

Date of next Meeting 17th August, 2023 UNCONFIRMED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BOYTON PARISH COUNCIL

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held on Monday, 15th May, 2023

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Caroline Wheatley-Hubbard	Chairman, Treasurer
Cllr Phil Garratt	Vice Chairman, Planning
Cllr Jill Adams	Infrastructure
Cllr Gary Treherne	Infrastructure
Cllr Sarah Pallant	Clerk, RFO

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1. APOLOGIES:

23/21 Cllr Adams might be a little late.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2. CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

23/22 The year has been dominated latterly by the flooding and the parking problems around the Fane Hall and Playground arising from Selwood Housing Tenants.

The flooding issue is ongoing. The council has been written to, describing the extensive problem of all the water leaving the village to the north via the east side of the village.

Selwood have been repeatedly contacted over their problem of parking for their tenants of 61 Combe View. This again is ongoing.

Elsewhere the problem of the bollards on the corner at Boyton at the bottom of Walkers Hill is again ongoing with the council stating that the bollards are not theirs but they are on council land, ie the road.

Overall road safety in the villages is an ongoing issue with both verge cutting and cyclists on Route 24.

The Boyton bus shelter has been re-thatched, the bridge at Boyton has been repointed, the telephone box at Corton has been refurbished and repainted, the Corton finger post has been very kindly repaired and repainted.

The defibrillator was finally installed outside the Fane Hall and used at the end of the year which was an opportunity to learn how to access new pads for which many thanks to Sarah Pallant and Sarah Harris for all their time achieving this.

The late Queen's Platinum Jubilee has been marked by the planting of an oak tree and the Parish Council are now asking for ideas for how we should mark the Coronation of King Charles 111.

Once again I must thank the Councillors 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 perseverance.

3. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS

23/23 The Reports were submitted – see Parish Meeting Minutes.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

23/24 Cllr Wheatley-Hubbard was proposed to be re-elected as Chairman by Cllr Pallant and seconded by Cllr Treherne. The vote in agreement was unanimous.

5. VICE CHAIRMAN

23/25 Cllr Garratt announced his immediate retirement from the Council. Cllr Garratt had been on the Council (with a brief break) since 2005. His attention to detail and other contributions will be missed. The Councillors thanked him.

23/26 Parishioner Jonathan Mantle said he would like to join the Council. The paperwork will be put in motion.

23/27 It will be put out on the VIP that the Council is still looking for members,

Annual General Meeting closed at 19.09

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. OPEN FORUM

23/28 A parishioner wished it to be recorded that the Corton bus shelter has been given a fresh coat of creosote by Felix Spender and that appreciation should be shown for this.

23/29 A parishioner brought up the subject of Council Elections. They noted that while the Chairman had done a very good job for some time perhaps there should be a change. The Chairman should step down. No Wheatley-Hubbard should put their name forward. The parishioner said no malevolence was intended.

23/30 Coronation Ideas. A parishioner stated that it was up to the council to achieve what the village wants. It was pointed out that the item of the Coronation has been in the Minutes since November 2022. It was agreed that a notice should be put out on the VIP requesting ideas from parishioners to mark the Coronation. Whatever is decided it must be sited carefully. Possibly a stone bench by the Church or on the Ridgeway Walk.

23/31 Lych gates at Corton Burial Ground. The War Memorial is the sole responsibility of the Parish Council. The Parochial Church Council has already instructed an architect to inspect the gates and adjacent wall. There needs to be co-ordinated consultation between the PCC and the PC – PCC to contact PC for discussion. Melanie Latham, of Affinity Architects, Wilton, has said it will not fall down thus indemnifying for public liability. Ecclesiastical insurance is involved.

23/32 A parishioner noted that a piece of glass is missing in the phone box. This is in hand.

23/33 Health & Safety on the roads. This is proving to be a long drawn out effort to establish the status with Wiltshire Council. It is on-going. The parishioner pointed out that the PC has a moral responsibility to chase the Highways department for information.

Open Forum closed 19.35

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

23/34 There were none.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

23/35 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February, 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed.

4. OPEN FORUM MATTERS

23/36 A notice will be put out on the VIP requesting ideas for marking the Coronation of King Charles 111 and this will include ideas already put forward.

ACTION:SP

23/37 Health & Safety. This is ongoing.

ACTION: JA/GT

23/38 HGVs in Boyton. This is ongoing and the PC understands that the matter on the list of LHFIG “current issues” has moved up from item 6.12 to item 4.25 for the site to be looked at when officer time allows.

5. MATTERS ARISING

23/39 Flooding. An email was sent to Renate Malton, Denise Nott and Danny Edwards detailing the problems. Ms Malton has been away and no response has been received. The drain on the corner of Bartletts Lane, whilst having had a cosmetic repair, is in need of serious attention since the water flows from both directions on the lane to that point

ACTION:JA/SP

23/40 Parking of vehicles of residents of No. 61. This is a Selwood problem but it was felt that the Fane Hall needs to be pro-active about their land being used. Since Selwood is contracted to Wiltshire Council it was suggested that the WC Housing Officer should be contacted. Cllr Adams is in contact with a Wiltshire Council officer on another matter and will ask how to contact the HO.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

23/41 **2022-2023**

Parish Steward Scheme

The parish has had 4 visits since May 2022, in July, September, October and November.

We are part of a WhatsApp group of parishes which helps us to keep in touch with our PS, it also enables him to send photos of work completed.

When there were flooding issues in Corton in January the Parish Steward came out to the village to give assistance.

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

This year Wiltshire Council have changed the contractor who deals with the Parish Steward scheme, communication about this has been very poor. Although new schedules have been sent out that has not yet resulted in a visit and we will not have one this month as the Parish Stewards will be grass cutting.

Reports to WC

5 reports were made through the My Wilts app to Wiltshire Council, 3 were dealt with.
Outstanding:

A footpath issue which I understand is likely take a considerable time to be addressed

Problems from lorries driving into Boyton from the Sherrington direction causing damage are in the process of being addressed by Wiltshire Council.

Flooding

We have had flooding issues this winter in Corton, the Parish Council are working with Wiltshire Council to look at ways to alleviate future risk.

Work in the Villages

The refurbishment of the telephone box and the painting of the finger signpost at the top of Corton are completed.

The bus stop in Boyton has had its thatched roof repaired.

7. FINANCE REPORT

23/42 **2022-2023**

Opening Balance **£5276.54**

Income Precept 1397.50

Interest 1.99

Expenditure

Telephone Box £489.99

Jubilee Tree £25.00

ICO – GDP	£40.00	
Thatch Bus shelter	£1579.20	
Electric for Defibrillator	£115.00	
Insurance	£130.17	
Wilts Air Amb Donation	£75	
Bobby Van Donation	£75	
TOTAL	£2529.36	
CLOSING BALANCE		£4147

23/43 Internet Banking. Maybe 2/3 Cllrs to hold the password to enable security. The issue of internet banking will be addressed at the same time.

ACTION:CWH

23/44 The AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) was considered, completed, approved and signed.

23/45 An invoice from WALC (Wiltshire Association of Local Councils) has been received this year. It was considered that the PC should continue it's participation and a cheque for £70.73 was issued.

23/46 The new cork boards on the Fane Hall have been installed. A cheque for £16.46 was issued as the contribution from the PC.

23/47 Id Verde. No invoice has been received although the bins are still being emptied on a weekly basis.

8. PLANNING REPORT

23/48 PLANNING REPORT 2022-2023

Planning activity over the past year has, as usual, been predominantly concerned with tree works. There were a total of 18 applications, of which 17 were passed without objection and one is still under consideration. 3 applications for building works, 2 of which were for home extensions and 1 for agricultural works, have all been agreed. Details are attached.

TREE WORK

Permission

PL/2023/00393

Reduce Apple tree by 75% (3m) and fell Cherry at 35 Archers House, Corton.

PL/2022/08169

Crown reduce and deadwood Beech tree at 26 Boyton

PL/2022/03699

Fell 1x Sycamore at Courtney House, Corton.

PL/2022/04007

Fell 1x Leylandii, 1x Spruce, 1x Ash and 1x Cypress, remove Conifer hedge, and replace with native trees and hedges at Corton House, Corton,

PL/2022/04309

Fell 1x Lawson tree and remove section of conifer hedge at Boyton Farm

PL/2022/07982

Fell Robinia at Greenways, Corton.

PL/2022/08418

Fell groups of diseased roadside Ash trees around Boyton, Corton and Sherrington. (Renewal of previously approved application)

PL/2022/08417

PL/2022/08558

Fell or pollard various dead or diseased roadside trees in Boyton Conservation Area

PL/2022/08667

Remove low hanging branches on 3 x Lime trees on east side of 42A, Corton.

PL/2022/09349

Fell or prune up to 16 trees within the grounds of Boyton Manor

PL/2022/05853

Fell Yew Tree at The Old Rectory, Boyton.

PL/2022/05931

Fell Ash tree at Little Manor, Corton,

PL/2022/06545

Fell 1x Spruce tree and reduce 1x Tulip tree at Jubilee Cottage. Corton.

PL/2022/06355

Fell 1x Silver Birch tree at Knapp Cottage, Corton.

PL/2022/06308

Fell 1x Lime tree and 3 x Irish Yew trees at The Old Rectory, Boyton.

PL/2023/00873

Reduce Ash tree all round up to 5m max at The White Cottage, Corton.

Pending

PL/2023/03263

Fell 2x Leylandii at Corton House, Corton.

BUILDING

Permission

PL/2022/05422

Construction of two above ground (partially buried) circular concrete slurry stores, hardstanding and access areas, spoil grading and landscape planting on land to the South of Corton Field Barn, Corton.

PL/2022/05172

Proposed first floor extension over existing garage projection at 30D, Corton.

PL/2022/05101

Demolition of garage, alterations to parking area and retaining walls and erection of wooden storage building at Foleys Cottage, Corton.

Planning activity since the last report

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

23/49 This was considered in Open Forum.

10. VICE CHAIRMAN

23/50 Cllr Treherne agreed to take on the now vacant position of Vice Chairman.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 17th August, 2023

Meeting closed at 20.08