

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 6.45pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Mr K Holmes Chairman
Cllr B Mulhall
Cllr C Gray

Cllr D Surplice
Cllr M Gaylard

In attendance – Cllr Vickers, District Councillor; Liz Weafer, Lymington Times; Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and one resident.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr M Ross.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2013

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

4.0. Public session

The resident informed the Council of a large pothole on Main Road, white road lines which had not yet been repainted at the corner by the church and a road sign which has gone missing from the B3054. The clerk will inform the relevant authorities of these items. **ACTION KP**

5.0. Clerk's report

- 5.1. The clerk has been advised that the insurance matter regarding the parking bay has been finalised.
- 5.2. Beaulieu parish clerk has advised that the SLR device was damaged beyond repair as it seems there were many parts of the device missing when it was recovered.
- 5.3. Notice to quit letters have been sent to the allotment holders of the two offending plots on site 2.
- 5.4. Contact has been made with The Forestry Commission, Natural England and Highways to arrange a meeting to discuss the parking bay. This matter will be added to next month's agenda along with the result of the parking bay inspection conducted by Councillor Gray and the clerk.
- 5.5. The purchase of the new computer has been postponed for approximately 3 weeks as John Lewis have no suitable products in stock until then.
- 5.6 An application was made to the Clerks' Training Bursary Scheme for part of the costs of the CiLCA training. This was available to smaller Parish Councils to encourage the training of their clerks. We have been notified that our application was successful and a payment of £87.50 has been approved and will shortly be paid into to council's account.
- 5.7. The clerk will be attending the New Forest Wildlife Forum on the 8th February.
- 5.8. Navitus bay have arranged another series of drop-in sessions. The clerk has the details if anyone is interested.
- 5.9. The 'Information received' list has been circulated to all councillors.

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6.0. To receive a report by County Councillor for East Boldre

County Councillor not present.

7.0. To receive a report by District Councillor for East Boldre

Cllr Vickers gave the following report;

- Full Council will be voting on council tax but it is likely bills will remain the same.
- Car park charges for 2014/15 will remain the same.
- The Council is now working on next year's budget.
- Glass collection boxes are currently being delivered in this area ready for the start of the service in February.
- There has not yet been any reply from the Government on how the relaxation of planning regulations will affect the New Forest.

8.0. Finance

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

Resolved: - Payments approved as shown on table below, income and bank reconciliation noted.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Payments 10/01/14			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100387	Salary	£459.33
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100388	Expenses	£61.93
Bluefin	100386	Allotment insurance	£73.90
Total to pay			£595.16
Amount to be transferred to current account			£1400.00
		Receipts	
Source		Detail	Amount
HSBC		December interest	£0.72
Total income			£0.72
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 10/01/14			
HSBC Current	221.92		
HSBC Savings	16427.45		
Total			16649.37
Net bank balance as at 10/01/14			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	7,413.17		
Add receipts	17,469.83		
Less payments	8233.63		
Total			16649.37

8.2. To note the budget forecast.

It was noted that subscriptions were forecasted to be higher than budgeted for. The clerk had placed a registration for CiLCA cost in subscriptions which should be put in the training column.

Resolved: This will be amended and will bring subscriptions back in line with the budget which will then result in a higher forecast for training for the year. This will need to be considered for the next budget.

ACTION KP

8.3. To agree precept request for 2014/15.

Resolved: The precept request will be for £15,000.00.

ACTION KP

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9.0. Planning

9.1. To consider current planning applications

Resolved – Planning application resolved as shown on schedule below.

App. No.	Site	Works	Comment from EBPC
13/99143 A Braid	Furzeymoor, Main Road, East Boldre. SO42 7WT	Conservatory	Comment 1- We concede it makes no changes to the character or appearance of the property.

10.0. To consider a response to the Consultation on the review of existing VAT legislation on public bodies and tax exemptions in the public interest.

Resolved: Cllr Gaylard will respond on behalf of Council.

ACTION MG

11.0. To receive an update on cycle events in the New Forest.

Cllr Vickers is the NFDC representative for cycling. He stated that there is a great difference between enjoyable cycling and the organised competitive events we are now experiencing. These events also cause costs for the NFDC. The Code of Conduct is welcomed but it is uncertain how much affect this will have. Other options to control these events are through planning or through the use of byelaws which are being looked into.

East Boldre Parish Council wishes to encourage family cycling in the New Forest but is against the large, organised, commercial and competitive events. The large numbers involved in these events create risks on the roads and are having an effect on the heritage of the New Forest.

It was noted that Fawley Parish Council may be discussing the cycling situation at the next relevant meeting as they are considering the rental of their land for an event.

Resolved: Council will send representatives to the next meeting of Fawley Parish Council if this situation is unresolved.

12.0. To discuss the use of the Community Payback scheme.

It was considered that tasks which could be undertaken by the Community Payback scheme were; clearance of vacant allotment sites and digging a trench for the extra water pipe required on allotment site 1. The clerk will meet with Matt Simpson from the scheme to discuss costs.

ACTION KP

13.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

13.1. New Forest Association of Local Councils meeting held at Hythe and Dibden Parish Council Chamber on Thursday 9th January 2014.

- A presentation was given by Jo Murphy, Information & Data Protection Officer for the NFNPA. The presentation was on Freedom of Information requests and proved to be a very useful in outlining the structure of the Act and exemptions for disclosure.
- Alison Hoare from the Dibden Bay/ Marchwood Military Port focus group reported no significant changes but outlined the current situation.
- Neal Martin from the Cycling Liaison Group gave a very interesting talk on the current situation regarding organised cycle events in the New Forest. He mentioned that the Wiggle group had pulled out their application to Fawley PC to host the spring event from Gang Warily. They are now thought to be using a site in Ringwood for this event but Gang Warily is still a possibility for the autumn event.

Neal went on to talk about the Code of Conduct for cyclists which is now in place and available to view on the NPA website. This is a document for all cyclists as individuals and he urged Parish Councils to promote the code wherever possible.

The Charter which is still currently being worked on is a document for the organisers of cycle events and covers items such as planning routes and H&S. He stated that there have

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been three main issues with cycle events in the New Forest and those are; the size of the events, the speed of the events (including the display of riders speeds and placing) and accountability (identifying individual riders). Although the charter is still a work in progress it is hoped it will be adopted. The Cycling Liaison Group has the full support of the NPA. If the charter fails, Article 4 will be used by the NPA to request planning applications from any venues wishing to host an organised cycling event within the National Park area. Neal Martin finished by saying that although emotions are running high over the cycling issues it is beneficial to us all to work together and create a workable solution.

- Terry Simpson announced that the electronic distribution of agendas is due to be in place by April 2014.
- HALC now offer advice to individual councillors (as from 14th November 2014). There was a discussion which raised concerns that difficulties may arise if individual councillors seek advice without the knowledge of the Town/Parish clerk. NFALC decided to run with the service for 6 months and if any problems arose it was felt it would be beneficial to request that clerks be copied into all advice requests made by their councillors (unless of a sensitive nature).
- There was also advice given on fraud protection following on from the embezzlement of a large sum of money by a clerk in Hampshire. It was suggested that all Parish Councils examine the internal control suggestions put forward by Eleanor Greene and implement them if they have not done so already.
- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th April 2014 at the Town Hall, Lymington.

14.0. To confirm the date of next meeting

Confirmed as 7.30pm on 11th February 2014 in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.40 pm.