

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at 7pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chairman

Cllr M Husband

Cllr B Hawker

Cllr I Moyse

In attendance – Mrs Nicola Curzon, Parish Clerk; and three members of the public.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Mans

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2018

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

Cllr Husband requested that actions arising from the last meeting should be added as an agenda item for future meetings. This was agreed by the council and an item from the meeting on 8/5/18 with action points was discussed: **17.0.** A member of the public told the council about the strawberry pickers who are transported to work through the village by two tractors with trailers. The tractors drive through the village very fast at 7am each day causing concern to local residents.

Resolved: Cllr Husband has now contacted the owner of the farm who agreed to take immediate action to ensure that the speed of the tractors traveling through the village is reduced.

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

- The clerk has booked HALC to come to East Boldre and run councillor training for all our councilors. In order to make the training cost effective, the clerk has also invited councilors from other local parishes to attend the two evenings. The training will be held on 26th June and 31st July at East Boldre village hall.
- The clerk is pleased to report that Bournemouth Water has reduced the water bill for allotment 2 substantially, their leak insurance has covered the majority of the bill charges.
- All allotment plot holder invoices have now been paid. There is now just one ½ plot vacancies on allotment 2.
- The clerk carried out an allotment inspection with Bruce and Ruth MacDermot and Cllr Moyse on 8/6/18. The clerk is pleased to say that most plots were looking great and very little action was necessary.

5.0 To receive a report by County Councillor for East Boldre. For information only.

Cllr Mans was not present.

6.0. To receive a report by District Councillor for East Boldre. For information only.

Cllr Harris was not present

7.0. Public session.

Two members of the public asked if they could discuss the village football pitch (item 10)

Chairman's signature:

Date: 10/7/2018

8.0. Finance.**8.1. To agree payments in accordance with the budget and to note back reconciliation (Circulated)**

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Payments date 12/6/2018			
Nicola Curzon	100664	Expenses	£69.24
Nicola Curzon	100665	Mileage	£16.20
Nicola Curzon	100666	Salary	£694.25
HALC	100667	Councillor training	£66.00
TJR plumbing	100668	Water supply allot 2	£631.20
New Forest Groundworks	100669	Installing pipework	£300.00
Bournemouth Water	100670	Water bill allotment 2	£74.47
Forestry Commission	100671	Allotment rent	£626.00
East Boldre Village Hall	100672	Hire of hall for meetings	£215.00
Total to pay			<u>£2,692.36</u>
Amount to be transferred to current account			
			<u>£1,500.00</u>
Receipts as at date			
		Detail	Amount
		Allotmet payments	£521.25
		Bank interest	£1.00
Total			<u>£522.25</u>
Bank reconciliation			
Balance as at date			
HSBC Current			£1,563.29
HSBC Savings			£28,891.94
Total			<u>£30,455.23</u>
Net bank balance as at date			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances			£22,984.54
Add receipts			£10,664.90
Less payments			-£3,181.96
Less uncleared cheques			-£12.25
Total			<u>£30,455.23</u>

Resolved: Payments agreed as shown on table below, income and bank reconciliation noted.

Chairman's signature:

Date: 10/7/2018

9.0. Planning.**9.1. To consider tree work application: CONS/18/0461****Resolved:** No comment.**10.0. To discuss future of East Boldre football pitch**

On 26/5/18, the Forestry Commission contacted Matthew Parfect, the previous secretary East Boldre Football club, to say that the fencing around the village football ground is dangerous and that this needs to be resolved immediately. Cllr Husband has inspected the fencing with Sean Marsh from the Forestry Commission, they ascertained that areas of the fencing are in a very poor state and need immediate repair. The bins on the football pitch must also be removed along with a builder's bag of soil. If no action is taken by the parish council, the Forestry Commission will remove all fencing, goal posts and rubbish and the ground will revert to grazing land. Should this occur, it is very unlikely that permission would ever be gained from the Forestry Commission to re-instate the pitch. Cllr Husband has obtained three quotes for this work which were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting

The council heard from two members of the public who spoke in support of retaining the village football pitch for community use. It was noted that although East Boldre Football Club is no longer in existence, many young people still use the pitch regularly because it offers a safe place for them to play independently. The pitch is easily accessible to the village and loss of the facility would be a great shame.

Cllr Husband has also spoken to Paul Grugeon, land agent for the forestry commission to ascertain if it is possible for the parish council to take over the lease for the football pitch, preserving it for community use.

Resolved: The council confirmed that they will pay for work to take down any loose wire and re attach fencing to the nearest solid post. The bins and soil bag will be removed, the goal posts will be firmed up and made safe. They agreed to contract the work to RTS fencing at a cost of £250.00 +vat. The football club still has some funds and has agreed to contribute £150 to the cost of repairing the fencing.

The council also agreed that once the fencing is repaired, Paul Grugeon should table a request at the Verderers Court in July, for East Boldre Parish Council to take over the lease for the football pitch on an annual basis for a rental of about £200 p.a. The future of the pitch will be discussed once the outcome of the Verderers' Court is known.

Action MH**11.0. To receive a broadband update**

Resolved: Cllr Husband will invite Shaun Dayer from BT to update the council on their progress at the next parish council meeting.

Action MH**12.0. To receive an update on the Community Hub project.**

Resolved: Cllr Husband informed the council that initial meetings with the Verderers and with Steve Avery from NFNPA have been very positive. The next stage of the project is to obtain a formal agreement for the project from both the Verderers and Natural England. If agreement is obtained, a full planning application with business plans will be submitted to NFNPA. The community hub crowd funding appeal (SOS East Boldre) has raised £8000. These funds will be used to pay for the planning application, consultants, ecological surveys and environmental impact reports.

13.0. To discuss future parish council projects for East Boldre.

The Parish Council would like to explore possible projects to fund which offer improvements to the village community.

Resolved: Cllr Hawker suggested researching the introduction of a first responder service for the village, linked to the proposed emergency plan. This could include training volunteers in first aid and how to use the community defibrillator.

Action BH

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Cllr Mulhall suggested the idea of linking up with other local villages to establish a community bus service for residents. The clerk will contact neighbouring parish councils to see if they have access to a service which could perhaps extend to East Boldre.

Action NC

14.0. To discuss the council bank accounts and the introduction of bacs payments.

Resolved: It would not be beneficial to transfer the council's unused balance to a different bank account because with current rates of interest, the potential additional income would be too small to justify the additional administrative work and the reduced accessibility.

The council agreed that bacs payments should replace cheques for future payments. All payments will be signed off at council meetings and a bacs payment report from the bank will be circulated to councillors each month.

Action NC

15.0. To review the pending list.

Resolved: The Parish Plan, Village agent, SLR Device, Fundraising and Animal Accidents were removed from the pending list.

16.0. Recent policy reviews.

Resolved: Cllr Mulhall and Cllr Hawker have read all policies on the website and agree that they are satisfactory.

17.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

- Cllr Mulhall attended the parish council transport representatives meeting in Lyndhurst on 7/6/18. He told the council that HCC Transport is in a consultation period because they propose to make £2M of cuts to transport costs across the county, the parish council will respond to this proposal by completing a questionnaire. The form is available on line on HCC website until 5th August (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/publictransportandstreetlighting>) and the questionnaire can be completed by members of the public. Cllr Mulhall will attend a further community transport meeting in Winchester on 16/6/18.
- Cllr Hawker attended the SE Quadrant meeting on 28/4/18. She proposed that local free publications including the NFNPA Park Life newspaper should be available for the community, perhaps at the village shop. She has also had a meeting with Jayne Albery, the Forestry Commission verge officer, who ensured her that all potholes in the gravel alongside Main Road will be infilled when the verge work is carried out. Jayne Albery also gave Cllr Hawker maps of the verge work planned for East Boldre, which were available for councillors to view at the meeting. Jayne Albery was unable to attend the meeting to answer further questions.
- Cllr Holmes attended the New Forest Consultancy Panel. He informed the council that the proposal to merge NFDC and NFNPA planning authorities will be discussed at the NPA meeting on 15/6/18.

18.0. Agenda items for the next meeting.

To receive reports on action points from the last meeting.

To discuss the impact of the Waterside development on local traffic.

To receive a broadband update.

To discuss the passenger transport consultation questionnaire.

19.0 To confirm the next council meeting as 7.00 pm on 10th July 2018 in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Chairman's signature:

Date: 10/7/2018