasons to accept or object to the proposed payphone removal and interest in adoption Post to East Suffolk within 3 weeks from date of correspondence - 14 August 2019</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Finances - cheques authorised as above table - ICO and Clerk's expenses. Refund from Lloyds Bank</p>	
<p>Minutes agreed</p> <p>SignedRJ Date 18/09/2019</p>		