

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Online on Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7pm

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr B Hawker Vice Chair

Cllr M Husband

Cllr I Moyses

Cllr L Clark

Cllr Gabzdyl

Cllr D Drodge

In attendance – Mrs Nicola Curzon, Parish Clerk; Cllr Mans, County Councillor; Chris Noble from NFDC; Cllr Norris and Cllr Dearing from Beaulieu Parish Council.

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 8th December 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.

None.

4.0. To receive further information on the NFDC Waste Strategy.

Chris Noble, service manager for waste disposal at NFDC gave a presentation to Councillors from both East Boldre and Beaulieu Parish Councils.

- 1) Why has NFDC created a new waste strategy? - The district council has come up with a new draft strategy for waste disposal because the government has implemented a new national waste strategy and improvements must be made locally.
 - A Food waste must be collected at kerbside.
 - B More waste must be recycled across the district. Currently NFDC recycles 35% of rubbish, by 2030 60% of rubbish must be recycled.
 - C NFDC need to reduce the impact of waste disposal on climate change.
 - D Customers want to recycle more of their rubbish.
- 2) HCC and NFDC are close partners in the waste strategy: NFDC is responsible for collecting rubbish, HCC is responsible for disposing of waste. Approaches must be aligned.
- 3) The proposed scheme:
 - A Wheely bins for general refuse and recycling – with a fortnightly collection service.
 - B Separate, weekly food waste collection using smaller vehicles.
 - C Card and paper recycling collected in reusable sacks.
- 4) Stake holder engagement has taken place, over 4000 individual responses have been received.
- 5) NFDC is currently working on a full breakdown of costs.

Questions to Chris Noble.

- Cllr Clark asked what thought had been given to villages which front onto the open forest with free roaming animals. She highlighted that reusable sacks for recycling paper and card would be vulnerable to blowing away in strong wind. Food waste and recycled paper/card could be vulnerable to infiltration from livestock. She asked if the scheme was working in partnership with the Verderers:

The Verderers are in favour of the scheme. Food waste will be collected in 25litre bins with a locking handle making them secure from wildlife.

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- Cllr Hawker expressed concern about the number of containers each household would have to store. Some houses do not have much outside space for storage of multiple (unsightly) bins:
There would be exclusions to the core scheme for households who cannot implement the proposed scheme, however the proposed strategy will only work if the majority of residents across the New Forest are party to the core scheme.
- Cllr Gabzdyl asked when the new scheme would be implemented:
It is hoped that the scheme can be put in place soon after the consultations are complete and detailed costs are properly evaluated.
- Cllr Norris was concerned about unsightly bins stored on Beaulieu High Street – a narrow road which is often already congested:
The strategy would need to be adapted for this area.
- Cllr Dearing was concerned about difficulties elderly residents might have handling large wheely bins. She also asked if biodegradable bin liners would be supplied by NFDC for food waste bins:
An assisted collection scheme is already in place for elderly and disabled residents, this would continue to be implemented in the new scheme. Biodegradable bin liners could be sold to residents by NFDC, however liners are problematic in the disposal of food waste because they do not break down properly in the process of Anaerobic Digestion.
- Cllr Moyle asked for more clarification about costs of the proposed scheme:
Food waste collection will incur additional costs but these will be offset against the reduced expenses of collecting general waste and recycling on a fortnightly basis. Rolling out wheely bins across the district will be expensive however it will be cost effective in the long term.

5.0. To receive the clerk's report

The clerk would like to thank councillors for delivering the parish council newsletters, which have been very gratefully received by residents and lovely feedback given! The clerk has also received several emails and phone calls about the inadequate broadband coverage in East Boldre which is impacting significantly on families who are having to home school their children during the current lockdown. Two residents have also contacted the clerk to complain about the quality of mobile reception in the village.

Cllr Mans expressed sympathy with those who are struggling with inadequate broadband coverage noting that in current circumstances, this is now an even more important issue.

Cllr Gabzdyl advised residents to contact their mobile phone provider if they do not have adequate network coverage.

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

- Cllr Mans congratulated Chris Noble on his presentation on the NFDC draft waste strategy.
- He confirmed that there have been 549 cases of Covid 19 per 100,000 across Hampshire in the past week. The levels, although high, seem to have stabilised.
- The vaccination program is now being rolled out across the county. By mid-February, it is hoped that all key workers and the over 70's will have received their first vaccine. Most over 50's will have received their first vaccine by the Spring.
- HCC has set their budget for the next financial year. Reserves have been used to balance the books.
- Local elections in May have been delayed until July (or perhaps until the Autumn).
- Cllr Mans confirmed that he still has funds left in his devolved budget.

6.1. To receive questions on the report by the County Councillor.

Cllr Moyle asked how keyworkers involved in front facing work obtain information on the vaccination program. Cllr Mans advised him to make enquires at the local vaccination centre at Milford on Sea.

Cllr Husband asked if HCC bares the cost of furlough for HCC staff who are unable to work during lockdown. Cllr Mans confirmed that they do.

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

None.

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8.0. Public session.

None.

9.0. Finance. To receive payments for January 2021 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
Payments				
Norton software	07/12/2020	virus protection	£89.99	83
datacenta	15/12/2020	email subscription	£60.00	84
Soundcloud	16/12/2020	EBOH online recordings	£90.00	85
Royal Mail	18/12/2020	PO Box	£36.00	86
Plusnet	18/12/2020	parish council phone	£7.46	87
Community Heartbeat	04/01/2021	lightbulbs for BT kiosks	£84.00	88
Marsh Commercial	04/01/2021	Allotment insurance	£83.64	89
PFK Littlejohn	04/01/2021	External Audit	£288.00	90
Quayline	04/01/2020	Newsletters	£453.60	91
Parish Clerk	06/01/2021	Salary	£634.88	92
Parish Clerk	06/01/2021	expenses	£59.01	93
Microsoft	06/01/2021	Office 365	£5.99	94
Total paid			£1,652.58	
Amount transferred to current account			£0.00	
Receipts as at date		Detail	Amount	
allotment holder	09/12/2020	incorrect payment	£57.50	66
allotment holder	10/12/2020	incorrect payment	£24.00	67
Bank interest	12/11/2020	monthly interest	£0.11	68
NFNPA	26/12/2020	EBOH grant	£1,000.00	69
Total receipts			£1,081.61	
Bank reconciliation				
Balance as at date				
HSBC Current			£395.81	
HSBC Savings			£13,876.91	
Total			£14,272.72	
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			£23,776.23	
less payments			-£31,765.48	
uncleared cheques			0.00	
Total			£14,272.72	

CLlr Holmes asked for a breakdown of maintenance costs for the allotments. The clerk confirmed that additional funds have been spent this year on ploughing up the grass area of allotment 1 and in providing a skip for clearing allotment 2. These costs were accounted for in the budget for 2020/21.

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10.0. To consider planning applications:

Resolved:

Appl.No & Officer	Applicant's Site Address	Description of Works	N.P.A. Date	Comment made to N.P.A..
20/00905	Retrospective planning permission for a field shelter	LAND TO THE REAR OF WORMSTALL HOUSE (FORMERLY WOODLAND VIEW), ROWES LANE, EAST END, SO41 5SU	8/12/20	East Boldre Parish Council recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. The parish council would like a condition put in place to ensure that this building is used solely as a shelter for animals. The council would also like it noted that permission should have been sought before the building was erected.
20/00933	Detached garage; demolition of existing detached garage to allow alternative materials	SUMMERFIELD, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WU	18/12/20	East Boldre Parish Council recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
20/00952 Carly Cochrane	Carpport; 2no. pairs of gates; 1no. gate; reinforce front boundary hedge with planting; demolition of garage	The Yews, Heath Lane, East Boldre, Brockenhurst, SO42 7WF	31/12/20	East Boldre Parish Council recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

11.0. To receive a broadband update.

- Cllr Husband told the council that he has written to Julian Lewis MP.
- Minstead Parish is experiencing similar issues with broadband, they have been told that cable will be installed by Spring 2022.
- According to Open Reach, there must be a 2m distance between broadband cable and electricity cable which makes it difficult to install broadband cable on telegraph poles in the village.
- Glen Peacy confirmed that the HCC voucher scheme is only available in certain areas of the village. Cllr Gabzdyl will contact Community fibre partnership and ascertain which postcodes in the village are covered by the voucher scheme. **Action RG**
- Cllr Husband will lobby the verderers court and write to the chairman of Open Reach to put further pressure on them to resolve the issues of inadequate broadband in the village. **Action MH**

12.0. To receive an update on work at Hatchet Pond.

- Cllr Clark told the council that the toilet block in the car park has now been removed.
- Progress has been made on planning permission to move the carpark towards the road.
- Drawing on best practice, a team is working on interpretation and signage for the area.
- Cllr Clark will contact Forestry England to establish their plans for ensuring adequate ranger and volunteer presence at Hatchet Pond as we move into the summer. **Action LC**

13.0. To receive an update on the convex mirror opposite Matthews Lane.

The clerk has received a response from Hampshire Highways: FE are the custodians of the verges in East Boldre therefore permission would need to be sought from verderers. The parish council expressed their frustration at the lack of support received for locals who are trying to work and live safely in the village.

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14.0. To receive reports from external meetings.

Cllr Hawker attended an emergency plan meeting. Whilst the parish council cannot currently host CPR and AED training courses, she advised residents to download the App 'SAVE A LIFE' which instructs users on how to use a defibrillator. Cllr Hawker also advised the council about scams to extract money from people for a Covid 19 vaccine. Vaccines will be rolled out nationally and they do not have to be paid for by the recipient.

15.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

To receive a Broadband update.

To agree the budget for 2021/22

To receive an update on Hatchet Pond.

16.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on Tuesday on 9th February 2021

This meeting will be held virtually due to Covid 19 restrictions.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.