

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.00pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chairman

Cllr Gray

Cllr D Surplice

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr B Gregory

Cllr M Sterling

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

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

None

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Holmes, Cllr Gray and Cllr Drodge declared an interest in item 9.3.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2015

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

4.0. Public session

None.

5.0. Clerk's report

5.1. The clerk met with Nigel Collins from NFDC to discuss the possibility of replacing the litter bins in the parish with pony safe bins. Mr Collins will be contacting the clerk with figures for this although he outlined that there is no funding in this year's budget for the bins and it is likely to only be partly funded by the NFDC, the remaining funding to come from the parish.

5.2. The clerk has received an email from the clerk of Denny Lodge concerning training for new councillors. They will not be training new councillors until after the elections.

5.3. Two allotment holders on site 1 have requested to erect sheds on their new plots, and a new allotment holder is taking on the last vacant plot on site 1 meaning that site is now full again.

Another resident has shown interest in at least one whole plot on site 2. The clerk will be contacting plot holders next week to ask for their planned continuance of their plots for 2015/16.

5.4. The clerk received correspondence from a resident questioning 1) Should the P.C. consider getting behind the move to keep the New Forest museum archive Open fully?

2) The Well on the corner of Main Road and St Leonards, use to have a padlock on it. The clasp has rotted through, the padlock gone. Is this the responsibility of the Water Board, the Forestry Commission or the P.C.?

The resident has contacted the clerk again to say that in relation to item 1 they attended a volunteers meeting a Lyndhurst and it appears that they hope to get volunteers to run the library and help out at the museum in Lyndhurst. The NPA are going to run a volunteer group to scan items in from the library and make them available on the internet. So it looks like it is going to be kept going. In relation to item 2 the resident will contact the water board.

5.5. The School Fields Trust have organised a fund raising evening at the Turfcutters Arms on 26th February. The clerk has further details if anyone wishes to attend.

5.6. The new email system is now in place. Some councillors have experienced initial problems but if all councillors could try and access their new accounts it will be helpful to establish whether any issues remain. Once it is established that all accounts are active and working correctly, the clerk will use these accounts for emailing councillors.

5.7. The clerk attended an update meeting with the Allotment Association and two councillors involved in 'A Taste of East Boldre' being organised for September 2015. All is going to plan and there are many organisations interested in taking part. Please ask the clerk if you would like any further information.

5.8. The clerk will be taking two weeks holiday from the 17th March.

5.9. The clerk will be meeting the Lengthsman at allotment site 2 tomorrow as he is boxing in the water taps and looking at the hedging on both sites.

5.10. The 'Information received' and the 'Pending' list have been circulated to all councillors.

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

Clr Vickers informed the meeting that the District Council are trying to convince the Government that commercial cycle events should be licensed. He also informed the council that after six original bidders interested in buying Marchwood Military Port, it has been sold to Associated British Port who have also purchased the adjacent Marchwood Industrial Estate.

8.0. To receive a presentation from Gail Allen the Village Agent Co-ordinator.

Presentation postponed until the next month's meeting.

9.0. Finance

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

Council noted the slight increase in the cost of the Mypex due to a better quality being ordered.

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 10/02/15			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100448	Salary	£459.33
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100449	Expenses	£96.96
Royal Mail Group Ltd	100450	PO Box	£313.01
QVS Marketing Ltd	100451	Mypex	£166.95
Total to pay			<u>£1036.25</u>
Amount to be transferred to current account			<u>£1000.00</u>
		Receipts	
Source		Detail	Amount
HSBC		Jan interest	£0.80
Total income			<u>£0.80</u>
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 06/02/15			
HSBC Current			£1,130.89
HSBC Savings			£17,257.52
Total			<u>£18,388.41</u>
Net bank balance as at 06/02/15			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	12,630.32		
Add receipts	17,125.49		
Less payments	11,367.40		
Total			<u>£18,388.41</u>

Chairman's signature:

Date: 10/03/15

9.2. To receive a grant request from New Forest Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Resolved: A grant of £175.00 is agreed to New Forest Citizen's Advice Bureau. **ACTION KP**

9.3. To discuss allotment rent increase for 2015/16.

The Council discussed the increased costs of maintaining the allotments including the possible rent increase from the Forestry Commission. It was also noted that the water bills last year were not quite covered by the charges to plot holders for water. The allotment rents have remained the same for the past three years.

Resolved: The council agreed to increase allotment rents by approximately 10% and water charges by approximately 10%. The councillors who declared an interest in this item did not vote. The charges table is attached to these minutes. **ACTION KP**

9.4. To confirm appointment of Internal Auditor.

Resolved: Council agreed to Eleanor Greene of Do The Numbers Ltd as internal auditor for 2015. **ACTION KP**

9.5. To approve payment for ICO.

Resolved: Council approved payment to ICO for £35.00. **ACTION KP**

9.6. To receive an update on the requirements of the new Transparency Code for smaller councils.

The clerk outlined the financial documents which should be published by councils with a turnover of £25,000.00 or less by July 2015. The publishing of these items will eventually replace the external audit although the date for this is as yet unknown. **ACTION KP**

10.0. Planning.

10.1. To consider current planning application 15/00075 Broadband cabinet on land opposite Brackenrigg.

Resolved: The clerk has been informed that the planning application was registered using the incorrect procedure, another application is due soon.

10.2. To consider tree work applications 15/0065 St John's Cottage; 15/0059 3 Strawberry Field; 15/0032 Wells close; 15/0110 Bartley House; 15/0117 New House.

Resolved: No comment on any of the tree work applications.

11.0. To confirm dates for a meeting with Beaulieu and Boldre parish councils to discuss the SLR insurance claim.

Resolved: The council agreed to February 20th, 23rd, 26th 27th, March 2nd, 5th as all being possible dates for the meeting. **ACTION KP**

12.0. To discuss the setting up of a Facebook page for the council.

The clerk completed the social media training and noted that Facebook along with Twitter is one of the best social media tools for reaching residents of the parish and relaying the work of the council. The council already has a Twitter account.

Resolved: The council agreed to the clerk setting up an East Boldre Parish Council Facebook page. **ACTION KP**

13.0. To consider ideas for a presentation at the Annual Parish Assembly.

Resolved: The council agreed to a talk by Peter Roberts entitled 'The Changing 19th Century Forest' at the cost of £55.00. Gail Allen the Village Agent Co-ordinator will also make a presentation. **ACTION KP**

14.0. To consider the use of the projector by a third party.

Resolved: The council agreed to the use of the projector by the Village Hall Committee on agreed dates. The council requested that the insurance of the projector be established whilst in use by the third party.

ACTION KP

15.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

15.1. Broadband in the New Forest on Wednesday 28th January at Minstead Hall- attended by Cllr Kevin Holmes.

The meeting was a launch of the New Forest Community Broadband Engagement Plan.

15.2. New Forest Association of Local Councils.

New Forest Association of Local Councils meeting attended by the clerk on Thursday the 15th January 2015 at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst.

Bob Jackson, Executive Director of NFDC provided an update on the recently announced Local Government Finance Settlement for 2015/16. The main points highlighted were that there would be no increase in Council Tax for the sixth year and that front line services had remained protected.

Neal Martin from the Cycling Liaison group reminded members that the Cycling Code has been produced and is being widely promoted.

Rosemary Rutins, NFDC Democratic Services Manager briefed members on the election timetable and associated matters before/after 7 May, 2015. The slides from this presentation are attached to the NFALC meeting minutes sent out to councillors.

Steve Avery gave a brief update on the NPA Management Plan consultation. Responses are currently being reviewed and the intention is to go out to public consultation on a revised draft plan later in the Spring.

A representative from Minstead Parish Council proposed consideration for a strategic cycle network along the A337. The NFALC strongly supported this proposal and the NFNPA were to include this additional action point to their Management Plan update.

15.3. SE Quadrant meeting.

No councillors were available to attend.

16.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting

Confirmed as 6.15pm on 10th March 2015 in East Boldre Village Hall to be followed by Annual Parish Assembly at 7.00 pm.

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Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Allotment charges

Year	Full 160 rods/1012 sq m	Three Quarter 120 rods/753 sq m	Half 80 rods/500 sq m	Quarter 40 rods/253 sq m	Eighth 20 rods/125 sq m	Included
2007	£30		£18.50			NSALG + Ins
2008	£32		£19.50	£13.25		NSALG + Ins
2009	£36		£18	£9		NSALG
2010	£42		£25	£15.50	£11	NSALG + Ins
2011	£42	£34.50	£25	£15.50	£11	NSALG + Ins
2012	£45 + £20 water	£37 + £15 water	£27 + £10 water	£16.50 + £5 water	£11.50 + £2.50 water	NSALG + Ins
2013	£45 + £20 water	£37 + £15 water	£27 + £10 water	£16.50 + £5 water	£11.50 + £2.50 water	NSALG + Ins
2014	£45 + £20 water	£37 + £15 water	£27 + £10 water	£16.50 + £5 water	£11.50 + £2.50 water	NSALG + Ins
2015	£50 + £22 water	£41 + £16.50 water	£30 + £11 water	£18.50+£5.50water	£13.00 + £2.75 water	NSALG + INS

Based on average 30 holders £2 NSALG pp + £4 insurance pp

Chairman's signature:

Date: 10/03/15