

# Boyton Annual Parish Meeting Minutes

## held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on 14 April 2021



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
14.04.21.4	Make contact with the resident	Clerk	
14.04.21.7	Report blocked culverts in Mill Lane to SCC	Clerk	
14.04.21.7	Liaise with farmers about potential alternative options to flailing	IJ	
14.04.21.7	Date tba and work party to tidy up Church Hall grounds	Clerk	

	<b>Attendance</b> Chair - Richard Jesty (RJ), Vice Chair John Pilgrim (JoP), Andrew Cassy (AC), Iain Johnston (IJ), Jasper Pryor (JaP), SCC Wilford Division Andrew Reid (AR), ES Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder (JM), 14 members of public	
1.	Welcome to our guest speaker Helen Lewis and Jasper Pryor who introduced himself as new Parish Cllr	
2.	No apologies received	
3	<b>Chairman's Report</b> RJ shared and presented the <a href="#">BPC 2020/21 Annual report</a> . The budget and grant funding was outlined and thanks conveyed to ES support for Zoom subscription which has been very useful especially for planning meetings over the year. Currently one vacancy for Parish Councillor co-option place available - please contact <a href="mailto:boytonpc@gmail.com">boytonpc@gmail.com</a> if you would like to put your name forward. Defibrillator training was carried out by the Community Heartbeat Trust <a href="https://youtu.be/00cSMFM9wyo">https://youtu.be/00cSMFM9wyo</a> . Recent discussions have taken place with the Diocese on how to manage the Church Hall in the future - BPC looking at options of leasing or purchasing - currently requesting a valuation to obtain a 'ballpark' figure. Query raised re ACVs - clarified the 6 month period to get finance together and put in a bid - during that time sellers cannot offer on the open market. In response to a question about whether the site could be converted to housing, it was stated that the Suffolk Local Plan has a specific Policy point of not changing the use of an ACV, though this regulation does not appear to have been tested as yet. Query raised what sources of finance are available - grant funding more readily available for community buildings - pubs, village halls - National Government Community ownership fund. Boyton Wood is now registered at ES as an Asset of Community Value, with thanks to JoP for his work. Only two events have been held due to the pandemic - Beachwatch in September and Village Litter pick in March - both very well supported - thank you to everybody involved. Quiet Lane's map shows two routes which are being nominated - existing Quiet Lane to Banters Barn and the unmade road on Mill Lane which goes down towards Boyton Hall. RJ thanked AC for his hard work - with support from CC and ES Greenprint Forum over *400 lanes have been nominated - *185 parish's (*amendment to report) this is over 40% of the parishes in the country.	
4	<b>Presentation by Helen Lewis</b> from the <a href="#">Good Neighbour Scheme</a> and Meet Up Mondays The Good Neighbour Scheme started 3 years ago to help and befriend anyone in need in our villages. There are around 20 volunteers involved - currently 1 from Boyton - if you are available to help please contact 07707 850126 411232. During lockdown GNS delivered over 200 subscriptions. Meet Up Mondays was started at the Shepherd and Dog as an opportunity to socialise over a cuppa - all are welcome. The scheme is supported by Cllr JM, the Co-op and McColls - hopefully to resume in May as restrictions are eased. If a lift was available that might make all the difference to residents in Boyton - perhaps we are able to set this up - people can do shopping at the same time. We look forward to seeing you even if it is for the odd time.. Films have been taken of Meet up Mondays by Community Action Suffolk and also by Dr Crockett about support in the community, HL has also talked on Radio Suffolk. The GNS remains active and wants to help people -even if it is just walking the dog or lending a listening	

	<p>ear. RJ thanked Helen and to all involved especially during the pandemic. Query raised resident found the biggest difficulty for people shielding was to get hold of money - legalities and mechanisms to be researched - some people are not online to do transfers by bank to bring cash. <b>Action</b> Clerk</p>	Clerk
5	<p><b>SCC 2020/21 News Highlights</b></p> <p>CCllr Andrew Reid thanked BPC for giving this opportunity to present his annual report <a href="#">SCC 2020/21 Annual Newsletter</a>. AR has kept in regular touch with PC's during Covid 19 and continues to work alongside ES. There is a link in the report which gives full details on the activities throughout the year. AR summarised the year's activities. Funding to explore improvements to the A12 to cope with expected extra housing and Sizewell. SCC hosted Suffolk's opening of the first Covid testing drive through and met the challenge of providing PPE for Care Homes and physical support for people needing to shield - the Home but not Alone scheme remains in place today. Highways normal work continued throughout - albeit with most working from home. There has been a higher rate of repairs to Highway as a result of quieter roads. SCC completed its 1,000th resurfaced mile and continues to lobby the government for enhanced longer term funding for maintenance/ More than 100,000 households across Suffolk are using faster broadband thanks to the council-led Better Broadband for Suffolk programme. Household waste and recycling sites introduced a new online booking appointment system. As part of SCC Renewable Energy fund - free solar panels have been installed to eligible businesses - the business is sold electricity at a better rate - the fund itself benefits from the income generated allowing more solar panel applications to be considered. Supporting its ambition to be net zero by 2030 - the early objective was to make the car pool fleet all electric - an important shared goal with ES. SCC announced fast charging electric points with communities able to link in with the existing Plug In Suffolk project. The Hold is Suffolk's flagship new heritage facility on Ipswich Waterfront and will be the permanent new home of the Suffolk archives Ipswich branch thanks to a grant from The National Lottery Heritage fund. The Suffolk 2020 Fund will enable SCC alongside Quiet Lanes - to enhance its work to protect and encourage biodiversity in the county - working with the Woodland Trust, Suffolk Tree Wardens, landowners and county farm tenants, the funding has supported the planting of around £100,000 trees and trialing better ways to manage roadside verges for wildlife. Adopt East was launched to recruit adopters across the East of England region - adopters and children will have a wider range of matches. Support for building the third river crossing in Lowestoft - target completion Autumn 2023 - is underway. Another Suffolk 2020 fund Discovering Suffolk launched to raise awareness of great walking routes, areas of interest, public rights of way and points of access. The development of a smartphone app alongside a range of supporting QR codes fixed to rights of way signposts promotes walking, cycling and exploring the countryside. Annual budget agreed - further money allocated to highways resurfacing and double for drainage. Cabinet confirmed its support for creation of the new Freeport East - covering Felixstowe and Harwich - help drive job creation investment and international trade post brexit. SCC been very focussed on the major energy infrastructure projects - twin nuclear reactors planned at Sizewell C delivered by EDF and Scottish Power proposals for offshore wind power and onshore transmission substations - CC have made good progress with EDF to rethink their transport proposals, however while maintaining support in principle of wind power AR considers Scottish Power's proposal for Friston to be the wrong place for a substation.</p>	
6	<p><b>ES Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder presented his annual speech</b></p> <p>JM outlined the previous year and has been very proactive with making sure communities values and concerns have been articulated back to ES - looking forward to the start once again of community surgeries, regularly writing newsletters and keeping everybody updated with ES initiative and announcements. JM has supported all PC's with the enabling communities budget - Boyton with the Zoom subscription grant. JM continued that the challenge is maintaining and preserving what we have - from landowners pushing the boundaries of planning or applications that don't represent the need of the communities and our infrastructure - more cars and larger farming equipment and challenges of public transport are all important concerns - with the added issues of litter and fly tipping. Being Cabinet Member for the Environment, alongside Environmental Protection and Waste JM is responsible for developing and implementing the councils vision and engaging with all stakeholders. Developments can be positive using fewer resources more efficiently. This year ES have a number of policies grouped together called Nature first - ES year long focus on biodiversity and for future generations. Pardon the</p>	

	<p>Weeds we're feeding the bees is in the second year - 100 sites where we are supporting our bio diversity by cutting grass less - including cemeteries - just one cut in Autumn - since 1930's over 97% of wildflower meadows have been lost. JM would encourage people to stop for a coffee and look at the wild garden at the Melton Offices - swift box's, ponds, breathable biodegradable protection for the saplings Nature continues as a priority for ES reducing glyphosate spraying by over 45% - and to reduce further - SCC are following ES lead. JM urging we do not need to accept the decline of birds and wildlife - increase in recycling, buying and wasting less, adopting sustainable forms of travel - cycling or walking - working at home and hot desking</p>	
7	<p><b>To invite residents to have their say and response to questionnaire distributed to all residents</b>  There were multiple responses that residents like the peace and quiet, rural location and views, close proximity to marshes and forest and that Boyton is a friendly village. Concerns raised were:  - Regular flooding at the top of Mill Lane above the majority of houses just before the turn off for Pin Mill  - unclassified but Highways maintained - recent ploughing of an adjacent (formerly unploughed) field has now led to more sand on the road - Action report to SCC. Public transport - recent government restrictions on numbers on community bus. Limited wildlife or insects left, destruction of verges - JoP has discussed with the Highways Authority, and Boyton will be one of eight trial villages for changed verge management this year – the current plan is to just have a September cut for most of the verges this year (except near junctions, for safety reasons) in an attempt to boost wildflower populations. Details are being finalised and we can hopefully provide an update at the next meeting. Failed hedgerows - some parts of Suffolk seem not to use flails BPC to talk to farmers about potential alternative options. Action IJ. Dust blowing off fields - repetitively producing turf and removing top soil is a particular problem. This is likely an intractable problem with current farming practices in this parish. Noise from overhead helicopters - general comments on this were that it is deemed essential and they need the low level training. More concern was raised in the meeting about the noise of tractors through the village at 5 a.m. than helicopters. Speeding vehicles - possibly delivery drivers - BPC to discuss signage. What would benefit you - More public access to land, improving river health, less intensive farming and less chemicals - glass recycling would be beneficial - objections raised - glass would be hazard and close proximity play area - Hollesley is nearest glass recycling - MWT have been approached previously with no success. Discussion on the potential for a village hall and events - need some commitment to run things - ask around for volunteers - please contact <a href="mailto:boytonpc@gmail.com">boytonpc@gmail.com</a> Thank you to those that have already offered. - request received for support to maintain the church hall - some help would be appreciated to clear up herb garden, weeding, play equipment needs a wash - May Day Appeal for working party tba or volunteers to contact <a href="mailto:boytonpc@gmail.com">boytonpc@gmail.com</a>.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>IJ</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p><b>Formal Quiet Lane nominations - Andrew Cassy</b>  As part of the statutory requirements on the process before it gets through to Highways we as a community have to decide on local feedback regarding the two suggestions as per the plan - distributed to all residents - for opportunity to comment for or against.  BPC will make the decision to submit either or both lanes at next formal Parish meeting. <b>No comments received - no objections recorded</b></p>	
9	Minutes of APM on 1 June 2020 agreed	
10	Meeting ended at 8.30 p.m. ACM to be brought forward to 5 May due to SALC guidelines	
<p>Minutes agreed  Signed ..... Date .....</p>		