

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in East Boldre Village Hall on Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7pm.

Present:

Chair - Cllr B Hawker
 Vice Chair - Cllr I Moyes
 Cllr K Holmes
 Cllr M Husband

In attendance: Cllr K Mans; 3 members of the public; Liz Welch, Parish Clerk.

Cllr Hawker chaired the initial part of the meeting

1.0 Election of Chairman

Cllr Hawker asked for nominations for chair. Cllr Moyes proposed Cllr Hawker and Cllr Husband seconded. Cllr Hawker was duly elected.

2.0 Signature of Charman's Declaration and Acceptance of Office

Accepted by Chair.

3.0 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Hawker asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Cllr Husband proposed Cllr Moyes and Cllr Hawker seconded. Cllr Moyes was duly elected.

Cllr Hawker brought forward Item 8 (below).

4.0 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr R Gabzdyl.

5.0 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

6.0 To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022

Cllr Moyse pointed out that he did not make a declaration of interest as shown in the draft minutes.

Resolved: The amendment was noted and the council meeting minutes were agreed and they were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

6.1 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

7.0 Clerk's report (Circulated) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Green Canopy proposal: the Verderers approved the Parish Council's submission to plant an oak tree close to the East Boldre Village Hall. It was agreed that it should be a community event; Cllr Husband suggested the planting might coincide with a Village Hall event on 9th October. **Action:** Clerk to inform Mr Newey and explore sourcing the tree.

Beaulieu Heath Airfield: Proposal received from NPA in include in the Local List of Heritage Assets, welcomed by Cllrs. **Action:** Clerk to write and seek clarification of site boundaries

Allotments update:

1. 2022-3 agreements sent out and several returned.
2. Those on waiting list have been contacted plots. The Clerk was grateful to the EBAA Secretary for her support.

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3. Letters were sent out to seven plot holders on 22/4/22, following inspections with BH and EBAA representatives.

Fareshare & college transport: Clerk has been in contact with the Fareshare contact to explore options; a minimum of 30 households are needed to justify a service to the area. The alternative is to arrange transport to Pennington for local residents. Reply pending from Brockenhurst College Acting Principal re bus pick up for students.

Insurance renewals: Due before 1st June. Gallagher policy circulated before April Council meeting.

Monthly accounts: For 2022/3 these will be reported on a calendar month basis Councillors discussed timing of Clerk's monthly salary for accounting purposes.

Internal Auditor: Do the Numbers carried out the audit on 9th May as planned. **Action:** review anomaly on asset register and confirm Clerk's hours and rates of pay on June agenda.

CSW: Equipment still on order.

Old Legion Building: Beaulieu Estates advised that follow up action was planned following H&S concerns flagged up by local residents.

8.0 Review Councillors' current responsibilities

Councillors present agreed to continue as representatives for the following:

Cllrs Gabzdyl (not present) General Purpose, Finance, Highways, Passenger Transport Forum

Cllr Hawker – NFNPA SE Quadrant, Finance, Amenities including allotments

Cllr Holmes – General Purposes, New Forest Consultative Panel

Cllr Husband – NFALC, General Purposes, Planning, Highways, Public Transport Forum

Cllrs Moyses – General purposes and Planning, Finance.

Cllrs agreed that shadowing these roles should be encouraged with the agreement of organisations cited.

9.0 Co-option of candidates for two vacancies

Item raised after item 11.1 (below).

10.0 To receive a report by County Councillor for East Boldre. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Councillor Mans mentioned that his successor as Leader of HCC has links with the New Forest. Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated by a special commemorative event at Winchester Cathedral on 29 May – the Clerk was invited to publicise the ticket-only event. As refugees from Ukraine arrive to the area, Cllr Mans highlighted the opportunity to extend invitations to refugees to join local Jubilee celebrations. Cllr Mans reminded those present that he has a devolved budget available for the new financial year. As a Trustee of the East Boldre Education Trust, Cllr Mans encouraged initiatives to support children's activities. **Action:** Clerk to help raise awareness. Cllr Mans' annual parish meeting report for 2022 attached (Appendix 1).

10.1 To receive questions on the report by the County Councillor

Cllr Husband reiterated the Council's gratitude to Cllr Mans for his support for parishioners as both County Councillor and Leader. Asked how the PM's 'budget for buses' will benefit the Parish, Cllr Mans advised that a negligible sum was received and trends are emerging where seniors with free bus passes are finding that rural services face further cutbacks.

11.0 To receive a report by the District Councillor for East Boldre. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

None

11.1 To receive questions on the report by the District Councillor

None

9.0 Co-option of candidates for two vacancies

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CLLr Hawker welcomed two candidates who came forward to stand as Councillors. Both were appointed: Theresa Morrissey (proposed CLLr Husband, seconded CLLr Moyse) and Anna Rostand (proposed CLLr Moyse, seconded CLLr Husband). **Action:** Clerk to prepare packs and notify NFDC.

12.0 Public session

A member of the public wished to raise a point re. allotments. Raised under item 16.0.

13.0 Finance

13.1 To review monthly accounts and verify bank reconciliation.

East Boldre Parish Council payment schedule - April 2022					
<i>Date</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Folio</i>	<i>trans</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Payments					
14/04/2022	Royal Mail	PO Box	1	dd	£36.60
19/04/2022	NSALG	EBAA membership	2	bacs	£108.00
21/04/2022	HSBC	Bank charges to 30 March	3	dd	£5.80
27/04/2022	HSBC	Void allot cheque (folio 22)	4	dd	
30/04/2022	Plusnet	Parish Cl phone	5	dd	£8.73
Total payments					£159.13
Receipts					
12/04/2022	HSBC	bank interest	2		£0.47
28/04/2022	New Forest DC	precept	24		£8,000.00
	Allotment holders	Rent 2022-3			£930.00
Total receipts					£8,930.47
Money transferred					
Bank reconciliation					
Balance as at date					
HSBC Current					£1,740.94
HSBC Savings					£25,486.19
Less unrepresented cheques					
Net bank balance as at date					£27,227.13
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows					
Opening balances					£18,455.79
Add receipts					£8,930.47
less payments					-£159.13
Closing balance as per the balance sheet					£27,227.13

13.2 To review effectiveness of internal control systems.

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Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 approved.

13.3 Internal audit

Carried out on 9/5/22 as planned; additional items for next PC meeting noted (item 19.0).

14.0 To consider planning applications

14.1 Planning applications

Resolved:

22/002 33	MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WU	Application under part 16 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order in respect of subterranean works	20/4/22	We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Application will benefit local residents Recommend high priority to application.
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14.2 Tree works application:

Resolved:

CONS/ 22/020 5	Barnend, 1 Gaza Avenue, East Boldre, Brockenhurst, SO42 7WH	Fell 1 x Silver Birch tree Fell 1 x Acer Drummondii tree (leaving 2m tree trunk)	6/5/22	10/5/22	Councillors noted that the tree works application form did not address the question on replacement trees and recommend that a tree or shrub be planted to replace felled trees.
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Action: Clerk to inform the NPA.

15.0 Broadband update

Cllr Husband gave a progress update.

1. Work on the two remaining live schemes will commence 9.5.22. This will consist of road crossings for Heath Lane, Gaza Avenue, Pages lane and Wallace Lane. A completion date has been requested. Original date was 31.3.22. This will extend Fibre availability to houses from Heath Lane to Norfolk House.
2. Openreach have not yet submitted their scheme to Natural England for the Community Fibre project, despite claiming they had. This was picked up by Stuart Newey through his contacts at Natural England. we were advised that their ecologist had completed his report which will shortly be sent to Natural England.
3. We have received Planning application for the Community Fibre Scheme to be discussed at our meeting. Subject to our approval we will chase NPA for final approval.
4. It is anticipated that DCMS will release the tender for remaining properties in the UK to receive Fibre at the beginning of May, with a decision circa September. This has impact for the properties leading up to Hatchett Pond from Heath Lane and Masseys lane. They currently 'benefit' from Fibre to the cabinet (FTTC) by the earlier works at Hatchett Pond.

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Cllr Hawker thanked Cllr Husband, Cllr Moyes and Stuart Newey for their work so far and their continued commitment to complete this project for the Parish.

16.0 To receive a report on allotments review and priorities for 2022/23

A member of the public was given the opportunity to express concern about an advisory letter from the Clerk to remove three conifer trees from their plot in compliance with the allotment rule on trees, which specifies that only fruit trees can be planted. They requested that the conifers be allowed to remain until Christmas. The member of public went on to express concern that some holders had planted fruit trees in positions that do not comply with the allotment rule and questioned whether this had been picked up in recent inspections. Acknowledging their concern, Cllr Hawker set out the priorities for 2022/23:

1. Plot sizes. Following recommendations from the NAS regional representative, Cllr Hawker proposed:
 - a) All plots are measured and that rents next year are expressed as costs per square metre; b) to consider whether our rents are too high or low compared with national average; c) to ensure Councillors are fair in calculating the rents for plot holders based on the size of their plots. Two plot holders have volunteered to carry out the measurements. Cllr Moyse noted that this would help ensure a fair approach. Cllr Holmes advised that NFDC may have a GIS system available to assist. Proposal approved.
2. Allotment rules. EBAA have been invited to review allotment rules in consultation with EBPC and the NAS regional representative. Cllr Hawker added that the rule regarding trees (which states that only fruit trees can be grown and that a maximum of three new trees can be planted at the end of an allotment) was among those highlighted for review with regard to size and siting of fruit trees. Cllr Husband noted that rules should be enforceable in a fair way. Proposal approved.
3. Paths on outer sides. Levelling and repair work needed. Two holders have approached the EBAA and are willing to carry out the work at a cost of c.£100 for fuel and materials. Proposal approved.

Cllr Holmes advised that adders (protected species) have been seen at the allotments. **Action:** Clerk to relay to EBAA.

17.0 Update on Queen's Jubilee

Cllr Husband offered an update on plans at the Village Hall, taking place from 4pm on 2 May. Activities will include a film, historian talks, exhibition, refreshments and a visit from Julian Lewis MP. The School Fields Trust will host a Royal Knees Up on 5th June from noon. **Action:** Clerk to publicise on EBPC website.

18.0 To receive reports from external meetings

None.

19.0 Agenda items for next meeting

Approve AGAR. Review anomaly on asset register and confirm Clerk's hours and rates of pay.

13.0 To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 June 2022 – East Boldre Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman's signature:

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Appendix 1
Hampshire County Councillor
Annual Parish Meeting Report 2022

Facts and Figures Hampshire's population is **1,389,200** (2020) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains **5400** miles of roads, **4300** miles pavements, **150,000** streetlights, **474** maintained schools for 138,000 pupils, **52** academy schools for **38,000** pupils, **10** residential homes for children and young people, **18** Older Persons Care Homes, **24** Household Waste Centres and **5** Country Parks. **4.8 million** books, e-books and magazines are loaned each year. The proportion of household waste sent to landfill has decreased since 2011/12 (from 8% to 4%). **96%** of all Hampshire waste is either recycled, reused, composted or sent for energy recovery. The waste sent to energy recovery produces sufficient energy to power **50,000** homes.

Budget HCC approves £2.4 billion spending on local services in 2022/2023

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work following the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,390.86 – an increase of £0.78 per week, equating to 2.99%, of which 1% is for adults' social care. The budget includes £556.2 million of capital expenditure over the next three years to boost jobs, the quality of the environment and to tackle climate change.

The proposed capital programme includes: • £109 million in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • £136 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • £109 million for integrated transport schemes including over £50 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • £95 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years following the £33 million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls that took place in 2021-2022

Climate Change Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to the impacts of a 2% rise in average temperature and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

Councillor Grants This year I have supported a wide range of local causes across the Division with grants amounting to £8000.

Chairman's signature:

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