

Boyton Parish Council Minutes

5 January 2022 at 7 p.m. at Boyton Church Hall



Minute Ref		Action	Completed
05.01.22.2	Declaration of Acceptance of Office signing	JM/Clerk	
05.01.22.8.4	Enquire with local community police whether they can send a representative to a future BPC meeting	Clerk	
05.01.22.8.4	Email Boyton parishioners about recent spate of oil thefts, and remind them to report significant crime to the Clerk so she can alert the community in this way	Clerk	
05.01.22.5	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - work with PCC to consider options for any joint activities, for consideration at next PC meeting	Clerk	
05.01.22.8iii	Submit response to walking and cycling strategy	IJ	
05.01.22.8v	Source shovels and hi vis for volunteers	RJ/Clerk	
05.01.22.8vi	Email to AG summary of farming concerns to BPC from APM	JP	
05.01.22.8vi	Organise farming event	AG	
05.01.22.10	Lobby Government for virtual PC meetings	AC/Clerk	
05.01.22.9e	Check with auditor whether we need to know the date of receipt of the pond grant	Clerk	

Payments received since last meeting

16.11.21	HMRC VAT claim	£443.24
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Payments authorised to be paid

05.01.22	Reece Safety Products	99.73
05.01.22	Clerks quarterly Salary to December 21	332.40
05.01.22	Hall hire 05.11.21 Inv 85	15.00

Attendance

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

1.	Apologies received Cllr Andrew Reid
2.	Co-option of Councillor Two residents have shown an interest in joining the PC, both with strong merits, unfortunately there is only one vacancy owing to the size of our Parish. As discussions got underway, one applicant kindly stepped down to allow Jane Morter (JM) to be the new Cllr. BPC All in agreement and BPC thanked both applicants. Declaration of Office to be signed. Action: Clerk to coordinate signing with JM.
3.	Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensations on Agenda items AG 6i, JM 6ii, RJ 8iv
4.	Reports received SCC Cllr Reid report distributed and uploaded to website.

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	<p>ES Cllr Mallinder summarised his report as distributed. In particular, he discussed the likely changing waste collection over the next 3-5 years as all collections nationally come into alignment. It is likely that there will be more bins in East Suffolk for household sorting (e.g., food, green, glass waste). In part, this is to reduce the high levels of contaminated recycling at present, where people are putting the wrong things in their recycling. There may also be a glass or plastics deposit scheme with “reverse vending” machines for empty bottles producing a voucher. The shift to using vegetable oil on the waste trucks has reduced carbon emissions by 90%. A query was raised regarding black bins - Cllr Mallinder replied that this bin waste (and contaminated recycling) was burnt for energy and that, going forward with increased bins for household sorting, there may be a three weekly collection for black bins as they will hold less. A query was raised regarding the environmental credentials of a garden waste truck which continually stops and starts - Cllr Mallinder agreed – East Suffolk Council provides subsidised composting and encourages all to compost.</p> <p>A member of Shingle Street Settlement Co. (SSSco) raised concerns of overwhelming visitor numbers and the damage caused and impact on the environment, requesting collaboration with Parish Councils. Discussion was had regarding the actions that they have taken – e.g., ditches dug to avoid parking in some locations and removal of bins (which has been successful - people have been taking their rubbish home). They are also considering putting up bicycle racks. They have an AGM on Saturday - AC was happy to share information regarding Quiet Lanes. –Action: BPC to provide comments and agree on collaboration as appropriate.</p> <p>A community member commented to AG how neat the hedge looks on both sides along the road at the top of the village.</p> <p>A community member raised concerns about the gates which have appeared just after the first layby on the road to Banter’s Barn. Apparently, these were installed owing to instances of break ins and thefts of diesel. Others present confirmed other thefts of oil at farms and isolated properties in the area. JP requested an email to alert residents of incidents, and to remind everyone in the village to let the Clerk know of any such crime so emails can be sent around. Action: Clerk to send an email to the village.</p> <p>Cllr Mallinder suggested to get local community police to attend a future village meeting and give advice – the key is to log all incidents to build a picture of where issues are. Cllr Mallinder will send information to the Clerk.</p>
5.	<p>Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and Green Canopy (Treebilee)</p> <p>East Suffolk Council has purchased 200 oak trees for donation to all PCs - Cllr Mallinder mentions they come with a biodegradable guard and a plaque - ready for distribution in February. JP cautioned that a tree may well need volunteers to look after it (watering, etc.) No volunteers stepped forward, but it was proposed that we accept the kind offer of a tree – this was agreed by BPC. A suggestion has been received for tree planting on rough ground near the crossroads near the entrance to Boyton village. AG also confirmed this location - exact siting to be agreed nearer the time. Thanks expressed.</p> <p>A suggestion was made of a joint PC event with the PCC. Action: Clerk to discuss options with PCC and bring suggestions to the next BPC meeting in March.</p>
6.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>i) DC/21/4788/VOC - amendments to the approved scheme at Capel St Andrew - BPC submitted a response as agreed in the last meeting.</p> <p>ii) An application DC/21/4749/FUL for a studio at Boyton Knoll was received between BPC meetings with a deadline of 24/12/2021. BPC decided that, given the development could not be expected to be visible to or impact anyone except direct neighbours (who are already consulted through the planning process), a special meeting was not required and decided not to comment on this application.</p>
7.	To agree budget forecast and Precept request to ES - please see Item 9
8.	To review and agree Minutes of previous meeting 5 November 2021

	<p>Updates on previous actions –</p> <p>i) post routes have been changed - our current postman has been on the Boyton round for 33 years and sadly has to move - a collection was arranged by residents</p> <p>ii) Lorry routes – a response was sent in by JP</p> <p>iii) IJ summarised the walking and cycling strategy - consultation split into key corridors, leisure routes and cycling recommendations. Peninsula is a leisure route - IJ responded. Cllr Mallinder commented on evidence based and we're well serviced re the QLs - the big issue is Wilford Bridge and the path - spoken to SCC to look at pushing the earth back - probably wide enough for cycling and walking. Discussions with Sutton Hoo. Discussion Coastal paths will open up paths and big step forward - thanks conveyed to IJ. Action: IJ to submit response to the strategy.</p> <p>iv) update on Church hall - JP and RJ attending a Zoom call on Friday with Charity commission and Diocese to see if they will sell for less than the market price, or other options for securing the hall for the village. In the meantime, quite a range of interesting and diverse responses were received as to other potential options for spending the money if it was not possible to direct it to the Church hall - including purchase of other land, purchase of land at the front of the hall (with the village sign, notice board and herb garden), purchase of marquees (moveable assets to be owned by BPC), play equipment (difficult for BPC to fund as it would be fixed on church-owned property, an item we are not legally owned to fund), and funds to transition resident heating away from coal or help with insulation costs. Thank you to all participants. Further discussions to be held.</p> <p>v) A grit bin has been sourced and grant secured thanks to Cllr Mallinder's enabling fund - to be ordered. Consider x 2 snow shovels and hi vis for volunteers - to organise. Grit bin is registered on Council's site and will be filled once sited. Action RJ/Clerk.</p> <p>vi) Farm event in the spring to be organised - discussion on grants available for stiles Actions: JP to email to AG summary of farming concerns to BPC raised from APM; AG to organise event.</p>
9.	<p>Finance matters</p> <p>a) Budget forecast distributed to Cllrs - AC mentioned reserve for QLs (£50 per lane) needed to be included. There was also discussion about potential funding costs of marquees</p> <p>b) To agree Precept for 2022/23 - discussion and proposed increase of 3% agreed (currently £4,100)</p> <p>c) 3 payments to be authorised as above - agreed</p> <p>d) VAT claim of £443.24 (including £70.38 cfwd from previous financial year) received into our bank account on 16/11/21. Approximately further £120 to be claimed by end of this financial year</p> <p>e) It was queried whether the pond grant will come in before the end of the financial year, and whether we need to know this for certain for our accounts. Action: Clerk to check with Auditor</p> <p>f) Accounts agreed as of 05/01/2022</p>
10.	<p>Remote meetings</p> <p>With the high rates of covid and the Clerk being advised not to attend physically, it would be preferable to hold hybrid events (which we're legally allowed to do, but cannot without wifi in the hall) or remote meetings (which we are no longer legally allowed to do).</p> <p>BPC agreed to lobby the government to hold remote meetings as proposed in the NALC bulletin. Action: AC to use model letters to lobby for this.</p>
11.	<p>Upcoming meetings</p> <p>A&O meeting was postponed - AC to attend on 27 January unless it is an in-person event</p>
12.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 8 March - agreed. Discussion regarding APM - date to be confirmed</p>
<p>Minutes agreed</p> <p>Signed (Chair) Date</p>	