

# Boyton Parish Council Minutes

## 21 September 2021 at 7 p.m. at Boyton Church Hall



| Minute Ref   |                                                                                           | Action    | Completed |
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| 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

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

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| <b>Attendance</b><br>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 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Apologies received</b><br>Cllr Jasper Pryor (JaP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda items</b><br>RJ - Item 5i) Church Hall , AC - Item 6i) QL's and 6iii) pond scheme, JoP Item 6iii) pond scheme                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Aaron Howe provided an update at Boyton RSPB</b><br>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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Public session</b><br>a) <b>Reports of comments from any member of the public or from any other village organisation</b><br>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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|    | <p>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. <b>Action JoP</b></p> <p><b>b) Reports or comment from SCC and ES</b></p> <p>ES District Cllr JM Report distributed and <a href="#">uploaded to website</a>. 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</p> <p>SC Councillor Wilford Division AR - Report distributed and <a href="#">uploaded to website</a></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.)</p> <p>AC suggested re County Community collaboration - QLs could be used for future model/demonstration of community led project - AR agreed. Thanks expressed. <i>Cllr AR left the meeting</i></p> |
| 5. | <p><b>To review and agree Minutes of previous meeting 6 July 2021, and update on Actions</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Agreed by Cllrs to request Savills desktop valuation - Action JoP</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>iii) website - Clerk has given IJ full access to the website and 'work in progress'</p> <p><b>06/07/21 Minutes agreed</b> <i>Cllr JM joined the meeting</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 6. | <p><b>Updates on green items</b></p> <p><b>i) Pond grant</b> implementation - the project is well underway - 2 ponds are up and running although it has been a particularly dry spell - plants have been purchased</p> <p><b>ii) update on potential tree grant</b> 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</p> <p><b>iii) Quiet Lanes</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>iv) Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill</b></p> <p>JoP mentioned that the Council has been asked to add our voice to organisations that support this Bill and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

