

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.00 pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr H Green

Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chair

Cllr D Drodge

In attendance –Cllr M Harris, District Councillor; Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and 14 residents.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr M Sterling; Cllr B Gregory.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Holmes declared an interest in items 8.3. and 11.0.

Cllr Drodge declared an interest in item 8.3.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2016

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

4.0. Public session

The residents present had attended to comment on item 11.0. The chairman gave permission for this item to be discussed in the public session.

Residents made the comments below on the New Forest National Park Draft Local Plan 2016 Consultation

- The two proposed developments would increase the density of housing by a third in that area.
- Concerns that new houses will still not be 'affordable' because of the area they are being built in and the impossibility of ensuring they are 'affordable'.
- Infrastructure in the parish has significantly worsened. Public transport links are almost non-existent.
- Recent services in the parish have been lost due to financial restraints, not through lack of use e.g. Doctors surgery, Mobile library, Lunch Club, Bus services.
- Increased school places will be required as there is no longer a school in the parish.
- The village has no gas supply and poor water pressure already.
- The historic character of the village is groups of housing separated by small paddocks. To start building on these paddocks takes away that character. Where will the development of these paddocks end?
- This kind of increase in housing will lead to a marked increase in traffic in the village and requirement for parking spaces. The issue of parking on forest ground is already an issue in the parish and currently being dealt with by the Forestry Commission.
- If a meaningful dialogue had been established with the parish, housing needs in the area could have been established first.
- These kinds of developments contradict the National Park status and SSSI status.

GAZA AVENUE

- Paddock has a history of agriculture and being used as back up grazing land.
- Development as suggested here would constitute a 'major' development and concerns were raised about the access road and its ability to cope with development traffic.

STRAWBERRY FIELDS

- The existing social club has been leased and used by a local group who have invested a significant amount of money in the upkeep and protection of the building. The group were not informed of the proposed plans despite having a lease on the building.
- Prior to the meeting, some residents of Strawberry Fields stated that they were aware there would eventually be more houses built there and have been expecting it. Two residents stated that they were happy to see more housing in the village as it would give others the opportunity to live in the village. The same opportunity they had been given when the original housing was built in Strawberry Fields.

Cllr Harris told the meeting that every authority was experiencing housing demands. He explained the process of land being put forward for development and reiterated that this is a consultation which the NFNPA are looking for views and feedback from residents. A resident asked the councillor who would build the affordable housing at Strawberry Fields if it goes ahead. Cllr Harris said it would be built and controlled by New Forest District Council.

The Chairman suggested that while residents were present, item 10.0. should be brought forward for the public session.

Cllr Green told the meeting that he and the clerk had attended a meeting with Hampshire County representatives to discuss broadband. He said that the meeting had been productive and Patrick Blogg and Glenn Peacey were very forthcoming with information. They said that an application for the Beaulieu 1 cabinet was to be presented to the Verderers meeting in October.

Cllr Green then told the meeting that this application had since been presented, together with a brilliant presentment given at the meeting by Mr Frederick Norris. Although the minutes of that meeting were not available, Cllr Green had been informed that the Verderers had approved the application. No time frames for deployment were yet known yet but it was hoped to be in the first quarter of 2017.

A representative from the Village Hall Committee wanted to inform the meeting of some interesting news from the hall. They had now extended the lease for the village hall to 60 years and obtained charitable status.

The book entitled 'From Forest field to Western Front' was now available to buy for £15.00 and would raise funds for East Boldre Village Hall. The clerk had a copy to show the meeting. On the 7th January, there will be a Centenary Service and military march to the hall followed by a dinner to commemorate the 84th Squadron.

5.0. Clerks' Report

5.1. The Allotment Association Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 25th October and had an extremely good turnout. A couple of matters were raised by plot holders with the clerk; some clearance and maintenance work highlighted for the Lengthsman; a request for a skip at each site, which the clerk has added to the agenda.

5.2 The owner of 'Wren's nest Cottage' contacted the clerk as she had been informed of the council's concerns on her planning application last month. She informed the clerk that the council had received the incorrect plans for the application. On checking this with NFNPA planning officer it was confirmed that the council had received the only plans which had been submitted by the applicant. It is expected that the amended plans will be resubmitted.

5.3. The Village Hall Committee have raised the issue of the condition of the stage curtains with 'Appleclean' and are waiting to hear how the company intends to rectify the problem.

5.4. Came & Co Ltd have amended the council's insurance to cover the adoption of the phone kiosk. There is no extra cost on this year's insurance but next year there will be a small increase of £11.77.

5.5. The clerk read the East Boldre Art Group poster details.

5.6. The clerk showed the meeting the newly printed village hall book now available to purchase.

5.7. Following the fantastic outcome on broadband at the Verderer's meeting last month, the clerk would like to thank those involved on behalf of the council for all their hard work in moving this process along. Cllr Holmes was involved from the beginning in putting together the grant application on behalf of East Boldre along with other parishes, which was an incredible amount of work. More recently we have received great support from our County Councillor, Ken Thornber who we all know battled tirelessly on the matter. Thanks, must also be given to, for their considerable work behind the scenes; Cllr Howard Green who has kept the process moving and looked at every possible aspect of it to enable its success, and our dedicated resident, Mrs Jo Holmes, who has spoken on behalf of all residents and helped move the item forward by working with Cllr Green. Thanks, must also go to Mr Frederick Norris, Beaulieu Parish Council Chairman who spoke so eloquently at the Verderer's meeting on the matter. We will receive an update from Cllr Green later in the meeting.

5.8. The clerk informed the council that she has let another whole allotment plot on site two.

5.9. The defibrillator was finally delivered this afternoon.

5.10. 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.

County Councillor not present.

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

Cllr Harris had attended the defibrillator training in Beaulieu last week. He said that 10% more people were surviving heart attacks due to the increase in the number of defibrillators.

The problem of fly posting is being looked at. This could include the use of stickers on posters to try and prevent the problem.

Cllr Harris said he would feedback more information about the port development in Marchwood as soon as he knows more.

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.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Payments 05/11/16			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100556	Salary	£597.13
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100557	Expenses	£57.95
Lees and Co LTD	100558	Blackthorn	£34.08
The Community Heartbeat Trust	100559	Defibrillator	£To be confirmed
Total to pay			£689.16
Amount to be transferred to current account			£700.00
Receipts as at 05/11/16		Receipts	
<i>Source</i>		<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bank interest		Interest	£0.84
Total income			£0.84
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 05/11/16			
HSBC Current			£1,198.47
HSBC Savings			£27,377.45
Total			£28,575.92
Net bank balance as at 05/11/16			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	20,255.72		
Add receipts	18,331.14		
Less payments	10,210.94		
Less unclear payments	200.00		
Total			£28,575.92

8.2. To receive a quarterly budget update.

The clerk went through the current budget and forecast. The council's finances are running to schedule. The forecast and budget for 2017/18 will be reviewed further at the Finance meeting.

Resolved: Council agreed to hold the Finance meeting prior to the December council meeting.

ACTION KP

8.3. To consider the costs of further skips for the allotment sites.

Following the Allotment Association AGM the clerk had been asked by plot holders whether a further skip for each site could be arranged in order to remove the remainder of rubbish left by previous plot holders.

Resolved: The council agreed to one further skip for each site at a cost of £380 plus VAT. No further skips would be provided.

ACTION KP

8.4. To consider a grant request from New Forest Disability.

Resolved: The council agreed to a grant of £200.00.

ACTION KP

9.0. Planning.

9.1. To consider planning applications 16/00891 2 Forest View.

Resolved: The application was for a non-material amendment so no comment was required.

9.2. To consider tree work application 16/1006 Ash tree Cottage; 16/1110 The Wheelhouse; 16/1134 Wayside Cottage.

Resolved: No comments on the applications.

10.0. To receive an update on Superfast Broadband in the parish.

Update given in public session.

11.0. To consider a response to the New Forest National Park Draft Local Plan 2016.

Resolved: The clerk will formulate a response from the discussion on the matter and send to councillors before submitting it the NFNPA. **ACTION KP**

12.0. To discuss an East Boldre Parish Plan.

The resident who had shown an interest in working on a parish plan for East Boldre was unable to attend the meeting. However, a second resident has also shown an interest and the item will be added to the next agenda. **ACTION KP**

13.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

No external meetings have been attended.

14.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

Resolved: Defibrillator official opening, Parish Plan. **ACTION KP**

15.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting.

Confirmed as 7.00pm on 10th January 2016 in East Boldre Village Hall with a meeting on 13th December should there be any urgent business.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm