

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.00 pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman
Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chairman

Cllr D Drodge
Cllr M Sterling
Cllr M Husband

In attendance – Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr H Green; Cllr M Gregory; Cllr M Harris, District Councillor.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr M Sterling declared an interest in item 8.4.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8th August 2017

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

4.0. Clerks' report and information received

4.1. The Cardiac Arrest Response Seminar has been booked for 13th September at 7pm in the School Fields Trust Hall. (Defibrillator training)

4.2. The clerk invited Jayne Alberry, the new HLS Verge Restoration Officer to a meeting. She explained she still getting to grips as to what the job entails with lots to take on board. As soon as she is up to speed and actively delivering the HLS verge protection programme she will be able to assist the Parish and hopefully address some of the parking problems under the scheme. She is looking forward to engaging with local communities, stakeholders and Parish Councils and is aware that there have been some discussions in the past with regard to the problems of verge parking at East Boldre.

4.3. The Dog Warden for New Forest District Council emailed the council with regards to a persistent fouling issue on Chapel Lane, East Boldre where there have been a number of complaints. Unfortunately, the land does not come under our dogs Fouling of Land act, so it is unenforceable. She has given all the tenants a dog fouling sign to attach to their properties which does not state a fine on them, but to just pick up after your dogs.

4.4. A member of the Community Speed Team emailed the council to say they are currently unable to use the SID device due to lack of insurance. They asked whether East Boldre PC might be supportive of having the device in the village in joining the group by arrangement with Sway, Lymington and Boldre.

4.5. Following the complaint about an exterior light at a property in the parish, Cllr Sterling attended the property and spoke with the resident. The resident was surprised at the concerns as the light had been in position for a number of years. She was however happy to have the light adjusted downwards, which Cllr Sterling kindly did for her.

4.6. Following the clerk attending John Lewis and choosing a new council laptop. John Lewis have advised that they no longer send out pro-forma invoices and accept cheques for payment. The clerk will consider an alternative way to purchase a laptop using a cheque payment. Cllr Mulhall offered to purchase the laptop from John Lewis and to be reimbursed by the council. The clerk will check that the guarantee is transferrable.

4.7. 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.

5.0. To receive a report by the County Councillor for East Boldre

Councillor Keith Mans told the meeting that it was a difficult time for the council as it was still undertaking the task of balancing the books in line with the reduction in grant from central government. Frontline, discretionary services are being looked at. Reserves are being spent on capital investment to create a better income. An IT and Business program created by Hampshire County Council is being used by other councils and therefore creating an income.

Hampshire County Council has taken over the running of Children's Services on the Isle of Wight. This has allowed a good level of school improvements and the level of knowledge and competence is higher than it would have been.

Cllr Mulhall asked about the recent survey on council spending. Cllr Mans explained that following the Haringday Report, councils must demonstrate that they have consulted the public on their views on spending, although the consultation results would not necessarily have to be considered. Cllr Mans did say that the results from this consultation were mostly in line with what was being done. He also pointed out that the survey was a useful tool to keep in kilter with what people were thinking.

6.0. To receive a report by the District Councillor for East Boldre

Councillor not present having given apologies.

7.0. Public session

None.

8.0. Finance.

8.1. 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>
Payments 08/08/17			
K Penna (K Wright)	100606	Salary	£597.13
K Penna (K Wright)	100607	Expenses	£43.82
Total to pay			£640.95
Amount to be transferred to current account			£700.00
Receipts as at 08/08/17		Receipts	
Source		Detail	Amount
Interest			.62
Total income			£0.62
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 08/08/17			
HSBC Current			£954.89
HSBC Savings			£23,484.43
Total			£24,439.32
Net bank balance as at 08/08/17			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	19,818.44		
Add receipts	9987.59		
Less payments	5462.50		
Less uncleared cheques	95.79		
Total			£24,439.32

8.2. To receive a budget update.

It was noted that the budget was running to schedule. Cllr Husband will look at other possible ways of investing the reserves which may give a better income than the interest currently received through the bank account.

8.3. To consider the costs of a NFDC speeding device in the parish.

A discussion was held on the benefits of this and which device would be most appropriate. The clerk will send out the previous data from the black box device and ask of the possibility of a free deployment of a device which we had previously been offered.

Resolved: The item will be discussed at a future meeting.

8.4. To consider a grant request from East Boldre School Fields Trust for fireworks.

Agreed: The Club Pack of fireworks will be purchased by the council.

9.0. Planning.

9.1. To consider tree work application 17/0654 Hatchet Mill.

Resolved: No comment.

10.0. Amenities

10.1. To receive an update on the Taste of East Boldre event. (From Allotment Association)

The Taste of East Boldre was held last weekend on the Sunday in all that rain! It was no surprise that takings were down markedly on last year's £300 in fact, after expenses, we made £173.76. However, we would like to thank all those who helped either with produce, setting up on the day, donations or simply coming along and supporting we were so grateful for all your input. The produce table was very impressive and as part of the refreshments, soup made from allotment veg was served - very warming on what turned out to be chilly day.

11.0. To receive an update on Superfast Broadband in the parish.

The broadband cabinet at hatchet is live and orders can be taken. Residents will have to contact their broadband suppliers. Some councillors have already placed orders and will report back at the next meeting on the progress of their orders and the strength of the signal.

12.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

Resolved: Broadband update, Community Shop.

13.0. The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on 10th October.

Meeting closed 8.05pm