Boyton Parish Council Minutes 21 September 2021 at 7 p.m. at Boyton Church Hall



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
21/09/21 5i)	To contact Savills for Desktop Valuation on Church hall	JoP	
21/09/21.4i)	To follow up on stiles and report back	JoP	
21/09/21.8	Beach Clean preparations	Clerk	
21/09/21.8	Bonfire event preparations	JaP/Clerk	
21/09/21.8	Email to solicit interest in Christmas event	Clerk	
21/09/21.6v)	Inclusion of community renewable energy projects on agenda of next Deben Parishes meeting	AC	

Payments authorised since last meeting

12/08/21	Church Hall hire Inv 80	FPO	15.00
05/08/21	ico	DD	35.00

Attendance

Chair - John Pilgrim (JoP), Vice Chair Iain Johnston (IJ), Richard Jesty (RJ), Andrew Cassy (AC), Andrew Greenwell (AG), SC Wilford Division Cllr Andrew Reid (AR), ES Deben Ward Cllr James Mallinder (JM), 6 members of the public

- Apologies received Cllr Jasper Pryor (JaP)
- 2. Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda items

 RJ Item 5i) Church Hall , AC Item 6i) QL's and 6iii) pond scheme, JoP Item 6iii) pond scheme
- 3. Aaron Howe provided an update at Boyton RSPB

After 6 years of trying to obtain funding to commence work on the arable land purchased RSPB managed to secure 50,000. Work commenced last winter - it was rapidly flooded out - they then had to wait until post breeding season. Contractors managed to achieve around 13 hectares (initially 11 hectares) which is now at point of flooding for the wintering period. A small pot of funding opportunity has become available from the Environmental Agency for works to be started in October and completed by March - RSPB are managing to pull together that application however it is a very short timeline - however the project is very positive and will be one of the largest UK man-made systems. Avocets are drawing a lot of visitors - car park has been full nearly every day. RSPB will not be promoting and have no plans to promote the site as a visitor attraction, however word has spread. Open to suggestions if visitor numbers become uncontrollable - there is some scope for a few more parking bays. New signs are being made for parking at the car park and along the lane leading down to Banters Barn, and these will include no overnight parking - also looking at safety and wild camping signs for the Dock. Thanks were expressed to AH for the update.

- 4. Public session
 - a) Reports of comments from any member of the public or from any other village organisation i) Query raised re access to footpaths and if stiles can be removed or replaced with pedestrian gates - stiles are the step up and over which are high, also unable to get buggy through single handed. Representative of the landowner present offered to look into this. One stile that was noted at the furthest west near stables, next to farm metal gate which is regularly padlocked, comes under Hollesley PC. RSPB mentioned that the

one on a boundary towards Havergate is to be removed and replaced in the right place with a disability gate as part of the development of the England Coast path - similarly with other stiles along the coastal path route.. To be followed up and reported back. **Action JoP**

b) Reports or comment from SCC and ES

ES District Cllr JM Report distributed and <u>uploaded to website</u>. JM mentioned that at Cabinet he introduced a paper about changing fuel on refuse trucks from diesel to hydrogenated vegetable oil (without palm oil) - reducing carbon by 94% - huge step forward to reaching carbon neutrality by 2030. Also happy to note less litter in the area

SC Councillor Wilford Division AR - Report distributed and <u>uploaded to website</u>

Reporting on the situation with refugees from Afghanistan and the commitment undertaken to house a number of families in the Ipswich area. SCC will continue to work with the Government to provide assistance.

A number of initiatives and events planned during October and November to talk about net zero and being carbon neutral - COP26. Referring to Suffolk's new Chief Fire Officer Jon Lacy - discussions with home office where fire service will 'sit'. Referring to initiative coming from government to encourage new form of devolution. AR mentioned the impending report on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) - resulting in SCC apology to parents and children not receiving a comprehensive service - recognising changes to be made. AR confirmed he is no longer responsible for Highways - Highways is now split into Transport Strategy - (buildings and structure) and Operational Highways (potholes, flooding etc.)

AC suggested re County Community collaboration - QLs could be used for future model/demonstration of community led project - AR agreed. Thanks expressed.

Clir AR left the meeting

5. To review and agree Minutes of previous meeting 6 July 2021, and update on Actions

i) Church Hall - 3 quotes for valuation have been acquired, from Savills, Concertus and East Commercial. Savills provided the cheapest quote for a desktop valuation at £500+VAT. Discussions followed regarding options, enhanced valuations and costs and local plan. The consensus vote was to select the cheapest quote, from Savills.

Agreed by Clirs to request Savills desktop valuation - Action JoP

ii) Grit Bin - RJ has put in application to Highways - 50 litre green bin sourced and confirmed that location of bottom of Mill Lane is on the Priority 2 route therefore no charge for refills. Landowner permission to be confirmed and thanks to x2 volunteers who have shown an interest will be covered under SC insurance.

iii) website - Clerk has given IJ full access to the website and 'work in progress'

06/07/21 Minutes agreed

Cllr JM joined the meeting

6. Updates on green items

i) Pond grant implementation - the project is well underway - 2 ponds are up and running although it has been a particularly dry spell - plants have been purchased

ii) update on potential tree grant application - JoP reported that he was very busy and dispirited by the negative feedback from a parishioner at the last meeting, so had decided not to apply for AONB Community and Conservation funding for tree planting as he had originally proposed – but that the deadline was in a week's time if anybody else would like to take the lead. JM mentioned the Nature First grant available and is a rolling funding - there are small pots of funding for both environmental and social projects - JoP requested that if anyone would like to see anything happening in the village please do not hesitate to approach BPC to work with them on seeking grants, as there is a fair amount of small grant funding currently available - we welcome your thoughts iii) Quiet Lanes

AC confirmed that 3rd wave has pushed to 300 lanes in the county. Meeting tomorrow (22 September) to finalise Boyton QLs. Final batch of 50 lanes - still funding available - by Christmas all the designation should be complete - 350 lanes across the county

iv) Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill

JoP mentioned that the Council has been asked to add our voice to organisations that support this Bill and

distributed it to Cllrs for their comments.

JM was asked his opinion. JM said it came to Council as a party motion from the green party and JM spoke against it – his personal view and that of ESC is that the Bill is flawed because citizens' assemblies are an unnecessary additional layer of democracy which he believed would lead to more meetings but a lack of action, because he saw the Bill as aiming to restrict the way we live by removing freedom of individual behaviour, and because he felt green targets were already difficult to achieve without making them more difficult. AG then also voiced concerns about citizens' assemblies and potential impacts on farming businesses like his, and IJ, RJ & AC likewise voiced concerns about citizens' assemblies. JoP acknowledged his would be minority view and thus defeated, but spoke in favour of citizens' assemblies given their demonstrated value elsewhere and the unaccountability of many politicians to voters. He also spoke in favour of the Bill's aim to embed climate targets in law, in order to drive more than the currently inadequate levels of voluntary action. **Voted - 4 against.** BPC will not support this Bill.

v) Community renewable energy project

JoP contacted landowners about potential for purchasing land for small scale solar project, given current Government funds to support such community projects. AG has clarified that his employer/family is not interested in providing land for this. The RSPB offered support to the idea, but noted that their land was unlikely to be viable given it was far from existing power connections. JoP asked the other large landowning representative present to consider the idea, noting that land would need to be close to existing power lines to be viable. AC suggested looking outside the village, e.g., Hollesley prison or Bentwaters, in order to develop a multi-parish initiative. He will suggest this as an agenda item for the Deben PC meeting on 25 November. **Action AC** JM mentioned Rocks Barracks building some solar panels and suggested contacting them.

vi) Beach Clean - proposed Sunday 26 September

Permission for access kindly granted and offer of help with collection of bags by landowner to transport to Village sign. Confirmed to go ahead with the organisation. **Action Clerk**

7. Finance matters

- a) Budget forecast RJ for next meeting
- b) To approve payments made since last meeting 2 payments made as above table
- c) no payments received since last meeting
- d) accounts agreed
- e) Insurance information distributed to Cllrs no change to insurance requirements noted

8. To discuss future events:

i) The annual Boyton Bonfire event was noted to be a good social event. JM commented that there are environmentally friendly fireworks which are less noisy. Landowner present kindly offered the use of land on left at Mill Lane (same area as last time this was held). Clerk to check dates. JaP was volunteered to take over from AC in leading the organisation of Boyton's Bonfire night.

ii) proposed Christmas party in Church hall. email to be sent to gauge interest - for inclusion in the VV Action Clerk

9. Update on meetings and upcoming

Community Partnerships meeting - JoP attended. There is still potential to seek funding for village halls or youth groups (if anyone has ideas on the latter). AOCP- Cllrs unable to attend on 16 September - next meeting 9 December. Deben PC meeting 25 November - 2 representatives from Boyton - Prison to attend with update. AC offered to attend with update on QLs

Date of next BPC meeting confirmed - Tuesday 2 November - to consider budget JoP thanked everybody for attending - meeting finished at 8:55 p.m.

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Signed	(Chair)	Date .	2nd November 2021	