

**EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.00 pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

**Present:**

Cllr K Holmes Chairman  
Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chairman

Cllr H Green  
Cllr M Sterling  
Cllr M Gregory  
Cllr M Husband (following co-option)

In attendance – Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and five members of the public.

**1.0. To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr D Drodge.

**2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda**

Cllr Green declared an interest in item 8.1.

**3.0. To consider co-option of Councillor to vacancy**

East Boldre Parish Council had received three applications for one vacancy on the council. One applicant had to withdraw due to being on holiday at the time of the meeting. The two remaining applicants each gave a good presentation.

**Resolved:** Mr Michael Husband was voted to be co-opted onto the council. He completed the councillor acceptance form and joined the council directly.

**4.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

The minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**5.0. Public session**

A member of the public asked for an update on the East Boldre football pitch. The clerk gave the update which was due to be given in the clerk's report. Another member of public mentioned that they were unable to find the recent minutes on the council website. The clerk said she would check this but that the items had been put on. Cllr Husband agreed that he had accessed the documents prior to the meeting.

Concerns were again raised about the amount of verge parking in the parish. It was suggested that the new, Forestry Commission 'Verge Protection Officer' should be invited to a future meeting.

**ACTION KP**

**6.0. Clerks' report and information received**

**6.1.** The clerk has heard back from the Forestry Commission regarding the future of the football pitch in East Boldre. The chairman of the football committee is currently on holiday and will be holding a committee meeting on his return. The FC will keep the council updated.

**6.2.** The defibrillator training date has now been offered on either the 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> August. The clerk is just waiting to hear back from the School Fields Trust Hall for confirmation of hall availability for one of these dates.

**6.3.** The clerk has heard from the FC that a verge restoration officer has now been found and will be starting work in September. It is hoped that East Boldre will be the first area to be looked at.

**6.4.** All councillors should have received the 'Voice of the Councillor 2017' from HALC. This is an important document for councillors, please contact the clerk if you have not received this.

**6.5.** The Allotment Association organised another meeting to discuss the Taste of East Boldre event. If any councillors are available to help or attend on the day it would be appreciated. Any donations of prizes for the tombola would also be gratefully received.

**6.6.** Councillors should have received the Information received list and pending list. If there are any items on either for which you require more information, please advise the clerk.

**7.0. Finance.**

**7.1. To agree payments in accordance with the budget and to note bank reconciliation.**

**Resolved:** Payments agreed as shown on table below, income and bank reconciliation noted.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
<b>Payments 08/08/17</b>			
K Penna (K Wright)	100602	Salary	£597.13
K Penna (K Wright)	100603	Expenses	£59.57
HALC	100604	Underpay	£13.00
SLCC	100605	Memb	£82.79
<b>Total to pay</b>			<b>£752.49</b>
<b>Amount to be transferred to current account</b>			<b>£900.00</b>
<b>Receipts as at 08/08/17</b>		<b>Receipts</b>	
<b>Source</b>		<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Interest			.68
Allotment rents			£41.00
<b>Total income</b>			<b>£41.68</b>
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
<b>Balance as at 08/08/17</b>			
HSBC Current			£850.59
HSBC Savings			£24,383.21
<b>Total</b>			<b>£25,233.80</b>
<b>Net bank balance as at 08/08/17</b>			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	19,818.44		
Add receipts	10,107.37		
Less payments	4890.01		
Less uncleared cheques	198.00		
<b>Total</b>			<b>£25,233.80</b>

Chairman's signature:

Date: 12/09/17

**8.0. Planning.**

**8.1. To consider planning application 17/000580 The Studio.**

**Resolved:** Planning application resolved as shown on the schedule below.

17/00580 C Cochrane	THE STUDIO, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WD	Timber cladding	Comment 5
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**9.0. To consider individual councillor responsibilities including review of consultation documents.**

There had recently been a number of consultations for the council to comment on. Some of these consultations had been very large in content and it was suggested that in future, councillors take turn in analysing any consultations and reporting an overview back to all councillors in preparation for comments. It was felt that this would be more effective than all councillors trying to find the time to look at each consultation in detail.

**Resolved:** It was agreed to trial this method. Cllr Green had taken the first consultation which is a broadband based survey.

**10.0. To consider a change in the order of future agendas to allow public to comment after the receipt of council reports.**

The Chairman suggested this item be added to the agenda. He was concerned that as the public session falls prior to the reports being given, it is difficult for residents to then ask questions or comment on any matters raised which concern them.

**Resolved:** It was agreed that the public session would now follow the reports. The clerk will review the Standing Orders accordingly.

**ACTION KP**

**11.0. To receive an update from the East Boldre Community Shop Group following their consultation meeting.**

The Community Shop Group were unable to attend the meeting but sent in the following report.

In brief, we held our general information meeting on 15th July following the return of approximately 130 questionnaires which all highlighted the importance to the community of retaining a local village shop. The meeting lasted for 90 minutes and we had a wonderful attendance of over 70 local people who gave a definitive if not unanimous show of hands in favour of moving forward with the community shop project. We were lucky enough to have Andrea Finn who was responsible for the setup of the Woodgreen Community Shop as our guest and she was able to share her experiences and answer questions. She also highlighted to the meeting what a huge contribution their Community Shop had made to Woodgreen in relation both to community cohesion as well as putting the village on the map and providing locals with a 'locally sourced', competitively priced stocked shop and Post Office. Ian Evans, the current shop owner also spoke and gave his support to the community model. He told the meeting that he found that over the years, due to the size of the current shop, he had been restricted in his ambitions to continue to build his business and felt that it was appropriate to consider alternative locations for a purpose-built shop close to the village centre. This was further discussed by the meeting with options being proposed. It was agreed that the British Legion building would be discussed as a potential venue with the Beaulieu Estate. A list of people willing to contribute to joining the various committees was taken with a view to moving the project forward in early September, after the summer holidays, with the support of the Plunkett Foundation.

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The discussion which followed suggested that there were concerns at moving the village shop to an alternative location and the feelings of the postmaster, Ian Evans on this. Cllr Mulhall questioned the process of starting a shop elsewhere without the support of the current shop proprietor.

**12.0. To receive an update on Superfast Broadband in the parish.**

Cllr Green attended the site meeting at Beaulieu 1 location for pre-works before ground works commence. The meeting consisted Glen Peacey from HCC, Shaun Dale from BT Openreach. Alex Otterwald and Paul Grugeon from FC, a number of Verderers, Natural England and representatives from BT Openreach contractor who will be undertaking the work. The meeting was generally very positive with most parties taking a flexible approach to the requirements and discussions on the siting and operations were well discussed.

The basic outcome is; Ground work is expected to take place commencing Monday 14th August for clearing of the concrete plinth (old bus stop) and laying concrete plinth for the cabinet, completion of necessary ground works for trunking and cable runs. this is expected to take around 3 days and there is a power connection date suggested for week commencing 22nd August which means it is expected that during that week, SSE will connect the power to the cabinet bring it "live for commissioning".

The verderers have agreed with Openreach's contractors that they will install the dragons teeth after completion of works and the feeling from the verderers was very positive.

There is a requirement for Natural England to organise a physical inspection of the site to see if there is any wildlife located at the site but this is hopefully not going to be a problem.

Once power has been connected and the cabinet is live for commissioning, it is expected to take 2 - 3 weeks before the location is "live" and accepting orders.

It is expected that properties between the Beaulieu 1 location and the cabinet positioned outside Heath Lane are likely to benefit within the description of "Super-Fast". Thereafter the benefit will drop off and they are not in a position yet to confirm what benefit level will extend further into the village. Getting fibre to the village is the first step that stands to unlock potential for other solutions to reach further into the village.

**13.0. To consider a response to the New Forest National Park Association Future Forest consultation.**

**Resolved:** Council comments; Preserve the ability to live and work in the Forest; Consider that the reliance on increased tourism is changing the Forest; a need to redress the balance of the needs of locals and the preservation in its natural state; Govern the problems which are arising- Strategic overviews; Public transport needs improvement to enable those who cannot drive to live in and enjoy the Forest.

**14.0. To consider a response to Hampshire County Council 'Balancing the Budget' consultation.**

**Resolved:** No comments.

**15.0. Agenda items for next meeting.**

**Resolved:** Verge restoration.

**16.0. The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

Meeting closed 8.25pm