

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at 7pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chairman

Cllr M Husband

Cllr B Hawker

Cllr I Moyse

In attendance – Mrs Nicola Curzon, Parish Clerk; and three members of the public.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Sterling

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2018

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

At the last meeting Cllr Husband requested that actions arising from the last meeting should be added as an agenda item for future meetings. This was discussed during councillor training on 26th June and it was agreed that actions arising from the last meeting should be added to the clerk's report.

4.0 To receive the clerk's report. For information only

- The clerk is pleased to report that the allotments are all looking tidy and all plot holders are taking great care to minimize water consumption during this hot spell.
- On Tuesday 26th June, HALC ran a very successful training session for our councillors, along with guest councillors from Boldre and Hordle. A second training session will be held at the end of July.
- The Verderers have agreed that the Parish Council can take over the Football Pitch, Councillor Husband will update the council about this in agenda item 12.0.
- Cllr Husband has also contacted Shaun Dayer who is available in either August or September to update the council on BT's progress with Super-fast Broadband.
- The Clerk has spoken to the community Heart Beat team who say that no training is necessary in how to use the defibrillator, however 4 residents were given basic training when it was first installed.
- Councillor Hawker has done some research into community CPR training. Tuesday 16th October is Restart a Heart Day 2018. The purpose is to encourage the involvement of a very wide group of people (especially the young) to learn CPR. A pack is available (£ 400) which could be used to train 50 people. The training is by way of a DVD, but perhaps could be enhanced by a retired medical professional supporting training. Councillor Hawker will investigate this further and suggests that CPR and First Aid training for residents is added to the next agenda.
- The clerk also contacted other local parish councils to research the use and availability of a community bus service. There is already an established and successful "Cango" service operating in the New Forest: Sway contributes to this, along with New Milton Town Council and Hordle Parish Council. The service is provided by Hampshire County Council. A link to the cango service has been sent to all councillors. Brockenhurst does not have a community

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bus service (presumably because it already has good transport facilities). Having posted a query on the clerk's forum, the clerk has received several responses:

There are several community bus services in Wiltshire, they are all volunteer-led, self-supporting but largely depending on grants awarded by local councils. The clerk has forwarded all information and links to councillors.

- Councillor Mulhall also attended the council transport representative's meeting in Lyndhurst on 7/6/18 and a further community transport meeting in Winchester on 16/6/18. He has completed the Passenger Transport Consultation questionnaire as a response from the council. This has been circulated to councilors for approval. It has been agreed that the clerk will send it to HCC as East Boldre Parish Council's response to the HCC questionnaire.
- On behalf of East Boldre Parish Council, Councillor Mulhall has drafted a response to the planning inspectorate, for the appeal of the West Moors planning application. This draft was circulated amongst all councillors for approval and has now been sent to the planning inspectorate.

5.0 To receive a report by County Councillor for East Boldre. For information only.

Cllr Mans told the parish council that HCC is putting pressure on the department of local government to reduce future expenditure cut backs. He also assured the council that Hampshire Highways are making the most of the current dry weather to make repairs to potholes. HCC has invested in two "Dragons" which are used to seal pothole repairs very effectively. They have also invested in robotic lawn mowers for verge cutting which enable drivers to remotely control the mowers, reducing the need for coning off roads during mowing. Cllr Mans received comments from the parish council about the lack of hedge and grass cutting along Hampshire Highways verges, reducing visibility and making signs difficult to read. He will feed these comments back to HCC.

13.0. To discuss the passenger transport consultation questionnaire.

Resolved: Due to time constraints, Item 13.0. on the agenda was discussed before Cllr Mans left the meeting. HCC is in a period of consultation over proposed changes to the charging policy for public transport for those over retirement age. The HCC is seeking feedback from residents and local councils on proposals to charge a fee for bus passes and an approximate fee of 50p per journey on public buses. Both proposals would require a change in legislation. Cllr Mulhall expressed concerns about the consequences of charging a fee for journeys: Increased handling of money could slow down bus services; journeys requiring multiple bus changes could cost significantly more than 50p. Cllr Mans told the council that all proposals need more investigation but that significant progress to smart technology should minimise the use of cash payments.

6.0. To receive a report by District Councillor for East Boldre. For information only.

Cllr Harris was not present

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7.0. Public session.

Two members of the public asked if they could discuss the village football pitch (item 12.0.)

8.0. Finance.

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

| <i>Payee</i> | <i>Cheque Number</i> | <i>Item</i> | <i>Payment</i> |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Payments date 10/7/18 | | | |
| Nicola Curzon | 100673 | Salary | £543.05 |
| Nicola Curzon | 100674 | Expenses | £88.82 |
| Heart beat | 100675 | annual support cost | £151.00 |
| Halc | 100676 | HR consultancy service | £180.00 |
| Viking Direct | 100677 | filing cabinet and files | £322.73 |
| Halc | 100679 | Councillor training | £960.00 |
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| Total to pay | | | £2,245.60 |
| Amount to be transferred to current account | | | £2,000.00 |
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| Receipts as at date | | Detail | Amount |
| | | Allotment rents | £132.00 |
| | | bank interest | £1.22 |
| | | | £133.22 |
| Bank reconciliation | | | |
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| Balance as at date | | | |
| HSBC Current | | | £1,146.38 |
| HSBC Savings | | | £27,393.16 |
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| Total | | | £28,539.54 |
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| Net bank balance as at date | | | |
| The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows | | | |
| Opening balances | | | £22,984.54 |
| Add receipts | | | £10,798.12 |
| Less payments | | | -£5,874.32 |
| Less uncleared cheques | | | £631.20 |
| Total | | | £28,539.54 |

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

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9.0. Planning.

9.1. To consider planning application: 18/00448 - 10 Warton Close, East Boldre

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| 18/00448 | 10 Warton Close, East Boldre, Brockenhurst, SO42 7WW | Single storey rear extension | 4/7/18 | The Council found it hard to comment because they were not given Parish Notes to accompany this application. There is insufficient information on the planning drawings and it not clear if there has been any previous extension work. The council would like to see the Parish Notes before making any comment on this application. | 10/7/18 |
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9.2. To consider tree applications: CONS/18/0518 Homleigh, Main Road; CONS/18/0519 Hatchet Mill, Main Road; CONS/18/0553 Nyewood, Main Road.

Resolved: no comment

10.0. To discuss the impact of the Waterside development on local traffic.

Resolved: NFDC Local Plans are in consultation stage. Comments must be made by 12th August. Cllr Moyses agreed to draft a response on behalf of the Parish Council expressing concern about:

- The impact on local forest traffic
- The impact on forest wildlife.

Cllr Husband suggested requesting a traffic count now and a second count after the development is complete.

A member of the public requested the inclusion of a comment to re-instate the railway line as a way of reducing traffic (however this has already been ruled out as an option because of the Totton crossing). A suggestion to introduce a tramline could be a valid alternative. Action IM

11.0. To receive an update on progress of superfast broadband coverage throughout East Boldre

Resolved: Cllr Husband will invite Shaun Dayer to the Parish Council meeting on 11th September, to update the council on progress of coverage in the village. Action MH

12.0. To receive an update on East Boldre football pitch.

Resolved: Cllr Husband told the council that Paul Grugeon tabled a request at the Verderers Court in July, for East Boldre Parish Council to take over the lease for the football pitch. This was successful, it was agreed that the council would pay a rent of £200 p.a, with a notice period of 6 months for either the council or Verderers to end the contract. The council has agreed to remove all old fencing, rubbish and bins, infilling all holes with New Forest soil. The goal posts will remain in place. The council will then install eight new chestnut restraining posts. The council agreed to contract Stride fencing to carry out this work. Cllr Husband told the council that if a village football club for local children is re-instated, he would be happy to ask Paul Grugeon to request at the Verderers Court that appropriate new fencing could be re-installed. Action MH

14.0. To consider a grant application from Citizens Advice New Forest.

Resolved: The clerk will contact Citizens Advice and ask them to complete the grant application form which is available on the Parish Council website. Action NC

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15.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

Resolved: Cllr Mulhall attended two passenger transport meetings, points from these meetings were discussed in items 4.0. and 13.0.

16.0. Agenda items for meeting on 11th September

To discuss possible uses for the BT telephone Kiosks, recently adopted by the parish council.

To consider the proposal to run first aid and CPR for volunteers in the village.

To receive a broadband update from Shaun Dayer (from BT)

To receive an update on the Community Hub project.

17.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on 11th September 2018 in East Boldre Village Hall with a meeting on 14th August only if there are any urgent matters