Boyton Parish Council Minutes held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on 22 September 2020



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
22.09.20.3	Investigate hole in footpath in Boyton Wood and report to Highways	Clerk	
22.09.20.3	Send map of area covered by ACV proposal to Mary Warner Charity	JP	
22.09.20.4	Progress permissive beach footpath proposal with RSPB	JP	
22.09.20.5	Follow up on church hall valuation and Diocese willingness to sell	RJ	

22.09.20.7 Weather permitting, organise bat walk event(s) for max x6 persons JP/Cler	<
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Payments authorised since last meeting

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		None this period	
Payments received since last meeting			
	18/08/20	East Suffolk grant	£10,000

	Attendance Chair - Richard Jesty (RJ), Vice Chair John Pilgrim (JP), Iain Johnston (IJ), ES Deben Ward DCllr James Mallinder (JM) 6 members of the public	
1.	Apologies received Andrew Cassy	
2.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda items - RJ declared non-pecuniary interest Item 5 VHM	
3	Public session Concern was raised regarding an erosion hole on footpath at Boyton Wood - incident where somebody fell into nettles - Clerk to investigate ACV listing on Boyton Wood discussion with representative present from Mary Warner Charity. Representative queried justification and which areas were included; and reiterated that the Trustees felt strongly that an ACV listing is unnecessary. JP will email Mary Warner Charity Chair a copy of the map submitted with the ACV proposal. IJ commented that he felt use of the footpath was an ancillary use and so did not think it met the criteria for listing as an ACV. JP stated his belief that it does meet the criteria, but that ultimately this will be up to the Council experts to assess. JP confirmed that ACV does not give any additional access rights whatsoever – the concept is to preserve the wood; the main concern of BPC - and to slow any future sale to allow BPC participation in that sale Propose further Zoom meeting in next two weeks for PC to pursue - to take a vote - meeting will be open to public. JM commented on his newsletter which has been circulated and available on website - ES had an additional Sizewell Cabinet meeting confirming emphasis on the environment - transport, noise and light - proposal was to have a neutral stance. Policy Environmental debate goes forward. JM was pleased to be involved in the Beach Clean on Sunday. JM confirmed periodically checking on Mission Hut and ongoing concern with sewerage - ES have made contact with Trustees. Keeping vigilant on fly tipping, travellers and campers. Pop-up recycle centres recently have encouraged huge fly tips. Discussion raised re hazardous waste and current £40 charge. Looking at deposit return schemes, possible roadside glass collections. In some urban areas food waste is being collected - JM in favour of composting.	Clerk JP RJ

Report from PCC received - Boyton Church is closed for church services, but open on Sundays for private prayer 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Annual General Meeting of Boyton Parochial Meeting is on Friday 2nd October at 5 p.m. in Boyton Church Hall. Rev. Giles Tulk, our new team leader, will be in the chair and he would like to introduce the idea of our church becoming a Festival Church and explain to Boyton Village what a Festival Church would mean. Everyone is welcome to attend. Reports received from SCC Cllr AR and PVCLT - all available on website 4. To review and agree previous minutes Actions completed and reviewed. Minutes agreed by BPC. Beach clean was very well attended and thanks go to all the volunteers. The rubbish collected was kindly transported from the beach to the village sign (thank you to our local business man) and was promptly collected by NORSE. Update on beach path - the loop path straight ahead over sea wall - of salt marsh and shingle to what is known locally as Boyton beach (where we did the beach clean -thank you to Mortiers for permission to access it). This is an approximately ½ kilometre stretch rarely covered by the tide and regularly walked by both parishioners and visitors, but is private land with no legal access. JP looked into possibilities of securing formal access from the landowners (RSPB and Mortiers). Concerns were received from both landowners regarding the potential volume of walkers and damage to environment if it was a fully open footpath, particularly as future expansion of the coast path may make the area more popular over time... RSPB kindly offered to investigate the possibility of a permissive path for Boyton parishioners.BPC agreed to pause discussions with Mortiers, and pursue the permissive path approach for the RSPB section so that hopefully we can demonstrate a feasible option to Mortiers. IJ noted that the track at bottom of Mill Lane for access to the footpath, beyond the right turn to Boyton Hall Farm, is private land (Mortiers) and not for parking. 5 **Church Hall Update** RJ confirmed the grant of £10,000 received from ES to support community assets - which would normally be for a village hall. RJ was invited by PCC to meet with Rev Giles Tulk (who has remit of 18 parishes) he is aware of the Legal 1894 Act which does not permit Civil Parish Councils to directly assist local Church Councils, and we are bound by that legislation. PCC were given £1,000 assistance from the ES grants team, however it was decided that PCC were not in fact eligible and it had to be returned. There appears to have been a mix-up initially with the business grant relief application between PPC and BPC. ES are aware of the situation and confirmed BPC are eligible for the £10,000. The action from the PCC meeting was that Rev Giles would contact the Diocese and discuss possible valuation. It is noted that a survey was carried out a while ago - there may be some roof issues. Play equipment inspection surface at basketball may need attention. It is unclear whether the site has much market value as it is governed by SSP 39 designation which is not open for development, AONB status. Discussion was also raised about Church policy of taking highest bidder's price. Options discussed regarding possible lease - again BPC are bound by legislation. RJ is communicating with Alistair Bissett (Lead Property Lawyer at East Suffolk) - looking at possible legal alternatives. JM mentioned white paper going through -RJ control that you have locally may be dissolved - this is a large plot and desirable. In the meantime BPC agreed can look at various other community activities - BPC will not be able to keep funds indefinitely without justification. 6 Insurance and Risk Assessment annual review BPC are covered by Community Action Suffolk Parish Protect Policy - paying over a long term undertaking (3 year period) for a better rate of £127.68 instead of £134.40. Circulated to Cllrs for comments. Circumstances have not changed therefore agreed to continue. Current Risk Assessment document circulated - no changes noted at present time 7. Green action items Update on Boyton Bats - all boxes in place with thanks to RSPB and PCC (x4 boxes near the Church, x3 near the Church hall and x4 on road to Banters Barn) - attempting to have bat watching event to complete that grant - weather permitting and Rule of 6 applies

8.	8. Finance To note Financial Regulations as agreed by BPC and available on website Payments made since last meeting: none Clerk will pay dd outstanding Inv 71 to VHM Payments received since last meeting: £10,000 grant from ES Bank statement and reconciliation circulated to Cllrs and agreed		
9	DONM and events schedule - Bat Walk evening event - w/c 28/09 weather permitting ACV meeting and Bonfire event - to be decided BPC Meeting - 3 November 2020 - to agree budget		
Minutes agreed			
Sign	ned Date		