

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at 6.15pm 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 Thornber, County Councillor; 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 8.6.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 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. Following the meeting with Nigel Collins from NFDC to discuss the possibility of replacing the litter bins in the parish with pony safe bins, Mr Collins has contacted the clerk to say that the usage of the bins will be established before any proposals are made.

5.2. The internal audit has been booked for the 11th of June with Eleanor Greene from Do the Numbers Ltd.

5.3. There has been a very good response from allotment holders wishing to continue with their plots and invoices will go out at the end of March.

5.4. A further reminder that the clerk will be on holiday for 2 weeks from the 17th March.

5.5. Councillor Mulhall reported to the clerk that the wooden gate structure opposite the sign to East Boldre has been badly damaged. FC have informed the clerk that it is not their responsibility. The clerk will ask the Lengthsman to look at it and advise on its repair.

5.6. The Lengthsman has almost completed his agreed hours for the year. The clerk has a copy of these hours and the works undertaken if anyone would like to see them. It is uncertain whether the scheme will be funded for another year by HCC. As soon as this is made clear, the matter will be added to the next agenda.

5.7. The East Boldre Parish Council Facebook page is now live. If you have a Facebook account can I ask you please to 'LIKE' the page. Also if you have any historical photographs of East Boldre which can be used on the page please let me know.

5.8. A Parish Briefing Note 15/00105 for land opposite Brackenrigg, Main Road, East Boldre was received after the agendas had been placed. The clerk requested an extension but this was not possible due to a four week timescale for 'prior approvals'.

5.9. The newsletter is now ready for printing.

Chairman's signature:

Date: 14/04/15

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

Councillor Thornber reported that the County Council Tax which is 85% of the precept has been frozen for 2015/16 and 2016/17, meaning a seven year freeze. £130 million of savings have had to be made and although 1800 staff have been lost, there have been no cuts to the front line service. Another £100 million has to be found which will result in further staff losses. Staff wages and allowances have been frozen.

Councillor Thornber gave figures to show that the education results for Hampshire are ahead of the national averages. On the down side Councillor Thornber pointed out that the United Kingdom which used to be in the top 5 of 30 nations for education results, are now 23rd out of 30. This decline must of course have implications for our education system.

A guidance document is being produced to outline repairs to roads. All planned works will be advised to The Verderers, Forestry Commission, Natural England and contractors.

Councillor Thornber raised the question of broadband for East Boldre and outlined the varying positions for parishes in the New Forest. Out of 96 cabinets in the New Forest, 49 are live and 47 have a delay. The meeting with the Verderers to discuss the cabinets highlighted that in the Verderers' view all other options of locating the cabinets must be exhausted before approaching them. Mitigating land must be offered against the land taken for the cabinets. The delays are causing a lot of difficulty.

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

Councillor Vickers had received a report from an East Boldre resident about the vagrant who is currently living rough in the parish. The police can do nothing unless the man is deemed to be making a nuisance of himself.

Councillor Vickers asked the council about the progress of the meeting to discuss the SLR insurance claim. The clerk informed Cllr Vickers that all the dates offered to Beaulieu PC had now passed. The Beaulieu clerk will be contacting East Boldre PC with some more dates.

Finally Cllr Vickers noted that as his term as councillor is coming to an end and if the parish Council need help with any matters, please let him know as soon as possible.

8.0. Finance.

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

The payment to the Advertiser&Times is based on the original quotation. The invoice received from the Advertiser&Times was incorrect and a new invoice is being sent. The payment will not be made until the new invoice is received.

ACTION KP

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 10/03/15			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100452	Salary	£459.33
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100453	Expenses	£50.83
ICO	100454	Data Protect	£35.00
NSALG	100455	Subs	£75.00
New Forest citizen's Advice Bureau	100456	Grant S137	£175.00
Advertiser&Times	100457	APM advert	£49.92
Peter Roberts	100458	APM speech	£55.00
Total to pay			£900.08
Amount to be transferred to current account			£900.00
Receipts			
<i>Source</i>		<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
HSBC		Feb interest	£0.75
Grindrod		Allotm. rent	£41.00
Total income			£41.75
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 06/03/15			
HSBC Current			£1,135.64
HSBC Savings			£16,258.27
Total			£17393.91
Net bank balance as at 06/03/15			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	12,630.32		
Add receipts	17,167.24		
Less payments	12,403.65		
Total			£17393.91

8.2. To receive final budget review.

Resolved: The final budget review was received and it was noted that the reserves were looking very good. This was partly due to the Lengthsman Scheme which has reduced maintenance costs. It was also noted that there may possibly be a payment made for the printing of the Parish Guide in the 2014/15 accounts with the income of the guide then showing in the 2015/16 accounts. The final budget review is attached to the back of the minutes.

ACTION KP

8.3. To agree a date for finance meeting.

Resolved: The finance meeting will be held directly before the April council meeting.

8.4. To confirm clerk's pay and agreed hours.

It was noted that the clerk is working over her agreed hours and that new pay scales have been received from HALC. Consideration for an increase in the clerk's agreed hours will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION KP

Chairman's signature:

Date: 14/04/15

Resolved: The clerk's pay was confirmed as scale point 23 of the NJC for LGS which equates to £10.603 per hour. The agreed hours are confirmed as 10 hours per week.

8.5. To receive a grant application from East Boldre Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Thornber offered to match the grant agreed by the council for the Village Hall Committee.

Resolved: The council agreed a grant of £250.00 to be matched by Councillor Thornber.

ACTION KP

8.6. To consider quotation for hedge cutting at allotment site 1.

The clerk noted that it was getting considerably harder to get quotations for the hedge cutting as previous contractors were not keen to quote again for work they had not been offered previously. The clerk had contacted two contractors and the Lengthsman for quotes but at the time of the meeting only the quote from the Lengthsman had been received. It was also noted that the nesting season is almost here and that it was the clerk's oversight in not obtaining quotes sooner.

Resolved: The council agreed to the quotation of £550.00 from the Lengthsman.

9.0. Planning.

9.1. To consider current planning applications.

Resolved – Planning application resolved as shown on schedule below.

15/00114 E MacWilliam	Turnstone Cottage, Main Road, East Boldre, SO42 7WU	Render exterior of dwelling	Comment 5
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9.2. To consider tree work application 15/0159 Staddlestones; 15/0175 3 New Inn Lane; 15/0183 2 New Inn Lane.

Resolved: No comments.

9.3. To consider consultation on New Forest National Parks Revisions to Local Planning.

Resolved: No comment.

10.0. To consider supporting URGE in the provision of free cycle repairs for East Boldre residents.

Resolved: Council agreed to support the project.

ACTION KP

11.0. To discuss village signage.

Following the installation of the new signage to East Boldre, the council had asked Hampshire County Council for the possibility of having another sign which could be viewed by traffic travelling from the Beaulieu direction. HCC have contacted the council for consultation on the positioning of the sign.

Resolved: Council agreed with the positioning of the sign as suggested by HCC. **ACTION KP**

12.0. To confirm recent policy reviews.

Resolved: Review of the News Media Policy, Retention of Documents, Allotment Livestock Rules, Complaints Policy and Risk Management Policy were confirmed.

13.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

Resolved: None.

14.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting

Confirmed as 7.00 pm on 14th April 2015 in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm.

Chairman's signature:

Date: 14/04/15

EAST BOLDRE PC BUDGET 2014/15

	Actual	Budget	F'cast	To date
	2013/14	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15
Income				
Precept	15000	15000	15000	15000
Bank Interest	7	5	9	9
Allotments rentals	1565	1721	1496	1496
Allotments water	252	260	242	242
Parish guide	0	1000	0	0
Grants	587	0	0	0
VAT recovered	123	0	378	378
Total Income	17534	17986	17125	17125
Expenditure				
<i>Administrative Expenditure</i>				
Salaries, PAYE & NI	5389	5356	5512	4593
Stationery and postage	400	650	600	555
Travel Allowance	244	300	270	243
Equipment	639	300	85	85
Office Allowance	400	400	400	333
VAT paid	378			311
Training	356	300	150	150
Total Admin cost	7806	7306	7017	6270
<i>Operating Expenditure</i>				
Newsletter	0	600	600	245
Parish guide	0	900	900	0
Hall Hire	220	260	250	250
Audit & legal fees	427	500	420	385
Insurance	372	400	364	364
Subscriptions	366	380	484	484
Advertising	0	50	80	30
S137 Grants	550	500	500	300
Grants	326	700	700	297
Chairman's expenses	0	60	60	0
Parish plan	0	100	0	0
Website	425	250	300	300
Total Op. Cost	2686	4700	4658	2655
<i>Parish maintenance</i>				
Seats	0	200	200	0
Bus shelter	0	200	100	0
Notice Boards	0	100	100	0
Parking bays	0	1000	0	0
Speed Limit Reminder	0	500	500	0
<i>Allotments</i>				
Rent, ins, NSALG	697	710	694	694
Water	232	260	273	273
Hedging	920	900	500	0
Fencing	0	1000	2144	2144
Other maintenance	0	500	364	364
Total Maint. Cost	1849	5370	4875	3475
Grand Total Expenditure	12341	17376	16550	12400
Summary				
Total Income	17534	17986	17125	17125
Total Expenditure	12341	17376	16550	12400
Surplus (shortfall)	5193	610	575	4725
General Fund				
Opening balance	7413	12630	12630	
Add surplus above	5193	610	575	
Closing balance	12,630	13240	13205	0

NOTES

VAT claim to be submitted after meeting for £311

No income from Guide for this year

New councillors training

2nd newsletter ready

Not inc CAB £175 S142

Fencing estimated £2920
Inc
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