

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2016 at 7.00 pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr H Green

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr B Gregory

Cllr M Gregory

In attendance –Cllr M Harris, District Councillor; Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and 4 residents.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr B Mulhall; Cllr M Sterling; Mrs Stephanie Bennett.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2016

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

4.0. Public session

Cllr Harris gave his report in the public session. He noted that it seems that the process of devolution has been temporarily parked. Cllr Harris said that devolution was a way of maximising benefits to residents by councils working together.

New Forest District Council have renewed their traffic agreement with Hampshire County Council.

Cllr Harris showed the meeting 'The Great British Spring Clean' leaflet which would take place in the spring of 2017.

Cllr Harris also informed the meeting that NFDC funding for the Tourist Information centre at the Lyndhurst Visitor Centre had been withdrawn. The museum and shop will continue to run and it is hoped that Tourist Information will take over the service after it is phased out over the next four years.

NFDC Chairman, Goff Beck had given out awards to local volunteers who were commended for their amazing work. Cllr Harris asked the council to consider any nominations they may wish to make for next year's awards.

A resident suggested to Cllr Harris that another way for the council to save money could be to stop the sporadic street cleaning which takes place in East Boldre. They felt it was a waste of council's money and of no benefit.

Jo Ivey gave a presentation on the 'Shared Forest' project. There are two aspects to the project with many organisations involved. The first is the history of the working forest, 'Ancestor's Eyes' and people are being asked to bring forward old photographs and to talk about them.

The second aspect is an educational programme about commoning. This aims to teach people all about commoning and the importance of the rules of the forest. It is hoped that

through education, people can become more aware of the importance of livestock in the forest, why it is there and how we can all change our ways a little to help protect it. The research phase of the project suggests that many people are completely unaware of who owns the forest livestock and the way it is managed. The project has begun by the increased handing out of Forest Friendly cards, getting businesses and organisations on board to encourage safer driving e.g. by giving delivery drivers more time to make their way through the forest roads. The project has worked with students at Brockenhurst college and wants to encourage Parish Councils to come on board by sharing the word and raising awareness of the project. Jo Ivey gave many statistics on animal accidents in the forest which are available on the Verderers website and the NFNPA website. A discussion took place on methods of protecting livestock further.

5.0. Clerks' Report

5.1. A community shed has been donated to the Allotment Association by Classic Portable Buildings. Thanks very much to them and to Cllr Holmes, Jo Holmes, Martin Adams, Sue Adams and Mark Coulthard for putting up the shed at site one. The shed has now also been painted and is looking great.

5.2. A new plot holder has taken up the last vacant plot on site one. We have another plot holder requiring a plot and she would prefer site one. The clerk has emailed those holders at site one who have not cultivated their plots this year to ask if any of them wish to relinquish their plots.

5.3. As you probably are aware, Cllr Thornber has announced that he will be standing down as councillor for HCC at the end of this term. We hope he will be able to attend a parish council meeting before then so that we can thank him formally for all his hard work over the years. *(Clerk will suggest a whip around to purchase a leaving present).*

5.4. The clerk will be taking a week's holiday over the Christmas period but will be checking for urgent emails.

5.5. The clerk has been contacted by another resident who is interested in joining the council should a vacancy arise.

5.6. In light of the concerns about Avian Flu, the clerk has contacted all allotment holders with poultry on their plots and requested they house their birds in line with DEFRA's Prevention Plan.

5.7. East Boldre Hedgehog Rescue is now looking after 33 hedgehogs. They are in need of newspapers and wet cat food and would be grateful for any donations.

5.8. 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. Finance.

6.1. 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 13/12/16			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100559	Salary	£597.13
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100560	Expenses	£76.76
Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) LTD	100561	Defibrillator	£2051.01
New Forest Disability	100562	Grant	£200.00
Bluefin Insurance Services LTD	100563	Allotment ins	£82.33
Solent Skip Hire LTD	100564	2 x Skips	£510.00
Datacenta Hosting	100565	Email account	£60.00
Total to pay			£3,577.23
Amount to be transferred to current account			£3,700.00
Receipts as at 12/12/16		Receipts	
Source		Detail	Amount
Bank interest		Interest	£0.71
Total income			£0.71
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 12/12/16			
HSBC Current			£809.31
HSBC Savings			£26,878.16
Total			£27,687.47
Net bank balance as at 12/12/16			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	20,255.72		
Add receipts	18,331.85		
Less payments	10,900.10		
Less uncleared cheques	0.00		
Total			£27,687.47

6.2. To agree the 2017/18 precept request.

Item deferred to next meeting.

6.3. To consider the costs of purchasing a microphone.

Agreed: Council agreed to purchase the twin mike PA system at a cost of £185.00.

7.0. Planning.

7.1. To consider planning applications 16/00967 The Wheelhouse; 16/00859 Ash Tree Cottage.

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

16/00967	THE WHEELHOUSE, 8 GAZA AVENUE, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WH	Two storey extension; single storey extension.	Item deferred to next meeting as no parish briefing note was available.
16/00859 D Slade	ASH TREE COTTAGE, LYMINGTON ROAD, EAST END, LYMINGTON, SO41 5SS	Replacement dwelling; temporary siting of mobile home (Demolition of existing dwelling)	Comment 4 The council agreed that the design of the proposed building was not in keeping with other thatched properties in the parish.

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

Cllr Green then gave a brief update on the progress of broadband in the parish. Although the news of the impending cabinet installation at Beaulieu 1 is good news. It is still unclear the amount of broadband coverage this will create in the village. Cllr Green said that the coverage will not stretch as far as was originally hoped and that he is looking into other further provision possibilities. This will be updated at a future meeting. The East End 1 cabinet has been fired up and is being electrically tested. Beaulieu 1 cabinet will at best be delivered in four months but potentially not until October 2017.

9.0. To discuss animal accidents.

This item was discussed in the public session.

Agreed: The council would support the Shared Forest Scheme.

ACTION KP

10.0. To discuss the content of the next newsletter.

Agreed: Broadband; Village Hall book and new lease; Taste of East Boldre 2017; Neighbourhood Plan; Village design Statement; Local Plan issues; Safer Roads/Shared Forest; Verge parking; Hedgehog Rescue; Spring Clean; Defibrillator.

ACTION KP

11.0. To discuss an East Boldre Neighbourhood Plan.

The speaker who was going to give a presentation on Neighbourhood plans was unable to attend the meeting.

Agreed: The item will be added to the next agenda.

ACTION KP

12.0. To discuss the official opening of the defibrillator in the kiosk.

The clerk has found an electrician who is happy to fit the defibrillator, he will be looking at the kiosk this week. The Lengthsman is going to paint the kiosk. It is hoped that the official opening will take place at midday on New Year's Eve. This will be dependent on all areas completing on time. The local paper will be invited to attend the opening. The clerk will keep the council updated.

ACTION KP

13.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

Cllr Holmes attended the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting on Thursday 1st December. The meeting was told that unfortunately, Ash Dieback has now been found in the New Forest.

It was considered that the Funghi Protection Scheme seemed to have been working.

14.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

Resolved: None.

15.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting.

Confirmed as 7.00pm on 10th January 2016 in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm