

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 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 M Sterling

Cllr B Hawker

In attendance – Mrs Nicola Curzon, Parish Clerk; Cllr Harris, District Councillor and five members of the public.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

None

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2018

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

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

- Regrettably, Margaret, who has been training the clerk, has required some unexpected hospital treatment. Consequently, she has had to postpone training. As a result, the end of year accounts and budget will now be available in May. We wish Margaret a speedy recovery.
- On 20th March, the clerk received notification from a resident that a pony had broken through the fencing at allotment 2. The lengthsman kindly agreed to repair the fencing and has added the work to the allocated budget for 2018-19 as all funds for 2017-18 have been used.
- The Clerk is pleased to say that allotment plots 4E and 34A have now been let. There are still a couple of allotment plots available to let on allotment 2

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

Cllr Mans was not present.

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

- Cllr Harris informed the council that he is keen to improve broadband services across the whole of the New Forest. He mentioned the introduction of officers to provide a co-ordinated approach to provision of a comprehensive service.
- Cllr Harris also told the council that New Forest District Council will have a stand at the New Forest Show, where they hope to gain feedback about the true picture of internet speeds across the forest and discover where poor service exists.
- Cllr Harris also informed the council about the Film New Forest initiative which has been set up by NFDC and Mark Kermode with backing from Creative England. Film New Forest aims to encourage film companies to use the forest as a filming location. This will have huge economic benefits and will raise the profile of the New Forest.

7.0. Public session.

1. Two members of the public asked if they could discuss the drainage problem opposite the bus shelter, by the bus shelter.

Resolved: Cllr Hawker will contact Sean Marsh at the Forestry Commission, to request that drainage channels are dug and potholes are infilled.

Action BH

2. A member of the public commented on the state of the footpaths, verges and road at Sweynes Lease. The paths are thick with mud and the road needs resurfacing.

Chairman's signature:

Date: 8/5/2018

Resolved: Cllr Harris will speak to Colin Reed from NFDC.

Action MH

8.0. Finance.

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

| <i>Payee</i> | <i>Cheque Number</i> | <i>Item</i> | <i>Payment</i> |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Payments date 10/4/18 | | | |
| Nicola Curzon | 100647 | Salary | £610.94 |
| HMRC | 100648 | National insurance | £179.11 |
| Nicola Curzon | 100649 | Expenses | £98.56 |
| HALC | 100650 | Subscription | £299.00 |
| HPFA | 100651 | Subscription | £40.00 |
| Nicola Curzon | 100652 | Mileage | £16.20 |
| Bournemouth Water Business | 100653 | Allotment 1 water | £168.43 |
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| | | | |
| Total to pay | | | £1,412.24 |
| Amount to be transferred to current account | | | £600.00 |
| | | | |
| Receipts as at date | | | |
| | | <i>Detail</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
| Kim Penna | Bacs | outstanding tax & NI | £95.49 |
| HMRC | Bacs | Vat payment | £233.56 |
| Bank interest | | | £0.88 |
| Bank reconciliation | | | |
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| Balance as at date | | | |
| HSBC Current | | | £994.67 |
| HSBC Savings | | | £21,989.87 |
| Uncleared cheque | 100604 | HALC | -£13.00 |
| Total | | | £22,971.54 |
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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 | | | £19,818.44 |
| Add receipts | | | £17,985.58 |
| Less payments | | | -14832.48 |
| Less uncleared cheques | | | |
| Total | | | £22,971.54 |

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

8.2. To confirm the budget for 2018-19

Resolved: Full accounts will be available for the next council meeting.

8.3. To discuss a previous grant application

Resolved: The clerk will contact the grant applicant, and a cheque will be raised at the meeting in May.

9.0. Planning.

9.1. To consider tree work application: CONS/18/0320

Resolved: No comment.

Chairman's signature:

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10.0. To discuss the use of water and metering at allotment 2.

- On 28th March the Clerk received a telephone call from Bournemouth Water board notifying the council that a large amount of water was being used at allotment 2 (amounting to a bill of £1008.48 for the period May – November 2017).
- After investigation, it was discovered that the meter was spinning rapidly, implying that there is a leak in the pipe leading from the street boundary to the premises.

Resolved: The water at allotment 2 has been turned off at the mains until the leak can be located. Bournemouth Water has given the council 4 weeks to resolve the situation, and 6 weeks from the completed repair to notify the water board of the meter reading. Bournemouth Water has advised the clerk that they have a leak allowance and the council will not be liable for the whole bill. The clerk will contact three plumbers to obtain quotes to disconnect the individually metered water pipes and to install three standpipes for allotment 2, bringing the water access in line with allotment 1. Cllr Sterling also recommended updating the allotment rules to specify that no pipes or individual meters can be run off the standpipes at allotments 1 and 2. The meters at both sites should be read each month to ensure that any water leak is quickly identified.

Action NC**11.0. To receive an update on the village hall meeting.**

Resolved: Cllr Husband informed the council that East Boldre football club has been given until the 30th April to see if they can raise a team and therefore continue using the village football pitch. Cllr Husband will report back to council at the meeting on 8th May.

Action MH**12.0. To receive a broadband update.**

Resolved: Cllr Husband has received all information and contact details collated by Cllr Green. He is happy to continue the role to push for comprehensive broadband coverage for the whole of East Boldre.

Action MH**13.0. To receive an update on the Community Hub project.**

Resolved: Cllr Husband updated the council about the Village Hall Trust project. The proposal involves creating a community hub including a new village shop, post office, theatre and a museum of the Beaulieu airfield history, incorporating the main structure of the current village hall. The trust has submitted a pre-application to the NFNPA which has received positive feedback. They have also held an initial meeting with the Forestry Commission who are generally happy with the proposal. The next step is meetings with the Verderers and Natural England in order to receive “commitment to proceed” with a planning application. The trust is currently raising funds to pay for the architectural plans and ecological surveys needed for a planning application by crowd funding. The Village Hall Trust will hold a public meeting in June to ensure that they have the support of residents of East Boldre for the community hub project. Cllr Holmes suggested that a questionnaire is added to the latest addition of the East Boldre newsletter, asking residents if they are in favour of the project.

Action MH KH**14.0. To discuss the Forestry Commission’s planned verge work in East Boldre.**

Resolved: The Clerk will arrange a meeting between the Forestry Commission Verge Officer and Cllr Holmes, Cllr Mulhall, Cllr Husband, Cllr Drodge and Cllr Hawker.

Action NC**15.0. To discuss the condition of Chapel Lane.**

Resolved: The clerk will contact Peter Stag from Beaulieu estate again, to request that work is carried out on drainage ditches and infilling potholes once Chapel Lane dries out. The clerk will advise the estate to contact residents in advance of the work so that cars can be moved to ensure that the job can be done properly. The clerk will also request that the old speed ramps on the lane are re-instated.

Action NC**16.0. Agenda items for next meeting.**

Resolved: Update on the Village Hall meeting; Update on Community Hub project; Broadband update.

12.0. The next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7.00 pm on 8th May 2018 at East Boldre Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.40pm

Chairman’s signature:

Date: 8/5/2018