

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at 7.00 pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr H Green

Cllr B Mulhall

Cllr M Sterling

In attendance – Mrs Stephanie Bennett, Hythe and Dibden Parish Council Clerk; Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and one resident.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr B Gregory; Cllr D Drodge; Cllr M Harris, New Forest District Councillor.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2016

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

4.0. Public session

Stephanie Bennett, the clerk to Hythe and Dibden Parish Council gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans. Stephanie, explained how the council had taken the decision to create a Neighbourhood Plan. Initially a list of the community's and council's concerns were put together and then, the mechanism for creating the plan was agreed. The main headings for the plan were 'Infrastructure' and 'Social,' and some of the subjects highlighted were transport, business, young people, young families and grave space. Stephanie went on to say that a lot of support was received from New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority. A planning specialist will eventually write the final plan which must then be agreed by the planning inspector. One example of the specific details of their Neighbourhood Plan allowed for houses no bigger than three bedrooms to be built in the parish, but with an allowance that loft spaces could be later adapted to provide an extra bedroom if required in the future. Stephanie gave the clerk some Neighbourhood Plan documents she had written for the assistance of her council. This item will be added to the next East Boldre Parish Council meeting agenda for discussion.

5.0. Clerks' Report

5.1. The Lengthsman and his team have begun painting the phone kiosk in preparation for the fitting of the defibrillator. There has been a delay in its fitting due to electrical issues. The opening ceremony is now proposed for the 20th February which is the second-year anniversary of the death of John Kitcher.

5.2. The Village Hall Committee are making a claim to the insurers of the company who worked on the hall curtains. They are hoping for a full refund of the original invoice and the cost of replacing the curtains as they have been damaged beyond repair.

5.3. Cllr Sterling will be attending the 'New Forest - Foot in the past, and an eye to the future' presentation being organised by the New Forest Association.

5.4. The clerk would like to ask councillors to consider any East Boldre residents who they feel should be nominated for the NFDC volunteer awards 2017. Please forward any nominees with reasons for your proposals so they can be forwarded to Cllr Michael Harris.

5.5. We are now in a position of having a waiting list for site one allotments. Following communication with Cllr Sterling and in line with our allotment rules, the clerk will be writing to two current plot holders who have failed to cultivate their plots for a long period of time to give them notice to quit.

5.6. I received an email from a gentleman called David Drake who is Clerk to Compton & Shawford Parish Council and a retired RAF Flight Lieutenant (OBE). He attended the centenary celebrations at the village hall last weekend. He said it was a great weekend and the hospitality provided by the residents of East Boldre was extremely warm. He and his wife felt they could not have been made more welcome. They were also very pleased with the signed copy of "From Forest Field to Western Front". I have contacted Steve Antzac and he is happy to do an article for the newsletter on the event.

5.7. 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.

District Councillor not present.

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 10/01/17 | | | |
| Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) LTD | 100561 | Defibrillator | £2051.01 |
| K Penna (K Wright) | 100566 | Salary | £597.13 |
| K Penna (K Wright) | 100567 | Expenses | £54.16 |
| Astounded | 100568 | PA System | £185.00 |
| Mastercraft | 100569 | Plaque | £50.00 |
| Bournemouth Water Ltd | 100570 | Site 1 | £92.03 |
| Bournemouth Water Ltd | 100571 | Site 2 | £45.71 |
| Total to pay | | | £3,075.04 |
| Amount to be transferred to current account | | | £3,100.00 |
| Receipts as at 10/01/17 | | Receipts | |
| <i>Source</i> | | <i>Detail</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
| Bank interest | | Interest | £0.69 |
| Total income | | | £0.69 |
| Bank Reconciliation | | | |
| Balance as at 10/01/17 | | | |
| HSBC Current | | | £3,835.42 |
| HSBC Savings | | | £23,178.85 |
| Total | | | £27,014.27 |
| Net bank balance as at 10/01/17 | | | |
| The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows | | | |
| Opening balances | 20,255.72 | | |
| Add receipts | 18,332.54 | | |
| Less payments | 12,426.32 | | |
| Less uncleared cheques | 852.33 | | |
| Total | | | £27,014.27 |

8.2. To agree the 2017/18 budget.

Resolved: The budget was agreed and is attached to the back of these minutes. An amount of £2500.00 has been ring fenced to allow for future allotment maintenance, including fencing. This amount will be built up over the next few financial years so that the cost of replacing the allotment fence complete is available if necessary.

ACTION KP

8.2. To agree the 2017/18 precept request.

Resolved: It was agreed to keep the precept request at its current level.

9.0. Planning.

9.1. To consider planning applications 16/00967 The Wheelhouse.

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

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| 16/00967 K McIntyre | THE WHEELHOUSE, 8 GAZA AVENUE, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WH | Two storey extension; single storey extension | Comment 1 |
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9.2. To consider tree work application 16/1286 Aerodrome Cottage.

Resolved: No comments.

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

Cllr Green gave a brief update on the progress of broadband in the parish. Following the good news on the decision of the cabinet at Hatchet Pond, it has now come to light that this cabinet will not serve as many properties as originally hoped. With the coverage from that cabinet and the East End and Norley Wood cabinets there will still be a large amount of properties in the parish who will not benefit at all. It seems that BT Openreach will only do the bare minimum and so Cllr Green has been looking at another possible broadband project for the parish involving a fibre network around the village. This would involve a considerable amount of community input and a network of trenches being dug, and therefore permissions of land owners. It would also involve costs to those residents wishing to benefit from the project but at this time the project has many uncertainties. Although similar projects have been done successfully in other communities and the method gives the opportunity to extend the trunking to other parishes.

11.0. To discuss an East Boldre Neighbourhood Plan.

The item was discussed following the presentation in the public session.

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

ACTION KP

12.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

No external meetings had been attended.

13.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

Resolved: Neighbourhood Plan; Pony proof bins; Phone kiosk adoption.

ACTION KP

14.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting.

Resolved: Confirmed as 7.00pm on 14th February 2017 in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm