

Boyton Parish Council Minutes

2 November 2021 at 7 p.m. at Boyton Church Hall



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
2/11/21.4a	email Remembrance Services	Clerk	
2/11/21.4a	email re postman and collection	JP/Clerk	
2/11/21.6	Lorry review - consultation response	JP	
2/11/21.7ii	Check the cycling and walking strategy and circulate any response to Councillors before submission	IJ	
2/11/21.8ii	email for suggestions for grant money spend for the Boyton community	JP/Clerk	
2/11/21.8ii	Church Hall - further discussions with Charity Commission and Diocese	JP/RJ (respectively)	
2/11/21.8iv	Purchase of Grit Bin	RJ/Clerk	
2/11/21.9a	Budget forecast to distribute to Cllrs	RJ	
2/11/21.11	Future public event to explain farming in Boyton Parish	AG	
2/11/21.7iii/11	Agree and submit response to Planning Amendments DC/21/4788/VOC	AC/JP/RJ	

Payments made since last meeting

4/10/21	CAS Website hosting	60.00
4/10/21	Clerk's salary (quarter to end of September)	332.40
4/10/21	Church Hall hire Inv 83	15.00
02/11/21	SALC Payroll (to end of September)	22.80

Payments authorised to be paid

	Savills Inv INSU00165300	600.00
	Wetlands x 2 - JP	6.00 and 18.24
	Artisan - JP	238.78
	Wildflowershop - JP	364.95

Attendance

Chair - John Pilgrim (JP), Vice Chair Iain Johnston (IJ), Richard Jesty (RJ), Andrew Cassy (AC), Andrew Greenwell (AG), Jenny Lloyd (Clerk), 5 members of the public

1.	Apologies received Cllr James Mallinder, Cllr Andrew Reid
2.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda items RJ - Item 8 Church Hall, AC - Item 10 QLs

3.	<p>Councillor Vacancy BPC received Jasper Pryor's resignation from the Council due to moving from the area. The Casual Vacancy Notice runs until 4 November - Co-option can take place at the next meeting. Please contact boytonpc@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a Councillor. One application was noted to date.</p>
4.	<p>Public session a) Reports from any member of the public or from any other village organisation PCC - There will be an Act of Remembrance Service at St Andrews on Thursday 11th November - all Councillors and Clerk have received a letter. On Sunday 14 November there will be a service at All Saints. Poppies will be on sale at the Coffee morning on 6th. Action Clerk to email details of services. It was mentioned that Jason the postman for over 30 years in Boyton has sadly been moved - suggestion to arrange a collection as he has been such a great help to villagers - his last day on Saturday. JP offered his support by sending an email - coordinate a collection, kick off a collection at coffee morning. Suggestion for an article in VV for central paypoint. Action JP/Clerk Boyton Community Group - AC to organise small amount of finance remaining and BCG will cease b) Reports from ES Cllr James Mallinder and Cllr Andrew Reid - to be distributed and uploaded to website</p>
5.	<p>Tunstall and Rendlesham Forest - 10 year plan JP drafted a response and circulated to Cllrs for input - focusing on conservation and recreational specific values - suggesting increase in broadleaf trees - submitted as consultation closed 26 October - some PCs have asked for an extension.</p>
6.	<p>SCC Lorry route Suffolk County Council is undertaking a review of recommended lorry routes across the county - commencing a community-led review by inviting parish and town councils to use a survey link https://forms.office.com/r/EXa8fHbhAr to report the three most important issues associated with lorry movements in their community. Parish councils are then asked to liaise with their local County Councillor to endorse the issues for inclusion as part of the review. The lorry route does not directly affect Boyton area - local access route is from Hollesley water tower towards Melton JP suggested the congestion/road safety issues at Wilford bridge and crossing, and noted that a resident had also raised concerns about branches being knocked from trees by lorries on Heath Road - any comments welcomed from residents by the end of next week - 12/11/21. Action JP will respond</p>
7	<p>Police and Crime plan consultation Discussion held and comments welcomed - closes 22 November. Agreed that a response was not necessary from BPC on this occasion. <i>Additional items noted</i> i) Consultation on Council Tax ES Council is proposing some changes to its Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) that would take effect from 1 April 2022. Anglia Revenues Partnership, who administer Council Tax and benefits on behalf of ES Council, have identified four potential improvements to the way in which the LCTRS is structured in East Suffolk, that would reduce the burden on customers in terms of the information they need to provide, and would in turn speed up the processing of applications. These proposals are explained as part of a consultation which can be found here: https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/council-tax/. JP happy to respond to this consultation if anybody has any comments. ii) ES Planning Policy ES is inviting comments on three new planning policy documents - Sustainable Construction, Affordable Housing,</p>

	<p>Cycling and Walking Strategy www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning-policy-consultations for details. Comments welcomed. Action IJ will check the cycling and walking strategy and circulate any response to Councillors before submission.</p> <p>iii) DC/21/4788/VOC BPC were today made aware of Planning amendments to Capel St Andrew barn conversion. JP proposed an opportunity to discuss at the end of this meeting.</p>
8.	<p>To review and agree Minutes of previous meeting Updates on previous actions</p> <p>i) Stiles - landowner representative present reported ongoing investigations on costs. Confirmed that the gate near the sea wall could not be left unlocked due to issues in the past.</p> <p>ii) Church hall - a desktop valuation has been received from Savills suggesting an open market value of £284,000 but that, because of constraints on change of use, a likely 50% discount would suggest a market value of £142,000. JP expressed scepticism of this valuation, but noted that it was difficult to pre-guess what a patient developer with deep pockets may speculate on such a property in anticipation of future changes in planning regulations. Even with government match funding for ACVs, JP suggested that £70,000 is rather more than we can realistically hope to raise. JP proposed that the parish council should not proceed with the purchase of the hall on an open market basis - Agreed unanimously Action JP to further engage with Charity Commission to assess whether there is any potential for a sale below market rate There was discussion about the potential for the Diocese to provide funding for improvements to the hall if the PC provides funding for moveable assets owned by the PC but based at the hall (e.g., marquees - noting that such purchases are allowable by law, whereas direct investment in a church-owned hall is not). Action RJ to approach Diocese to assess the potential for this.</p> <p>Discussion followed re. the grant for £10,000 and intended purpose if this is not put towards purchase of the hall. Action JP to draft email to parishioners outlining what the money could be used for in regard to Boyton public benefits, and welcoming comments.</p> <p>iii) Bonfire event - preparations are going well thanks to our kind volunteers with the bonfire build, our local landowner for provision of land and straw bales, and to AC for collecting donations and purchasing low noise fireworks. BPC will cover any shortfall. Hall has agreed to loan tables and parking.</p> <p>iv) Grit Bin RJ confirmed receipt of Grit Bin Licence and Plan for bottom of Mill Lane. Bin will cost £65. Action RJ/Clerk purchase - apply for funding from ES Cllr JM and inform SCC when in position.</p> <p>v) Christmas event - one response received from BPC email therefore regrettably no further plans at the present time. Clerk had contacted Phoenix handbell ringers however they were unable to do weekends, therefore Clerk has booked 29th November with 'Meet Up Mondays' - if anybody would like to watch and have a go. All welcome.</p> <p>Minutes were agreed</p>
9.	<p>Finance matters</p> <p>a) Budget forecast - Action RJ to distribute to Cllrs</p> <p>b) To approve payments made since last meeting - 4 payments made as above, Savills Inv for £600 authorised for payment, Invoices (x 2 Wetland, Artisan and Wildflower for pond materials - Appendix A) approved total to be reimbursed to JP. Payments and reimbursements were agreed.</p> <p>c) no payments received since last meeting</p> <p>d) accounts as of 2/11/21 agreed</p>

10	<p>Quiet Lanes</p> <p>AC reported waiting for Boyton's application. Highways to make a judgement catching up with designations Comments welcomed - report to be sent to Deben PC meeting on 25th November</p>
11.	<p>Upcoming meetings</p> <p>Farming for today Conference by Zoom 19 November at 2 p.m. IJ and RJ may attend</p> <p>AG mentioned a prior invitation to Cllr JM to visit farming operations, and suggested a possible future public event for public to understand more about farming in the parish. Noting regular parishioner comments on various aspects of farming, this idea was welcomed by all, with suggestion of a combined field visit and talk.</p> <p>Planning Ref: DC/21/4788/VOC</p> <p>JP brought this item onto the agenda during the meeting, noting that we had only become aware of the application on the day of the meeting and that the timeline for comments was fast approaching.</p> <p>It was noted that BPC supported the original application for conversion of these barns to housing, with comments regarding ecology and housing type. A revised application was notified to BPC today, with a deadline for comments of 22 November. AG (also the property owner and applicant) confirmed that the proposed 7 dwellings have been changed to 5, and that the centre barn (no. 5) is now being converted to housing rather than parking. A minor change to road entrances was also noted. After AG had outlined the change in application, JP requested AG (and IJ as his in-law) to leave the meeting owing to their interests in the matter. IJ and AG duly left, offering a response to any questions.</p> <p>JP noted that he has submitted his own objection to this planning change given the change in conversion of barn 5 (the one with the bat roost) to housing rather than parking, which will inevitably make it more difficult to retain the roost in the same/similar location and with similar temperature/noise/etc. It was noted that a mitigation requirement for barn owls had previously been requested by authorities, and that this was unlikely to change. A resident present wanted to object to the application regarding the bat issue.</p> <p>It was explained that, as far as was understood, the exterior walls, Victorian post box and Iron Man will be retained. AC noted concerns from residents on the need for local housing, which was less likely to be provided by the revised plans for a smaller number of larger (and thus presumably more expensive) homes, and proposed objecting on those grounds. JP noted that BPC had raised concerns on the first application about the low likelihood of suitability of the conversion for local residents, and that it was unlikely planners would place restrictions on the revised application given they had not on the first one. However, AC felt it was important to send a message to the planning department in support of local residents via an objection. RJ stated that he had no objections to the revised scheme. JP said that, given concerns from residents about housing and the bat issue, he supported AC's proposal. As such, Cllrs present reached consensus to object to the revised application. Action AC/JP/RJ to agree a response and distribute to all Cllrs before submission by the Clerk.</p>
12	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Discussion to bring next meeting forward to Wednesday 5 January 2022 - agreed</p>
<p>Minutes agreed 5 January 2022</p> <p>Signed (Chair) Date</p>	