

Date of next Meeting
8 January, 2024

UNCONFIRMED

**BOYTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING
held on Monday, 13th November, 2023**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Wheatley-Hubbard
Cllr Fellowes

Chairman, Treasurer
Website

PUBLIC:

1. APOLOGIES

23/76 Clerk
Jonathan Mantle
Jill Adams
Gary Treherne

2. OPEN FORUM

23/77 There were insufficient Councillors to form a Quorum so no decisions could be taken.

3. Open Forum Matters

23/78 Lych Gate

Options are either a basic repair which would be a make do/temporary repair (last 10 years+), or a full replacement. Or just remove it.

Full repair/replacement is the PCCs preferred option. Cost £15,000.00, the PCC don't have enough money to do this.

A second quote was suggested. S. J. Butt is doing a similar job near Downton

A Parishioner asked if Parish Council could contribute. The Parish Council's annual income is c £1,450.00 and this would be the maximum the council could consider contributing.

A communal fund raiser was suggested.

Nothing can be agreed as there was not a quorum.

It was suggested to link this to the coronation. Grants are available mainly for Church buildings, which this isn't. It was suggested that the War Graves Commission might be contacted.

This project is the responsibility of the PCC.

Ditch by Playground

23/79

A Parishioner suggested could the ditch by the village playground vehicle entrance be filled in, as it is a potential hazard in the dark, and would create more parking.

Again this would need to be discussed, but no particular objections, and Richard was suggested he would do this or organise it so there would be no cost.

Drainage

23/80

This was discussed.

Council Hedge/Verge Cutting

23/81

A Parishioner asked when does this happen, does Wiltshire Council have a policy/schedule as it was extremely late this year.

It is dangerous with the amount of cyclists. Mid-Late Summer seems to be the general consensus for the optimum time.

4. Declarations of Interest

23/82 None

5. Approval of last Minutes

This was not possible because of no Quorum.

6. Matters Arising

7. Infrastructure Report

Parish Steward Visits

23/83

16th August

The PS cleared gullies, drains, filled potholes and checked grit bins ready for WC to refill any empty bins.

14th September

The PS concentrated on clearing vegetation from around drains and gullies, with a warm wet autumn we had a lot of growth. He also cleared vexation from around village signs and filled in some potholes.

12th October

The PS was not able to visit on this day because of Gritter training, he came on 13th.

He cleared vegetation from around Corton bus stop (parishioner request) and footpath entrances. He also cleared some gullies.

9th November

The PS, because of potential flooding issues due to heavy rainfall, was concentrating on the drains and gullies. He had already visited the week before on the request of highways to check drains and gullies on the east side of the village and checked the rest on this visit.

Flooding Issues

Highways have checked pipes and drains on both sides of the village, Denise Knott met with Parish Council members in the village. Ditches running along from the playing field to the corner by Chestnut cottage were dug out to help the flow of water away from the west side of the village. Having located a pipe running under the road from that corner with piping then running down the side of the road to the ditch opposite Fir Tree cottage the pipe work was asked to be cleared but were told that could not be done by the Council as they are the responsibility of the property owners whose land it runs along the edge of.

Those involved will be contacted to ascertain whether there is a possible way forward

HGV issues on the Rectory corner Boyton

At an online Wiltshire Council LHFIFG meeting on 25.10.13 a request was put forward that Wiltshire Highways look at what can be done to alleviate the damage being caused by HGV vehicles, It was agreed at the meeting that Sarah Dearden would visit the site and contact the Parish Council so there could be a meeting there.

The next meeting will be attended to try to ensure that some progress is made with this issue.

8. Finance Report

23/84

November 2023

Opening Balance		£5,512.09
Interest	£2.79	
Expenditure		
ICO - GDPR	£40.00	
Closing Balance		£5,474.88

9. Planning Report

23/85

August to November, 2023

Decision

PL/2023/05574
Rose Cottage, Corton
Restoration to front of house
Approve with conditions

PL/2023/08327
Boyton Manor – fell 7 x Ash
No objections

Received

PL/2023/08327
Boyton Manor
Fell Ash trees x 7

PL/2023/08389
Dairy Cottage, Corton
Reduce Silver Birch x 4 metres

Pending

None

10. Correspondence

23/86 None

11. Date of next Meeting

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