

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Assembly meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 8.00pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present :

Cllr K Holmes (Chairman)

Cllr B Hawker (Vice Chair)

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr I Moyse

Cllr M Husband

Cllr L Clark

Cllr R Gabzdyl

In attendance: - Cllr Harris, District Councillor, Mrs Nicola Curzon; Parish Clerk, 12 members of the public including Andy Brennan, NFNPA.

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly.

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th March 2019 were accepted and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report to the Parish Electors.

It has been another eventful year for the parish council.

Allotments

After much discussion over the last year. This year finally sees the amalgamation of the two allotment sites, the ploughing up the grass area on allotment site 1 and marking it out as new plots, for the transfer of plot holders from site 2. It is hoped that some of the allotment funds can go towards adding extra water points for the new plots created. Once the transition has taken place, there should be a saving for the parish in only having one site in the future.

The allotments association is having its annual 'Taste of East Boldre' in September which showcases the produce and community aspect of the association. Please come along and support this event.

Planning applications

Planning applications are an important part of the parish council agenda. Over the last year the parish council has considered 10 planning applications from small outbuildings to large extensions.

Councillors have also been involved with many projects over the last year:

East Boldre Oral History

East Boldre Oral History (EBOH) is the gathering and collating of memories and social history from residents of East Boldre, who were born and brought up in the village. Nicola and Councillor Hawker have worked tirelessly on this exciting project exploring how the village has changed, from its origin as a squatter's settlement to the present day. The parish council will hold a celebration event in June 2020, including music, drama, poetry and unveiling interpretation and listening stations.

First Aid Training

Councillor Hawker has continued to organise first aid training giving residents the confidence to use the village defibrillator. Having attended one myself. I found it extremely useful.

Cllr Drodge, Mike Upton and Sam Moyse have kindly been testing the defibrillator each week and registering the checks with Community Heart Beat. These regular checks are registered with the ambulance service and this gives assurance that the defibrillator is in perfect working order.

Chairman's signature:

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Village Emergency Plan

The village emergency plan has finally been signed off. With many thanks to the amazing work of Mike Upton and Councillor Hawker. With the threat of viruses and storms, which have dominated the news recently, it was good timing to produce a plan. This has been successful due to the vast number of residents that have volunteered to help in an emergency from making tea to providing equipment. This is an opportunity to thank them all publicly for their support.

Broadband

Cllr Husband has been continually pushing the various stake holders for updates on broadband in the village. Speeds are spasmodic in the village and the parish council is trying to address this situation. Broadband has been an issue since 2013, I feel it is about time we finally resolved it.

Affordable housing

Councillors supported a consultation to take place in the village to receive views on the development of houses on a rural exception site near School Fields. HARAH will be coming to our next parish council to discuss the consultation with us.

112 bus service

This was constantly on our agenda with ideas and suggestions how to get a regular Saturday service to Lymington. At last we seem to be moving forward by joining with another parish to support this service.

These projects rely on the continuous support of Nicola, our parish clerk. Her hard work is very much appreciated by all the councillors.

External meetings

Parish councillors attend external meetings on behalf of residents, always bringing any issues that may affect East Boldre back to the parish council.

Cllr Hawker attends the South East Quadrant meeting set up by the New Forest National Park Authority which keeps the parish council up to date with issues like the developments on the waterside and the adoption of the local plan

Cllr Holmes attends the New Forest Consultative Panel which discusses issue that may have an impact on the New Forest.

Cllr Husband attends the NFALC which is set up to keep the parish council informed about other local council business.

Nicola, Cllr Hawkins and Cllr Holmes attended a meeting with Vicki Pressey, the Police Community Support Officer regarding anti-social behaviour in the village.

I would like to thank all our councillors, on behalf of East Boldre residents, for their hard work and commitment, which is done on a voluntary basis.

5. A presentation on how we can make a difference to climate change by Andy Brennan

Andy gave a fascinating presentation on the unique and biodiverse New Forest and the effects of Climate Change on us all.

He inspired everyone about what could be done individually to help make a difference. He also gave the parish council some ideas about what they could do to help the village.

His presentation is available on the parish council website.

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EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

RECYCLING THE HARD-TO-RECYCLE AND THE VALUABLE – Public list Sept 2019

Item	Who collects	Further details, including why we collect
Milk bottle tops	Nedderman Centre, New Milton or White Hart pub, Pennington	To support Mencap or MIND. Recycled.
All other plastic bottle tops No thicker or wider than a marmite lid, no ketchup/flip/squeezy/trigger pump lids	LUSH shops	Taken to LUSH who melt down and reuse as black plastic containers.
Batteries	Supermarkets/pharmacies	To be recycled.
Ink cartridges	Tesco, Dibden/New Milton	Recycling station behind the tills, or more locally: Lymington Scouts collect – contact Sarah on events@newforesttransition.org.uk
Light bulbs, batteries, water filter	Tesco, Dibden/New Milton	Recycling station behind the tills.
Mobiles - any age or condition	Dogs Trust charity shop and Oxfam, Lymington	Refurbished or recycled to raise funds
Spectacles, contact lens cases/packaging, hearing aid batteries (not hearing aids)	Specsavers	Vision Aid refurbish specs & send them to Africa.
Toothbrushes, electric toothbrush heads, toothpaste tubes	Smiles dentist	Recycled by Terracycle
Tetrapaks	Tetrapak recycling bins. Clean, remove lids, flatten	Pitsite Car Park, Christchurch BH23 2AA Romsey Bus Station Car Park, SO52 8BF
PCs, laptops, printers, games machines, mice, leads	Jamie's computers, Southampton	To support a brilliant charity and reduce waste: Jamie's Computers, Southampton refurbishes old computers for Africa.
Plastic plant pots	Otter Nurseries, Fairweathers, Stewarts	Recycled or reused
Crisp and biscuit packets	The Naked Pantry, New Milton or White Hart pub, Pennington	Recycled – donations go to Oakhaven Hospice
Kenco coffee jar lids ONLY (they're octagonal) and Tassimo® T-DISCs	contact Sarah on events@newforesttransition.org.uk	Recycled by Terracycle
Stamps	RNIB	Search 'recycle stamps RNIB' and see website for requesting envelopes to collect and send them off.
Bra's	Marks and Spencers	'Shwop Drop' box by till. Sent to Oxfam for resale, to be sent overseas or to be recycled into new bra's.
Out of date medicines/pills	Pharmacies	Disposed of safely/recycled

The chairman closed the meeting at 10pm.

Chairman's signature:

Date: