

Date of next Meeting
11th November, 2024

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**BOYTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held on Monday, 5th August 2024**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Wheatley-Hubbard	Chairman
Cllr Adams	Vice Chairman, Infrastructure
Cllr Treherne	Infrastructure
Cllr Mantle	Treasurer
S Pallant	Clerk, RFO

PUBLIC: 12 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES

24/47 Cllr Fellowes Website

2. OPEN FORUM

24/48A parishioner wished it known that they were knocked down by 3 dogs that were running loose in the village and that the owner didn't seem to care. Dogs should be kept under control.

Another parishioner also said that similar dogs were out of control on another occasion recently on the same corner.

24/49A parishioner said that they had received an email about bonfires that they regarded as a threat to them personally. They said the person should have gone to see them. They had had a bonfire that day but theirs was not the only bonfire and wind does change direction. A second parishioner said they were one of several who had had a bonfire.

24/50A parishioner pointed out that ditches, especially near Corton House, are dangerous whilst verges are not being cut.

24/51A parishioner noted that residents who place rocks on the verges should realise they are responsible for them and that this could result in a claim against the homeowner.

24/52 The possible transfer of the play area from Wiltshire Council to the PC. A parishioner said that the Fane Hall Committee had recently had a meeting and they wished to express their wish to have a joint venture or a supportive role in this possibility.

The Chairman said that the transfer could be a liability to the PC and community in terms of cost of insurance, maintenance, inspections, liability and renovation, particularly if vandalised

It was pointed out that Wiltshire Council have said there is a possibility that they could do remedial work before a transfer.

Question: Could the Fane Hall insurance be extended to cover the play area? Could the proceeds from the Fete be split between the FH, PCC and the play area?

The costs need to be ascertained and then a decision made as to whether to move forward with the transfer.

The PC might need a “slush fund” or the precept considerably increased.

Question: If the PC took over the responsibility, would they have autonomy over the running of the play area.

Question: would the PC actually own the land? Probably yes.

Question: could there be an issue of placing a covenant on the land – the playing field has to be a playing field.

It was pointed out that, as yet, there is no timescale for the possible transfer.

24/53 The matter of the pub was brought up.

Question: Could there be a change of use. Answer: a planning application would have to be made which would come past the PC for comment but Wiltshire Council have the final decision.

Question: Could the PC make an enquiry with Savills as to what is going on. It was pointed out that the pub hedge is danger re sight line.

24/54 The matter of the bollards in Boyton was brought up and the fact that the verge had to be cleared in order to access the field was pointed out. The verge needs to be cut back.

Open Forum closed 19.35

3. OPEN FORUM MATTERS

24/57 Nuisance dogs. Such matters need to be reported to the Police or local PCSO by the person (s) affected. There is also the Police website.

24/58 Bonfire. This was an email sent out on the VIP not a personal criticism. There are no by-laws re. bonfires but if one constitutes a nuisance Wiltshire Council may step in if contacted.

24/59 Ditches/overgrowth and rocks on verges. A message will be posted on the VIP reminding residents that these issues are the responsibility of the landowner.

ACTION:JA

24/60 Play Area. The PC agreed that it needs to get an idea of the costs involved: insurance for equipment, grass cutting, inspections, public liability insurance and legal fees. Other PCs will be contacted for their input.

ACTION:JA/CWH

At a later date it will be ascertained with Wiltshire Council whether it must be kept as a play area and whether the land ownership will be transferred automatically.

The PC wished to say that it is very generous of the Fane Hall to be so supportive.

24/61 The pub. With regard to change of use the PC has very little influence. With regard to the land with the glass houses it is believed it is privately owned and therefore nothing we can do at the moment.

24/62 The pub hedge. The Parish Steward will be asked if there is anything he can do.

ACTION:JA

24/63 Bollards. This is in the hands of Highways and will progress accordingly.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24/64 There were none.

5. APPROVAL of MINUTES

24/65 The Minutes of 20.5.24 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

24/66 Bins. As of 5.8.24 they had not been emptied this month. 2 empties in July. June emptying and subsequent billing under discussion with Id Verde.

ACTION:CWH/SP/JA

24/67 The fly tipping at the beeches. This was very kindly cleared by Robin and Richard Witt and Chris Wheatley-Hubbard.

24/68 Village Green. The maintenance is no longer done by the pub and Wiltshire Council have said it is not their land. It is now the responsibility of the PC. It is thought 4 cuts per annum is needed so a message will be put out on the VIP to see if anyone can help with the occasional cut.

ACTION:SP

7. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

24/69

Parish Steward Scheme

The Parish Steward visits have much improved in the past year, we only missed a visit in June due to training and in November 23 and March 24 we had an extra visits to complete job requests.

If there has been a visit and they have been within his remit, parishioner requests have been addressed.

The Parish Steward continues to use the WhatsApp group to keep in touch with parishes and to send photographs of work completed.

Flooding

In November a small workforce headed by Denise Knott from Wiltshire Highways came to Corton to inspect pipes and drains in the areas of the village that had experienced flooding issues. They dug out the ditch running along the road by the playing field down to the corner by Chestnut Cottage. They were unable to do any further work as some pipes were on householders land and as such are the householder's responsibility.

Work in the Villages

The issue with HGV vehicles using the road through Boyton, causing damage and potential hazard at Rectory corner was reported to the LHFIG (Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group). After a visit from Sarah Dearden to assess the situation it was proposed that bollards should be placed on the corner in front of the wall. The LHFIG were asked to finance with a contribution from the Parish Council, this was agreed by both bodies. We have continued to have problems re-establishing the emptying of the dog bins located in Corton, Id Verde over a period of many months has been unable to put in place a regular fortnightly collection as requested. Thank you to our Parish Clerk for her continued work on trying to get this sorted.

The Discretionary Gully tanker visited Corton in June.

8. FINANCE REPORT

24/70

5.8.24

Opening Balance		£5200.49
Income	Precept	£1450.00
	Interest	3.45
Expenditure		
	Bobby Van	£ 75.00
	Wilts Air Amb	£ 75.00
	Coronation Plaque	£ 65.80
	TOTAL	£ 215.80
Closing Balance		£6438.14

24/71

2 cheques were raised:

#261 – ICO (Information Commissioners Office) £ 40.00

#262 - Boyton PCC £1,400.00

It was unanimously agreed that this should be paid subsequent to the agreement in Feb 2024 and in light of the responsibility of the PC for the War Memorial.

24/72 Internet banking still not set up. It would best be done before Lloyds branch closes.

9. PLANNING REPORT

24/73

Received

1.7.24 PL/2024/06041
Fell 2 dead Beech
Tytherington Road, Boyton Farm

Decisions

28.5.24 PL/2024/04743
Crown Ash
48 Corton
No objections

24.6.24 PL/2024/04319
Fell 2 Ash trees
Sundial House, Corton
No objections

Pending None

10. WEBSITE REPORT

24/74 Unfortunately not available.

ACTION:JF

11. CORRESPONDENCE

24/75 A letter and an email have been received regarding the payment of £1400 by the PC to Boyton PCC for circulation to the Councillors. See 24/71.

24/76 The PC received an email regarding First Aid/Defibrillator training. This is expensive and the British Heart Foundation have produced a free 15 minute downloadable app which will be put out on the VIP and notice boards so that parishioners may have more confidence with the defibrillator.

ACTION:SP

12. Any other Business

24/77None

13. Date of next Meeting

Monday, November 11th, 2024

Meeting closed 20.15