

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014 at 7.00pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Mr K Holmes Chairman
Cllr B Mulhall

Cllr D Surplice
Cllr M Gaylard
Cllr C Gray

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

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Ross.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Gray and Cllr Holmes declared an interest in item 8.2.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2014

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

4.0. Public session

The resident had attended the meeting due to an interest in item 10.1. The Chairman confirmed he would allow public participation on the item at the appropriate point in the agenda.

5.0. Clerk's report

5.1. The clerk took the planning documents for 'Shore Lark' previously known as 'Primrose Cottage' to the resident who had asked questions at the last meeting about the specifics of the planning. The resident was satisfied after seeing the documents.

5.2. The same resident also informed the clerk that the white lines outside the church in East Boldre have now been painted.

5.3. The Community Payback team have dug the trench for the allotment water pipe at site 1. They also strimmed the vacant plot and it was considered they had done a very good job. Bruce McDermott will be completing the work to the new water pipe this week.

5.4. The clerk has attended the second session of the CiLCA training and is now working on the portfolio for submission.

5.5. Two allotment holders have made written requests to council for permission to erect a shed on their plots.

5.6. An article has been sent to the editor of the Beaulieu, Exbury & East Boldre News together with the council's contact details for publishing in the next issue.

5.7. The 'Information received' list has 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

Cllr Vickers reported that dropped kerbs will be put in at council properties in Sweynes Lease to relieve the parking issues. The work will be undertaken in this financial year and the service will be offered to the privately owned properties in the road at a cost. The parking situation will be assessed again in the future.

Chairman's signature:

Date:

8.0. Finance

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

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 10/06/14			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100410	Salary	£459.33
Cheque Destroyed	100411		£0.00
Sembcorp	100412	Water bill allotment site 1	£42.68
Sembcorp	100413	Water bill allotment site 2	£15.45
Do the Numbers Ltd	100414	Internal audit	£185.00
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100415	Expenses	£247.45
Total to pay			£949.91
Amount to be transferred to current account			£725.00
Receipts			
<i>Source</i>		<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
HSBC		May interest	£0.62
HM Rev & Customs		VAT Repayment	£378.36
Total income			£378.98
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 09/06/14			
HSBC Current	1230.18		
HSBC Savings	18625.50		
Total			19,855.68
Net bank balance as at 09/05/14			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	12,630.32		
Add receipts	9495.09		
Less payments	2269.73		
Total			19855.68

8.2. To receive quotes for replacement outer fencing at allotment site 2.

As a result of two incidences of cattle getting into allotment site 2 it was considered that the outer fencing needs replacing on three sides. Quotes were sought from four fencing companies but only two were able to undertake the work quickly enough and their quotes were received. The cost to replace the fencing is more than allowed for in the 2014-15 budget but there are currently good reserves held and the work is vital. It was suggested an approach is made to the New Forest National Park Sustainability Fund for a grant.

A balance sheet of costs versus income for the allotments will be prepared by the clerk.

ACTION KP

Resolved: Rob Turner will be asked to carry out the erection of the new fencing. If it is easier, it would be acceptable for him to carry out the more urgent areas of fencing initially and return to complete the other areas at a later date.

ACTION KP

8.3. To receive internal audit report.

The report was received with no issues raised. The clerk was congratulated on an excellent report.

Chairman's signature:

Date:

9.0.Planning

9.1. To consider current planning applications

Resolved – Planning application resolved as shown on schedule below.

14/00355 E MacWilli am	Land at Bartley House, Main road. East Boldre.SO42 7WD	Certificate of Lawful Development for use of existing building as an independent dwelling.	Comment 5 – A separate letter will be sent highlighting concerns of the council to the problems of such applications in the parish.
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9.2. To consider tree work application 14/0656; Cloop Cottage, Lymington Road.

Resolved – No comment.

10.0. Highways

10.1. To discuss Forestry Commission lease for parking bay.

Cllr Gaylard outlined the background to the parking bays. The Parish Council originally took on the responsibility of maintaining the parking bays in agreement with the Forestry Commission. The FC has now notified the council that a lease must be taken out for the bays at a cost of £2000.00 for 10 years. This is offered as a reduced cost as it should be £2000.00 for 5 years. The clerk has contacted HCC who have given an approximate price to carry out works on the parking bays to make them safe. The price for this work is around £3000.00. It was felt that the parking bay is an extremely useful amenity for the parish but that the costs well exceeded the council’s budget. Due to the initial costs of the licence and repair work and with no guarantee that no more costs would arise for maintenance of the area together with the possibility of further insurance claims, the council is no longer prepared to maintain responsibility of the area.

Resolved: It was agreed that council will hand back the responsibility of the parking bay to the Forestry Commission. **ACTION KP**

10.2. To receive an update on the village signage.

The village signage design has been confirmed again and the clerk will be contacted as soon as a date for its erection has been agreed.

The original finger arms signs are being refurbished and will be replaced on the post which will be repainted.

10.3. To receive Community Speed Watch update.

After finally receiving contact from PC Morgan Williams we were informed that East Boldre will be unable to join the current Speed Watch programme as it has been ring fenced (although the members of the current programme were keen for East Boldre to join). PC Williams suggested contacting other parishes who may be interested in joining a new scheme. This was done and two other parishes have shown a possible interest (Hordle and Beaulieu PCs). The clerk has since made enquiries on the success of the current scheme running. The issues raised have been listed below.

- Lack of interest from residents in volunteering for the scheme.
- The application form for volunteers has been described as not dissimilar to the form required to become a police officer. It asks such personal questions that some volunteers have backed out at this point.
- The equipment has been described as cumbersome and not easy to move around.
- It is not recommended that volunteers watch in their own area because of abuse and reprisals. But also some volunteers do not want to do out of their area.

It was suggested to get interested parties to sign up to volunteering and training for the scheme before committing to the costly outlay of the equipment.

Resolved: It was agreed by council that the Community Speed Watch programme could be a costly scheme in regards to finance and time. The clerk has already contacted NFDC for a SID deployment but contact will also be made to arrange an SLR deployment through NFDC. **ACTION KP**

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11.0. Amenities

11.1. To discuss new notice board for the parish.

In an aim to attempt to prevent fly posting in the parish, it was suggested that a new notice board could be provided by the council for the display of council and public notices.

Resolved: The clerk will contact East Boldre Village Hall committee and ask them to consider allowing a notice board to be placed on the front wall of the village hall. **ACTION KP**

12.0. To discuss provision for youth facilities in the parish.

Contact from a resident has been received asking that the council considers assisting in the reactivation of the youth club in the parish. The resident has stated they have contacts with parents and teenagers who are interested in the project. They have asked that a flyer be distributed through the parish in order to reach potential helpers.

Resolved: The council agreed they would like to do something for the youth of the village and are happy to consider supporting any volunteers who wish to undertake a youth project in the parish. The council are not prepared to put out a flyer as a request has already been placed in the newsletter and also included in the article for the Beaulieu, Exbury & East Boldre News asking for volunteers to contact the council with any ideas they may have. As yet there has been no response.

The clerk will contact the resident and ask for the contact details of interested parties.

ACTION KP

13.0. To receive an update on the village show

A meeting was held between Cllr Gaylard, the clerk and one member of the Village Hall Committee. The Village Show Time Line was updated and the organisation of the show is progressing as planned.

14.0. To confirm recent policy reviews

The Standing Orders and Finance Regulations have now been reviewed but to allow councillors enough time to read through them they will be confirmed at the next meeting. **ACTION KP**

15.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting

Confirmed as 7.00pm on ~~13th~~ 8th July 2014 in East Boldre Village Hall.

16.0. To discuss recent communications from a resident.

Due to the confidential nature of the business of this agenda item, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) members of the public were excluded during discussion of this agenda item.

A recent communication from a resident raised some points which he asked the council to consider. The points as listed below were discussed and these responses were given.

Councillors advertising their telephone numbers – This has already been discussed at a previous meeting and that response has already been given.

The reactivation of the youth club – This has been discussed at this meeting as an agenda item and a decision has been taken by EBPC.

The newsletter – This has been produced twice per year. It has always been delivered by hand and all councillors and the clerk participate in the production of the newsletter.

Resolved: The clerk will respond to the resident with answers to his questions and these points will not be discussed again.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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