

## **Annual Report 2019/2020 – Boyton Parish Council**

### **1 Budget 2019/2020**

The parish council's budget for 2019/2020 was £2,300 (this is the amount that is paid from residents' council tax bill). In addition this year we have also received over £1,300 in extra funding from Village Voices trust, Suffolk County Council, Orwell Housing Association as well as Mortiers, Capel St Andrews Farms and Finlay Motors, which has allowed us to meet the cost of installing the new defibrillator.

### **2 Main council activities**

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

Tina Fletcher has resigned as a parish councillor following her move to Hollesley, and we thank her very much for her work on behalf of the village over the past years. In her place we welcomed two new members - Andy Cassy and Iain Johnston - who joined the council last summer.

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

These changes mean that there are now vacancies for two co-opted places 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). We look forward to hearing from you.

#### **2.3 Defibrillator**

In August last year East Suffolk council carried out a consultation with parishes on removing BT payphone boxes, and following a public meeting the parish council decided to go ahead with the option of taking over the phone box in The Street for a nominal amount (£1). This allowed us to work with the Community Heartbeat Trust (CHT) to install a public access defibrillator and free emergency 999 phone, using funding from a number of local sources as mentioned earlier. Their generous support enabled us to meet over two thirds of the total cost of the project, and we are very grateful for their help, not forgetting the contribution from the coconut shy at the village fete!

CHT will be offering a training session on the defibrillator once the lockdown is fully lifted, and we will be in touch with further details when they are available.

#### **2.4 Boyton Wood footpath**

The county council have now added the new footpath through Boyton Wood to their definitive list and this has enabled the footbridges over the stream to be renewed, allowing better access for walkers.

#### **2.5 Events**

A combined Beachwatch was organised with neighbouring parishes on September 22, and the regular Apple Day pressing took place on October 13. Bonfire night was celebrated on November 2, and was well attended as usual, with the costs of fireworks covered by donations from residents.

#### **2.6 Alde & Ore Community Partnership**

The Alde and Ore trust has formed the community partnership as a way of involving local parishes more closely in plans to manage the estuary, and two initial meetings have been held. The communication strategy of the partnership was due to be completed by the end of May, but this is now on hold.



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### 2.7 Assets of Community Value (ACVs)

As a vital community resource, we have supported the upgrading of the electrical system at the village hall, with grant funding provided by East Suffolk Council, and we have also secured its listing on ESC's list of ACVs.

### 2.8 Quiet Lanes

The parish council has begun initial discussions with the county council on extending the existing Quiet Lane from the Capel St Andrew crossroads through to Banter's Barn, alongside assistance from East Suffolk.

### 2.9 Prison liaison meetings

The parish council along with Hollesley Parish Council has had several meetings with the governor of Hollesley Bay Prison about the proposed plan to bring sex offenders in, and these meetings will be resumed again once the lockdown is lifted.

### 2.10 Parish council contact details

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