

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Online on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr B Hawker Vice Chair

Cllr M Husband

Cllr I Moyse

Cllr L Clark

In attendance – Mrs Nicola Curzon, Parish Clerk; Cllr Mans, County Councillor; and, 1 member of the public

1.0. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr Drodge and Cllr Gabzdyl

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda.

None

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held 13th October 2020.

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. They will be signed by the Chairman when the Parish Council is able to resume public meetings.

3.1. Matters arising from the minutes.

- The clerk met Cllr Holmes who signed all the documents required for the external audit. These have now been sent to PK Littlejohn.
- On behalf of the parish council, Cllr Husband has submitted a response to the NFNPA white paper on planning.

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

- The clerk is pleased to confirm that the two village signs (which were joint funded by NFNPA and the parish council) as well as the refurbished gateway village sign will be installed by the Lengthsman within the next week.
- The two new defibrillators which were joint funded by HCC and East Boldre Parish Council were installed on 10th November.
- Most newsletter articles are now complete and Cllr Holmes is working on putting things together for printing.
- The clerk would like to thank the village hall for opening its doors to the public on 31st October so that people could see the EBOH exhibition and listening stations.
- Additional Emergency Plan equipment has now been purchased and will be stored in a secure cabinet in SFT Hall.
- A spare battery for the village defibrillators has also now been purchased and will be stored with the other equipment in the Village Hall.

5.0. To receive a report from the County Councillor. For information only

- Cllr Mans informed the council that Covid 19 cases in Hampshire are rising (currently 127 cases per hundred thousand in Hampshire– although cases in the New Forest are lower than other areas in Hampshire, currently 99 cases per hundred thousand)
- Cllr Mans urged the public to conform strictly to Covid restrictions now, this will increase chances of the return to the lowest tier of restrictions after lockdown.
- HCC is currently working out logistics of distributing the Covid 19 vaccine which will be administered, like the winter flu jab, through pharmacies and GP surgeries. Priority for the vaccine will be given to the elderly, those with chronic diseases, key workers, hospital and care home staff.
- Hampshire schools are coping well and 90% of children in Hampshire have returned to full time education.
- HCC has good links with schools who are able to share supply teachers when staff have to take time off through illness.

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- HCC has provided more food for food banks and charities to help those effected by the pandemic; Cllr Mans has used money from his devolved budget to help fund this. The government has now introduced a more comprehensive policy to ensure free school meals during holiday periods.
- HCC is trying to increase speed of Covid test results, a new test centre is due to open at Hythe.
- HCC is taking advantage of the current reduced road traffic and is carrying out road repairs this month.

5.1. To receive questions on the report from the County Councillor

Cllr Husband asked Cllr Mans for his help ensuring that Open Reach carries out their work installing broadband to East Boldre.

Cllr Mans voiced his frustration with Open Reach whom he said have not followed guidelines given to them by Natural England and the Verderers. He will try to organise a meeting with the three parties concerned..

6.0. To receive a report from the District Councillor. For information only

None

6.1 To receive questions on the report from the District Councillor

None

7.0. Public session

A member of the public asked if they could speak on a planning item on the agenda.

8.0 Finance.

8.1 To receive payments for November 2020 in accordance with the budget and to note bank reconciliation.

Resolved: Cllr Hawker requested that item 8.1 is deferred to the parish council meeting in December.

8.2 To consider quotes to install a Parish Council notice cabinet in the bus shelter at East End.

Resolved: The Lengthsman will look at the existing bus shelter when he installs the village signs this week.

The clerk has looked into quotes for installing a notice board in the shelter. This would cost around £1000.00. No decision will be made about the purchase of the notice board until the end of the financial year.

9.0 Planning –

To consider planning application 20/00676

Resolved

20 0676	Dwelling and garage (demolition of existing)	CLEAR SPRINGS, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WT		<p>Comment 1 We recommend PERMISSION , but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. The council would like to ensure consideration to the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of glazing on the property overlooking the forest and the impact of light pollution. • The dominance of the chimney in the building design. • Esurance that the trees screening the property are planted as semi mature trees to soften the impact of the building from the open forest. 	10/11/20
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10.0. To receive an update on allotment 2 clearance.

Resolved

- The allotment committee have formed a working group to clear the majority of debris from allotment site 2. They are confident that the rubbish which will need disposing of will fit into a skip (which has been organized and paid for by the parish council). Weather conditions and further Covid restrictions have delayed their work but they have created a rota to work in pairs and clear as much as they can.
- The parish council would like to thank everyone who has given up their time to help with this.
- The clerk will contact Forestry England and organise a site visit and inspection in late December or early January, before the parish council hand back the allotment site.

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11.0 To receive a broadband update.

Cllr Husband has contacted Glen Peacy to request further information, he responded with the following information: Openreach always plans to reuse existing assets and had hoped to re-use ducts to serve this part of East End, however in this case those ducts do not exist and so an alternative must be found. The programme is required to deliver the best value for money for the tax payer. To install new ducts in the highway costs c.£130/metre, to install new poles costs c.£11/metre. Openreach has therefore applied for permission to install 14 poles to bring fibre to this area. If it is not possible to install new poles then it may not be possible to bring fibre to you because the cost will be prohibitive. As you will see in the minutes from the September meeting the Verderers Court has not approved this request. We are working with the stakeholders involved to resolve this situation but at the moment we do not have a solution.

Resolved

Cllr Husband will contact Julian Lewis and Cllr Harris to enlist their help in resolving the situation. He will also follow up progress on the commitment to help from Cllr Mans.

12.0 To receive reports from external meetings.

The Emergency Plan committee have met every 2 weeks throughout the pandemic. They have created an evaluation of the East Boldre emergency plan and concluded it was very successful. They have also evaluated the local government covid support and have suggested how it could be improved. This has been forwarded to Cllr Mans and referred to the county resilience team.

13.0 Agenda items for next meeting.

- To set budget and agree the precept for 2021-22.
- To review allotment costs.
- To receive a broadband update.

14.0 To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on Tuesday on 8th December 2020

This meeting is likely to be held virtually due to Covid 19 restrictions.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm