

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Online on Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr B Hawker Vice Chair

Cllr M Husband

Cllr I Moyse

Cllr L Clark

Cllr Gabzdyl

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

1.0. To accept apologies for absence.

None

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda.

None

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held 10th November 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.

10.0. To receive an update on allotment 2 clearance.

The clerk contacted Paul Grugeon from Forestry England to inform them that the parish council would like to formally terminate the lease of allotment 2. Both the agisters and Forestry England will need to inspect the site before they agree to the return of the land. Paul Grugeon has ensured the clerk that the lease payment for 2021-22 will be suspended so that an inspection can be carried out. The allotment has now been cleared well and any items remaining can be burnt. The skip has been removed.

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

- The clerk submitted the accounts for 2019-20 along with all supporting documents to the external auditor in October, once they had been signed by the Chairman. Unfortunately, PKF Littlejohn were unable to complete their review work prior to the 30th November deadline. They have therefore submitted an interim report which is available on the parish council website and notice board.
- The beautiful new (and refurbished original) village signs have now been installed.
- Cllr Holmes has been working hard on the graphics for the parish newsletter which is now ready to print.

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 stabilizing and have dropped considerably because of the second lockdown (New Forest currently 40 cases per hundred thousand) Hospitalisation cases in Hampshire are low. Vaccines are being rolled out to front line staff, the elderly and those with underlying health issues.
- Hampshire schools are coping well and 90% of children in Hampshire have returned to full time education.

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

Cllr Husband requested further information about HCC £3000 voucher towards the cost of broadband installation. He asked Cllr Mans for his help ensuring that Open Reach carries out their work installing broadband to East Boldre. Cllr Mans asked Cllr Husband to copy him in on his email to Glen Peacey.

Action MH

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

- NFDC has been busy creating a draft waste strategy which aims to increase recycling. Food currently makes up 40% waste. Central Government targets state that 65% waste should be recycled.
- NFDC is increasing provision of council housing, as well as temporary housing for the homeless.

Chairman's signature:

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- NFDC has 2 Covid 19 grant funds available to businesses: Direct business grants available to shops, factories and garages to cover business rates. A second digressionary grants fund ins available to businesses who don't qualify for the other grant. £2.5 million has been awarded.
- Free car parking has been extended on Saturdays in the build up to Christmas.
- The Kick Start scheme is offering funds to businesses who take on young people aged 16-24. (further information about the scheme is available on the parish council website)
- Cllr Harris will send a further email to Glen Peacey to try and resolve the broadband issues in East Boldre. He will continue to lobby for local broadband connectivity.
- Working with the Local Enterprise Partnership he hopes to put more pressure on central government to come up with broadband solutions for rural areas.
- Cllr Harris suggested that the parish council ask Open Reach to come to council meeting. **Action MH**

6.1 To receive questions on the report from the District Councillor

Cllr Harris confirmed to Cllr Gabzdył that the HCC £3000 broadband voucher is available to all households in East Boldre. Residents can group together and pool vouchers. Rural businesses can claim a £6000 voucher towards the cost of installing broadband.

7.0. Public session

None

8.0 Finance.

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

Resolved: Payments were received as shown on table below.

East Boldre Parish Council payment schedule				
Payee	Bacs date	Item	Payment	folio
<u>Payments</u>				
Sign of the Times	22/10/2020	cast village signs	£1,489.44	64
Jack Harvey Carpentry	22/10/2020	Carpentry for EBOH	£358.89	65
Plusnet	30/10/2020	parish council phone	£7.46	66
Royal Mail	30/10/2020	PO Box	£36.00	67
Amazon	30/10/2020	Emergency plan equipment	£223.68	68
Farwells	03/11/2020	skip for allotment 2 clearance	£316.80	69
School Fields Trust	06/11/2020	Grant	£1,134.00	70
Parish Clerk	06/11/2020	Salary	£853.62	71
Parish Clerk	06/11/2020	expenses	£65.73	72
School Fields Trust	06/11/2020	expenses for security equip	£21.99	73
Nffurniture and signs	06/10/2020	sign refurbishment/oak posts	£540.00	74
HMRC	06/11/2020	NI payment	£8.40	75
Total paid			£5,056.01	
Amount transferred to current account			£2,000.00	59
<u>Receipts as at date</u>		Detail	Amount	
Bank interest	12/10/2020	monthly interest	£0.15	57
NFNPA	12/10/2020	EBOH grant	£300.00	56
HCC Cllr Mans devolved budget grant	15/10/2020	defibrillator grant	£800.00	58
NFNPA	06/11/2020	grant funding for signs	£620.60	60
HMRC	06/11/2020	VAT rebate	£840.77	61
Resident donation	06/11/2020	Contribution to defibrillator	£50.00	62
Resident donation	06/11/2020	Contribution to defibrillator	£30.00	63
Total receipts			£2,641.52	
Bank reconciliation				
<u>Balance as at date</u>				
HSBC Current			£629.57	
HSBC Savings			£13,876.67	
Total			£14,506.24	
<u>Net bank balance as at date</u>				
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows				
Opening balances			£22,261.97	
Add receipts			£21,903.79	
less payments			-£28,958.92	
uncleared cheques			-700.60	
Total			£14,506.24	

Chairman's signature:

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East Boldre Parish Council payment schedule				
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Bacs date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>	<i>folio</i>
Payments				
Microsoft	08/11/2020	Office 365	£5.99	76
Plusnet	01/12/2020	parish council phone	£7.46	77
Royal Mail	18/11/2020	PO Box	£36.00	78
Parish Clerk	06/12/2020	Salary	£634.88	79
Parish Clerk	06/12/2020	expenses	£49.63	80
Bournemouth Water	06/12/2020	Allotment water	£174.04	81
Microsoft	06/12/2020	Office 365	£5.99	82
Total paid			£908.00	
Amount transferred to current account			£0.00	
Receipts as at date		Detail	Amount	
Bank interest	12/11/2020	monthly interest	£0.13	64
N Curzon	12/11/2020	correction of payment error	£790.70	65
Total receipts			£790.83	
Bank reconciliation				
Balance as at date				
HSBC Current			£1,212.87	
HSBC Savings			£13,876.80	
Total			£15,089.67	
Net bank balance as at date				
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows				
Opening balances			£22,261.97	
Add receipts			£22,694.62	
less payments			-£29,872.91	
uncleared cheques				
uncleared payments			£5.99	
Total			£15,089.67	

8.2. To agree the budget for 2021/2022. This was deferred to the next parish council meeting.

8.3. To agree the precept request.

Over the last few years, the parish council have had the benefit of significant reserves which have rightly now been used for the benefit of the community. Over the last 4 to 5 years the parish council's running expenditure has increased significantly but the income has not changed.

Resolved. The parish council will request a precept of £16000.

9.0 Planning –

To consider planning application **20/00794**

Resolved

20/00794	Single storey extension; 1 No. window; 2 No. roof lanterns; 1 No. rooflight; 3 No. sun-pipes (demolition of conservatory)	Forest Ponies Cottage, Hatchet Lane, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, SO42 7WA	8/12/20	East Boldre Parish Council recommend PERMISSION, providing the correct materials are used, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
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10.0. To receive a broadband update.

This matter was covered during reports and questions from both the District and County Councillors.

11.0 To consider a response to NFDC draft waste document.

Councillors were concerned how the waste solutions proposed by NFDC could actually work in East Boldre, with free roaming livestock. Suggestions for reusable paper sacks for recycling cardboard and paper may also not be practical in the village due to high winds.

NFDC is responsible for collecting waste, HCC is responsible for disposing of it. Cllr Clerk highlighted the importance of joined up thinking between HCC and NFDC.

Resolved:

- All councillors will fill out their own individual response to the draft white paper.
- Cllr Gabzdyl will request that a representative of NFDC present the waste strategy solutions, including a further breakdown on cost, to the parish council as soon as possible. **Action RG**
- The council will also request an extension period for their comment on the draft paper. **Action RG** .

12.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

Finance meeting:

- A new format of reporting to councillors was considered and agreed.
- Analysis of expenditure and income was carried out. This has enabled us to make an informed decision regarding the precept.

Census meeting:

Cllr Gabzdyl had a telephone meeting with Peter Dewbery to discuss the 2021 census. Residents should be encouraged to take part. The clerk has added information about the census to the parish council website and social media. A poster will be displayed on the parish council notice board. Councillors will assist residents who do not have internet access.

13.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

To receive an update on NFDC waste strategy.

To receive a Broadband update.

To receive an update on Hatchet Pond.

14.0 To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on Tuesday on 12th January 2021

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm