

## **Annual report 2020/2021 – Boyton Parish Council**

### **1 Budget 2020/2021**

The parish council's budget for 2020/2021 was £4,000 (this is the amount that is paid from residents' council tax bills). In addition, this year we have received a number of additional grants as shown below:

- funding relating to the defibrillator installation last year (£500 from East Suffolk Council and £100 from Mary Warner Trust)
- funding (£643 from Suffolk County Council) from the AONB Community & Conservation Fund for the installation of ten bat boxes in and around the village
- a special payment of £10,000 from East Suffolk Council as part of a government support scheme for smaller communities.

Support has also been provided by East Suffolk for a Zoom Pro subscription which has enabled us to continue with regular parish council meetings during lockdown, and also to hold special meetings for example to discuss planning applications.

### **2 Main council activities**

#### **2.1 Parish councillor changes**

Jasper Pryor has joined us as a parish councillor and we look forward to working with him in the coming months.

#### **2.2 Parish council vacancies**

This change means that there is still one vacancy for a co-opted place on the parish council, so if you would like to put your name forward please let either Jenny or myself know (our contact details are at the end of this report). Further information on becoming a parish councillor is available on our website (<http://boyton.onesuffolk.net/>). We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **2.3 Defibrillator**

As reported last year, the defibrillator was installed with funding received during 2019/20 and 2020/21, and a Zoom training session was organised with The Community Heartbeat Trust on January 19 this year which was well attended by residents from Boyton and also from Hollesley. A link to the YouTube video of the session is here <https://youtu.be/00cSMFM9wyo>.

#### **2.4 Village Hall**

We have been discussing the future management of the church/village hall with the diocese, and we are now considering the options either of leasing it or obtaining a valuation for it with a view to purchase. The purchase option will clearly depend on the valuation which the surveyors appointed by the church (Clarke & Simpson) put on the hall and the surrounding land. As the hall is listed by East Suffolk as an asset of community value (ACV) the parish council would have at least six months to make a bid for the property before it was offered to other buyers.

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### 2.5 Boyton Wood

Following the listing of the village hall last year as an ACV, we have now also arranged for Boyton Wood to be registered as an ACV, which confirms its status as a valued local amenity.

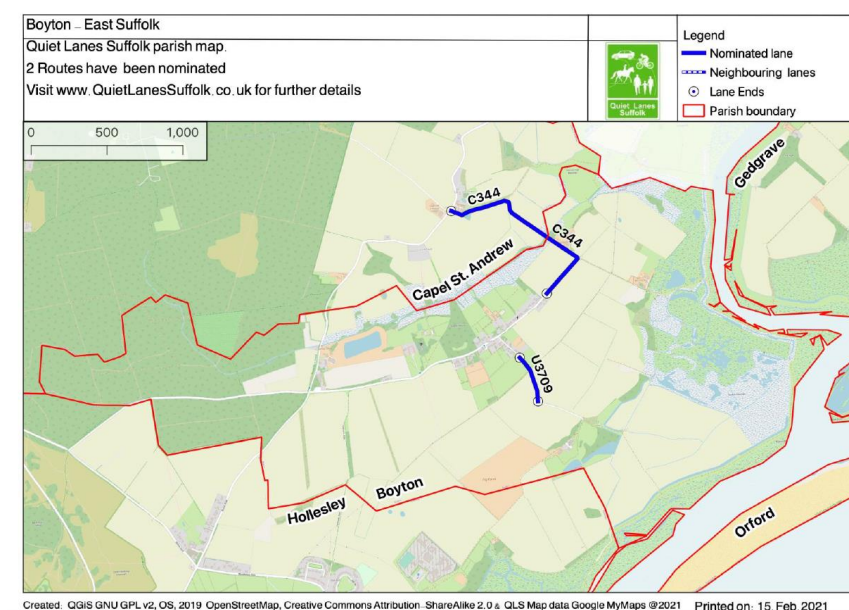
### 2.6 Events

Although fewer events were possible over the past 12 months due to covid, we carried out a Beachwatch on September 20 last year, and a Litterpick this year on March 27, both of which yielded a significant amount of waste material of all kinds. Many thanks to all who took part.

### 2.7 Quiet Lanes

Interest in Quiet Lanes has increased across Suffolk over the past 18 months, thanks to the support of the county council and East Suffolk Greenprint Forum, and there are now over 200 lanes being proposed with around 100 parishes registering an interest. All of this work has been co-ordinated by Andy Cassy in addition to his parish council activities, and we are very grateful for his time and energy.

In Boyton, two routes have been nominated as shown on the map below.



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