

Date of next Meeting
5th August, 2024

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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held on Monday, 20th May 2024

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Caroline Wheatley-Hubbard	Chairman, Treasurer
Cllr Gary Treherne	Vice Chairman, Infrastructure
Cllr Jill Adams	Infrastructure
Cllr Justin Fellowes	Web site
Sarah Pallant	Clerk, RFO

PUBLIC:

3 parishioners

1. APOLOGIES

24/17 Cllr Mantle

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

24/18 Yet again this year has seen flooding and parking problems around the Fane Hall and Playground arising from a Selwood Housing Tenant.

The flooding issue is ongoing, although different from last year with the flash flooding causing a short but concerning flood when the pipe was unable to cope with the quantity of water which then flowed out of the grate by the telephone box and puddled outside Homecroft. Separately, the council came out to look at the west side of the village and were adamant that it was not their responsibility as the drains were on private land.

The problem of parking will continue until the tenants of 61 Combe View are found more suitable accommodation. However, they have recently been parking on the road outside the property rather than on the Fane Hall grass.

Elsewhere the problem of the bollards on the corner at Boyton at the bottom of Walkers Hill continues with the council intending to come out to inspect the problem.

The late Queen's Platinum Jubilee was marked by the planting of an oak tree and the Parish Council have a plaque in recognition of the King's Coronation placed by the tree bench outside the Dove.

The PCC are restoring the lychgate for the Cemetery and have asked for a donation from the Parish Council. This has been agreed as the precept from 23/24 was not used up during the year.

The problem with dog bins not being emptied has arisen, more from this during this year and hopefully a final solution by the 2025 AGM.

Once again, I must thank the Committee for all their diligence and hard work through the year. The work that takes place after decisions have been made at meetings is time consuming and requires diligence, and is often done without recognition.

3. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS

- 24/19 The Annual Finance Report was read out – see body of Minutes. £1,400 will be made available to the PCC when it is needed. (see item 24/8).
The Annual Infrastructure Report was unavailable due to computer difficulties.
The Annual Planning Report was read out – see body of Minutes.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

- 24/20 Cllr Wheatley-Hubbard was proposed to be re-elected as Chairman by Cllr Fellowes and seconded by Cllr Treherne. The vote in agreement was unanimous.

Annual General Meeting closed at 19.08

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. OPEN FORUM

- 24/21 A parishioner brought up the subject of the state of the Play Area in Corton. The climbing frame has been taped off, presumably by the inspectors, and it is very unsightly and if unsafe should be taken away.
- 24/22 An update on the progress of the restoration of the Lychgate was provided. Although the remaining work will only take about 3 weeks there is a hold-up in the Diocese and the PCC are waiting for a decision from the Archdeacon. The total raised so far is £6,400 and although the overall cost is £12k reserves can be used. The PCC would like to express appreciation for all the donations that have been made.
- 24/23 The Emergency/Resilience Plan. This was conceived in 2015 and needs updating to include infrastructure preparations such as electricity, water and communications. Should Wiltshire Council be involved?
- 24/24 The bollards in Boyton. After discussion it was agreed that the “wrong” vehicles are using that road but little can be done apart from widening the road on the other side by clearing the self-seeded growth. The corner is a safety issue for all road users.
- 24/25 A parishioner said that a large quantity of black bin bags containing compost had been fly-tipped at the top of the switch-back at Whitesheet. It was pointed out that it now costs £20 to take a trailer to Recycling so this activity will become more prevalent.
- 24/26 The general appearance of the village was brought up – the vacant pub, St Modwens Chapel which has been vacant for 4 years, Len's Nursery glass houses which are derelict and the state of the roads. All are in need of attention.

2. OPEN FORUM MATTERS

- 24/27 The Play Area. Wiltshire Council will be contacted to try and get the climbing frame repaired/removed.

ACTION:JA

- 24/28 Whitesheet. The potholes have been reported to Highways and the responsibility for the disposal of the black bins needs to be ascertained.

24/29 The update on the refurbishment of the Lychgate was very welcome.

24/30 The Emergency Plan will be addressed under Correspondence and the Bollards under Finance.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24/31 There were none.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

24/32 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th January, 2024 were approved as a correct record and signed.

5. MATTERS ARISING

24/33 The plaque commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III is sited on the bench on the Village Green.

The portrait of the King has been received and is currently in the Fane Hall.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

24/34 The Parish Council would like to welcome Andrew and Jill Murphy to the parish and hope they are very happy in this peaceful location.

24/35 Flood Warden. Simon Soskin has kindly volunteered to be the Flood Warden. This was approved unanimously. He has much knowledge of the matter and the Clerk will work with him on this.

ACTION:SP

7. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

24/36 Parish Steward visits:

18.01.24 No visit – gritting duties

20.02.24 Culvert cleared in Corton. Large pothole in Boyton part filled - not completed.

20.03.24 Blocked culvert issue resolved. Hedge outside the pub (sight line issue) cut back. Potholes in Station Road Boyton filled.

18.04.24 Drains and gullies cleared and potholes at the entrance to Corton filled.

The issues identified by parishioners were dealt with.

The Parish Steward is a useful link to other County services helping us to access support in a more timely way.

Representation has been made at the LHFIG (local highway and footpath improvement group) and Flooding meetings.

Boyton Bollards

There was a meeting with Sarah Dearden of LHFIG at Boyton. A decision was then made that, for safety reasons, the best solution would be to place bollards in front of the wall on the corner. The cost would be £1,375. At their last meeting it was agreed that Wiltshire Council would pay £1,031.25 towards the cost, leaving £343.75 to be paid by Boyton PC if agreed.

Bins

Trying to reinstate the emptying of these bins has proved to be a drawn out and exasperating process. According to Id Verde the bins were emptied on 1.05.24 and due on 18.5.04. This did not happen – further contact to be made, The Clerk will be the point of contact for the time being. The Treasurer will make contact with Id Verde re payments.

Gully Service

The tanker will be in the area between 3-7 June. The worksheet for the 5 gullies we require to be cleared must be submitted. The following were suggested:

Corner at western “Boyton” sign – use what3words for info

Gullies going north of Fane Hall

Pipe and drains opposite Homecroft

Gully outside Manor Farmhouse

The pothole on the corner in Boyton by Broadleaze needs to be completed.

8. FINANCE REPORT

24/37 Quarterly Financial Report

Opening Balance	5197.06
Interest	3.47
Closing Balance	5200.49

Financial Report for the Year April 2023 to March 2024

Opening Balance	£4146.67	
Precept	£1450	
Annual Interest	£11.21	
Cheque (253) Fane Hall boards		£16.46
Cheque (252) WALC		£70.73
Cheque (254) ICO (GDPR)		£40.00
Cheque (255) Insurance		£157.92
Cheque (256) Hugo Fox – website		£122.28
	TOTAL	£407.39

Closing Balance	£5200.49
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The Annual Governance and Accountability Return has been completed, approved and signed.

24/39 Cheques were drawn up for:

Bobby Van donation	£75.00
Wilts Air Ambulance donation	£75.00
Payment for Commemoration plaque	£65.80

24/40 WALC (Wiltshire Association of Local Councils)

Continued membership was discussed and it was felt that at the moment it was not necessary. It will be reviewed next year.

9. PLANNING REPORT

24/41 Annual Planning Report 2023-2024

In the last 12 months most of the applications have been for tree works all of which have been approved.

There were 2 applications non-tree

PL/2023/05574 – the restoration of the front of Rose Cottage, Corton

PL/2024/03143 – this was for a fertiliser store at Boyton Farm. Prior approval not required.

Quarterly Planning Report 2024

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| 15.1.24 | PL/2023/10525
The Old Rectory, Boyton
Remove 2 Cherry trees
No objection |
| 22.1.24 | PL/2023/10580
Boyton Church
Work to trees
No objection |
| 14.3.24 | PL/2024/02743
Fir Tree Cottage, Corton
Tree works |
| 15.4.24 | PL/2024/03531
48, Corton
Crown Ash tree |
| 29.4.24 | PL/2024/02743
Fir Tree
No objection |
| 29.4.24 | PL/2024/03143
Boyton Farm
Fertiliser Store
Prior notification had been made
Approval not required |
| <u>Pending</u> | |
| 16.5.24 | PL/2024/04319
Sundial House, Corton
Fell 2 Ash trees |

10. CORRESPONDENCE

24/42 A letter has been received suggesting that the Emergency Plan should be updated in order to include infrastructure issues such as electricity, water and communications. It was agreed that this will be done and Cllr Adams said she knew how this type of matter is handled. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council for their input.

**ACTION: JA
SP**

24/44 The invitation to enter the Best Kept Village competition was received. In view of the comments made in the Open Forum it was felt that this would be inappropriate.

24/45 An email was received commentating on the state of the village green since the closure of the pub (it was maintained by pub staff). The salt bin on the green is Wiltshire Council property so they will be contacted re maintenance.

ACTION:JA

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

24/46 Councillor Treherne is standing down as Vice Chairman.
Councillor Adams volunteered to be the new VC
Councillor Mantle is now the Treasurer.

12. Date of next Meeting

Monday, 5th August, 2024

Meeting closed at 20.15