



# Boyton Parish Council

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## Minutes – Monday, October 7, 2024

### 1. Councillors present

Cllrs M Stanbury (chair); J Smith (vice chair); J Sanders; M Law; J Bennett; M Wood and S Davey. Also in attendance: S Cleave, clerk and seven members of the public.

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### 2. Apologies

None.

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### 3. Questions from the public

None.

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### 4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

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### 5. Disclosure of Interests

None.

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### 6. Cornwall Councillor's report

No report.

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### 7. Minutes

Councillors approved the minutes of the council meeting held on September 9, 2024.

Proposed: J Smith

Seconded: S Davey

Votes: Unanimous

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### 8. Matters arising / clerk's report

The clerk's report was noted.

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### 9. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted: CALC training dates; information about the Parish Shoot; Cornwall Council Affordable Housing newsletter; Cornwall Council Town and Parish Council newsletter.

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### 10. Planning

#### 10.1 Applications:

None.

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#### 10.2 Decisions:

None.

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#### 10.3 Notices:

None.

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### 11. Financial Regulations and Standing Orders

Councillors approved the amended Financial Regulations

**Proposed: M Wood**                      **Seconded: J Smith**                      **Votes: Unanimous**                      **13/10**

Councillors reviewed the Standing Orders.

**Proposed: J Smith**                      **Seconded: M Wood**                      **Votes: Unanimous**                      **14/10**

## 12. Planters

Cllr Willetts said there was no update on volunteers to maintain the planters. The clerk will get a quote from Martin Ashley for the maintenance twice a year (April and October). The clerk will circulate by email and the councillors will consider the options. **15/10**

## 13. Grant request – Boyton Methodist Church

Councillors considered a grant request from the Methodist Church from the Community Benefit Fund towards recladding of the main worship area ceiling. Cllr Stanbury read the application notes. Cllr Smith noted that there is not an upper limit stated in the grant guidance. This is something that can be looked at at a future meeting. Cllr Smith said she agreed with the comments of the advisory panel that although it is such a good community organisation, an application for £19,000 is almost a third of the existing funds. Cllr Sanders said once the work is done, there will be a lot more room for community events. Rev Miller spoke and said there are plans to do other fundraising events, and there are some funds in the bank which they will use. The fundraising element was highlighted, but it was also noted that fundraising money comes from the community, and this is a community pot. Cllr Stanbury looked at the figures and split it up into phases (phase two further decoration etc), bringing the amount down considerably. He said although there is a good sum in the account, the council must be prudent in how it spends it on behalf of the community. Cllr Law said that £19,000 is a lot of money, and the money raised through fundraising (£1,050) is not a relevant amount. Lorraine Sluggett told councillors that funds to faith organisations are limited, and each grant application is not guaranteed. Following a detailed discussion, it was proposed to grant £10,000 from the Community Benefit Fund.

**Proposed: S Davey**                      **Seconded: J Smith**                      **Votes: Five in favour, three against**                      **16/10**

## 14. Budget

Councillors listed hall hire increase; election costs; salt for the salt bins; maintenance of the bus shelter and notice board. The draft budget will be discussed at the November meeting. **17/10**

## 15. Bus hardstanding

Cornwall Council confirmed the work on the bus hardstanding will commence on November 4. **18/10**

## 16. CiLCA training for the clerk

Councillors resolved to support the clerk in enrolling on the CiLCA training course.

**Proposed: M Wood**                      **Seconded: M Law**                      **Votes: Unanimous**                      **19/10**

## 17. Finance

**17.1 Bank reconciliation** – The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Bennett.

### 17.2 Accounts

Councillors noted the bank account details (as of October 1, 2024):

Current account	£ 3,786.16
Reserve account	£ 8,117.88
<i>CIL money</i>	<i>£ 8,660.02</i>
Community Fund	£62,547.88

### 17.3 Payments

Payee	Details (October)	Reference	Amount
Suzanne Cochrane	Wages including HMRC – September	BACS	As per contract
Cornwall Pension Fund	September contribution	BACS	As per contract
Suzanne Cochrane	Clerk expenses – printing and mileage	BACS	£ 26.50

HugoFox	Website monthly payment	Direct Debit	£11.99
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#### 17.4 Income – to note income

CIL account interest (September)	£ 27.14
Community Benefit Fund account interest (September)	£ 169.94
Reserve account interest (September)	£ 10.00
Cornwall Council – second half of precept	£3,500

Councillors approved the payments and accounts.

**Proposed: M Law**

**Seconded: M Stanbury**

**Votes: Unanimous**

**20/10**

#### 18. Members' announcements

Cllr Bennett – the Boyton team took part in the recent Parish Shoot. They were joint first for a time, but ended up coming second. Well done to the team.

Cllr Law reported that the dog bin opposite the Chapel was overflowing, filled with nappies and even human faeces. He said it needs to be emptied on a regular basis. The clerk will contact Cornwall Council, and send pictures.

Cllr Davey said the hedge by Beacon Park still needs looking at. He will send the clerk a photograph which she can pass on.

Cllr Sanders said Mr Ware will get a new plaque for the bench and will put it in place.

**21/10**

#### 19. Public participation (Standing Orders suspended for this item)

One resident said the Boyton signpost by the bus shelter could do with a repaint. Councillors will put an inventory together of signs that need attention for the November meeting and then the clerk will then contact Cornwall Highways.

Another resident asked about turning the telephone box into a public library. Councillors informed her it was privately owned, and they would have to contact the owner to get permission. She asked if there was anywhere else in the parish that could be utilised for a library. Councillors said there could possibly be a freestanding unit outside the hall.

**22/10**

#### 20. Date of next meeting

*Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7.30pm.*

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.