

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.00 pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Mr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr D Drodge
Cllr M Sterling
Cllr M Gregory
Cllr H Green

In attendance –Councillor Keith Manns, County Councillor; Councillor Michael Harris, District Councillor; Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and ten members of the public.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Councillor Brian Mulhall; Bruce and Ruth McDermott, Allotment Association.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr K Holmes and Cllr D Drodge declared an interest in items 10.1. 10.2. and 10.3.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2017

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

4.0. Public session

A resident asked the progress on enquiries into the East Boldre football pitch. The clerk had contacted the Forestry Commission about the matter and was waiting to hear back from them. It appeared that the lease on the pitch had not been active for many years. Another resident attended the meeting to question the council on their nonattendance at the NFNPA Planning Committee meeting in reference to application 17/00859. The resident stated her disappointment that the parish council had pushed the application to committee and then failed to attend. It was explained that it was unfortunate circumstances which meant the council were unable to attend the meeting. However, it was noted that the parish council's comments had been taken on board by the New Forest National Park Association in making their decision. The council assured the resident they would do their level best to ensure that this situation did not arise again. The resident asked that her upset was minuted.

5.0. Clerks' report and information received

- 5.1. The clerk is waiting to hear back from the Forestry Commission regarding the future of the football pitch in East Boldre.
- 5.2. The defibrillator VETS phone number is now up and running and the clerk is now waiting to hear back about a training date for using the defibrillator.
- 5.3. The clerk has received yet another reminder of payment supposedly due from the council to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company. This is the third reminder for outstanding invoices. The clerk has contacted the group to once again, tell them that this invoice is not due by East Boldre Parish Council.
- 5.4. A survey has been received from Rural Services Network. The clerk will complete the survey unless any councillors would like to do it.
- 5.5. 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.

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

Cllr Manns introduced himself to the meeting and said although he would be unable to attend every meeting he would get to as many as possible. He explained that we are still in times of austerity and HCC are running a 'Balance the Budget' consultation. He asked that everyone looked at the consultation online and commented on it. The council is constantly looking at ways of saving office expenses and working digitally helps towards this. Cllr Manns offered to check the planning application 17/00859 but reaffirmed that comments made by parish councils are always considered. The councillor said he is on the side of broadband users and that HCC are putting more pressure on BT Openreach. The Chairman suggested that item 17.0. be brought forward and discussed after the District Councillors report.

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

Councillor Harris, on the matter of broadband praised Cllr Green on his tactful, diligent and persistent approach to his dealings with broadband stakeholders. Cllr Harris stated he felt all new houses built should without question have superfast broadband delivered to the door. New Forest District Council are also busy balancing the books and prioritising statutory services. They are looking to improve commercial enterprise in a bid to prepare for further funding cuts.

Cllr Harris talked about the FC Design Plan and the concerns for the end of timber production in the Forest, leading to the need to import wood.

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 11/07/17 | | | |
| K Penna (K Wright) | 100597 | Salary | £597.13 |
| K Penna (K Wright) | 100598 | Expenses | £45.92 |
| East Boldre Village Hall | 100599 | Hall hire | £250.00 |
| Total to pay | | | £893.05 |
| Amount to be transferred to current account | | | £1200.00 |
| Receipts as at 11/07/17 | | | |
| <i>Source</i> | | <i>Detail</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
| Allotment rents | | | £30.00 |
| Total income | | | £30.00 |
| Bank Reconciliation | | | |
| Balance as at 11/07/17 | | | |
| HSBC Current | | | £681.07 |
| HSBC Savings | | | £25582.53 |
| Total | | | £26,263.60 |
| Net bank balance as at 11/07/17 | | | |
| The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows | | | |
| Opening balances | 19,818.44 | | |
| Add receipts | 9944.69 | | |
| Less payments | 3970.53 | | |
| Less uncleared cheques | 471.00 | | |
| Total | | | £26,263.60 |

8.2. To receive the internal audit report.

The clerk read out the internal audit report which is attached to the back of these minutes.

8.3. To consider the costs of filling in potholes of the Village Hall carpark in return for allotment plot holders being able to use the carpark in wet weather conditions.

The cost of purchasing and delivery of a bag of hogging is around £70.

Resolved: It was agreed that as this would only benefit one allotment site and that the council had funded a large amount of allotment clearance work over the past year, the Allotment Association would be asked to take on this cost from their funds.

9.0. Planning

9.1. To consider planning applications 17/00482 Plovers; 17/00495 2 Gaza Avenue; 17/00489 18 Sweyns Lease.

Resolved: Planning application resolved as shown on the schedule below.

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| 17/00482 D Pape | Plovers, Main Road, East Boldre. SO42 7WU | Single storey extension; first floor extension; roof alterations; replacement garage; access alterations; brick wall with piers; new fencing; porch; flue; render; cladding | Comment 1 |
| 17/00489 C Cochrane | 18 Sweyns Lease, East Boldre. SO42 7WQ | Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension; 2no rooflights | Comment 1 |
| 17/00495 | 2 Gaza avenue | | No comment required |

10.0. Amenities

10.1. To receive a report on the recent allotment inspection.

The allotment inspection was undertaken on June 14th by Bruce and Ruth McDermott, Kim Penna, parish clerk and Cllr Mark Sterling. The sites were considered to be in a good state. There were only four plot holders who needed to be contacted about the untidiness of their plots and of those, two have already started work to tidy their plots. The allotment sites are both now full with a waiting list of two, one of these from the parish.

10.2. To consider the allotment responsibilities.

Councillors considered the current allotment responsibility list and agreed that it needed no changes. Cllr Holmes asked about the risk assessments. The clerk noted she had received these and would ask the Allotment Association to display them in the community shed. There is currently no allotment representative on site one and it was agreed that with the community shed, a rep was no longer needed.

ACTION KP

10.3. To receive an update on the Taste of East Boldre 2017 event.

The clerk told the meeting that the event was in preparation for Sunday 3rd September. She asked whether anyone would be available to collect the marquee on the evening prior to the event and deliver it to the site on the Sunday morning.

Resolved: Cllr Sterling said he would most probably be able to collect the marquee. If he was unable to do it, Cllr M Gregory said he would be able to assist.

11.0. To consider a response to the New Forest National Park Association Local Plan Review consultation.

It had been noted that the two housing sites in East Boldre had been removed from the plan. It was acknowledged that there is a need for affordable houses in the area to house local families and forest workers. The emphasis of the plan seemed to have moved to Brownfield sites.

12.0. To consider a response to the New Forest National Park Association Future Forest consultation.

Resolved: This item will be added to the next agenda to allow time for councillors to look at it in more detail.

13.0. To consider a response to the Forestry Commission New Forest Design Plan.

Resolved: No comment.

14.0. To consider the development of an emergency response plan.

Resolved: It was considered that no plan was necessary.

15.0. To receive an update on the councillor vacancy.

Following the resignation of Mr Barry Gregory, no residents had come forward to request an election therefore it is hoped a new councillor will be co-opted at the next meeting.

16.0. To receive an update from the Community Shop Group.

The representative from the East Boldre Community Shop group gave an update on the progress so far. The questionnaire had gone out to residents and surrounding areas and around 100 forms had been returned and were now being collated. A public meeting had been arranged to discuss the results although initial views seem to whole heartedly support the project. A visit had been made to Woodgreen Community Shop which had been a great success but highlighted the support and commitment which will be needed to be successful. Councillors were invited to attend the public meeting and a further update will be given at the next parish council meeting.

17.0. To receive an update on broadband.

Cllr Green gave a brief background of the broadband situation to date. The Verderers agreed the cabinet at Beaulieu 1 site in October 2017. The removal of the concrete plinth and the positioning of the new dragon's teeth had not yet been done but the power wayleave is in place. It is hoped that the cabinet will be installed in September but the actual distance benefit of this cabinet is not yet known. The East End cabinet has proved even more complicated but a solution is being worked on. Cllr Green did acknowledge that significant steps had been made. He also raised concerns that residents use the Beaulieu 1 area for parking and he suggested the council write to residents to ask them to refrain from parking there and possibly hinder the progress.

ACTION KP

18.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

No meetings attended.

19.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

Resolved: Councillor co-option and Community Shop.

ACTION KP

20.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on 8th August 2017 in East Boldre village hall.