

**EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in East Boldre Village Hall on Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 7pm.

**Present:**

Chair - Cllr B Hawker  
 Cllr I Moyes  
 Cllr R Gabzdyl  
 Cllr M Husband  
 Cllr K Holmes  
 Cllr A Rostand

In attendance: Cllr K Mans. Cllr M Harris

**1.0. To accept apologies for absence.**

Cllr T Morrissey; Parish Clerk

**2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda.**

Cllr Moyse – non-pecuniary interest in item 10 (Summerfield).

**3.0. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 14 June 2022.**

**3.1.** Matters arising: The Standing Orders have been revised. The AGAR report was submitted. The Clerk received an email from Deborah Slade to confirm that the agricultural building use and the mobile shelter complied with guidelines.

**4.0. To receive Clerk's report. (Circulated). FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Chair presented the Clerk's report in her absence.

**College bus service:** Improved bus pick up and drop off points for East Boldre students who attend Brockenhurst College have been proposed by the Acting Principal at Brockenhurst College. Cllrs supported the proposal. [View map here](#)

**Gorse Cottage (22/00360):** The requested briefing note was forwarded to Councillors on 21/6/22. Cllrs are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

**Clubhouse rebuild (22/00383):** Cllr Rostand raised the planning application with Lord Montague who confirmed that he has no immediate plans to rebuild the structure, but to retain it as a site for potential development in the future. One option could be to affordable housing in the future. Cllr Husband will represent the Parish Council's concerns at an NPA Planning Committee meeting if requested. The site was previously identified as potential for 12 affordable homes. Cllr Husband suggested a further meeting with Lord Montague. **Action:** Cllr Rostand.

**Local Assets Heritage List:** The proposal to include the Beaulieu Airfield WW1 and WW2 sites were adopted unanimously by the NPA Planning Committee on 21 June.

**Platinum Jubilee Tree:** A celebratory event is planned for 22 October. A small working group has been formed to consider plans and celebrations will meet on 18 July.

**Community transport:** Cllr Gabzdyl offered her report to Councillors. EBPC are concerned at the effect the planned £800k budget cut may have on our rural village community and would like HCCs assurance that our very limited bus service will be safeguarded. East Boldre parish public transport links have already been cut to the bone with the relatively recent loss of the 112 bus Saturday service. In the bottom 2.5% of LSOAs (Lower-layer Super Output Area) nationally for the index of deprivation for housing and services our village has no school, GP or dentist and the future of our village shop and Post Office is uncertain. (Source <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/english-indices-of-deprivation-2019>). 9% of households in the parish (NOMIS based on 2011 census) have no vehicle and the very limited bus service is a lifeline to those residents for accessing shops, healthcare and other services/amenities. Without the bus service some would

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struggle to stay in the village where their family have lived for generations. Hampshire County Council's own Socio-economic profile of rural Hampshire 2016 - Access and Transport Report states:

*"Nonetheless, there are still reasonable proportions of residents living in rural areas who do not own a car. Research suggests these are more likely to be vulnerable groups such as the elderly, the disabled and the unemployed."*

We would urge that our rural community and the 112 bus service that serves it are protected in the consideration of any cuts. Cllrs agreed that this report should be forwarded to the consultative group.

**Action:** Clerk.

**5.0. To receive a report by the County Councillor for East Boldre. FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

Cllr Mans advised that HCC are now considering the budget for next year. Heatwave advice has been issued in response to high temperatures at present. Cllr Mans has some money available in his budget for projects this year.

**5.1 To receive questions on the report by the County Councillor.**

To receive questions on the report by the County Councillor. Will be invited to the tree ceremony. Cllr Gabzdyl asked when leaders' grants are decided. Cllr Mans replied generally every month, papers are usually in the public domain five days before a decision is taken. The Cllr will look into making guidelines more readily available to parish councils.

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

Cllr Harris attended a long cabinet meeting at which the waste strategy was approved. Coming into force in 2024, the target is to increase recycling from 35% to 55%. Currently the NFDC rate is among the lowest in country. The strategy from central government specified a predetermined outcome with little room for manoeuvre for NFDC. HCC will create a new disposal facility to meet the requirements of district councils. Over two years every household in the district will be visited to determine suitability of wheelie bins or waste sacks. A new digital strategy was also adopted recently. NFDC are on target to build 600 homes in next 5 years and make improvement towards greening existing Council houses. Cllr Harris is also working to support the Ukraine initiative.

**6.1. To receive questions on the report by the District Councillor.**

Cllr Rostand asked if there should be a nationwide recycling strategy. Cllr Harris replied that there are differing geographical and political considerations. Cllr Mans suggested some of the confusion arises from a lack of clarification from central government. A uniform strategy would have to factor in urban and rural areas variances. Cllr Husband suggested there will be challenges in encouraging people to adopt new systems. Cllr Mans thanked Cllr Husband for the work he has put into the consultation. Going on to ask what will take us to the 55% target, Cllr Mans suggested there are questions about creating greater recycling capacity at county level.

The Chair thanked both Cllr Harris and Cllr Mans for their updates.

**7.0. To receive an overview of tree works processes and management from Nik Gruber, New Forest NPA Senior Tree Officer.**

Postponed to September.

**8.0. Public session.**

None.

**9.0. Finance.**

**9.1 To review monthly accounts and to note bank reconciliation (Circulated).**

The payment schedule for June and the monthly report were noted.

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<b>East Boldre Parish Council payment schedule - June 2022</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Folio</b>	<b>trans</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
06/06/2022	HALC	LCPD Bronze membership	17	bacs	£198.00
06/06/2022	Viking	copy paper, notebooks, magnet	18	bacs	£27.16
06/06/2022	Microsoft	Office 365	19	bacs	£5.99
10/06/2022	E Welch	Salary	20	bacs	£645.99
16/06/2022	Royal Mail	PO Box	21	bacs	£38.10
21/06/2022	HSBC	Bank charges to 30 May	22	bacs	£6.60
22/06/2022	NSALG	EBPC membership	23	bacs	£67.00
23/06/2022	Bournemouth Water	Allotment water 19/11 to 25/5	24	bacs	£61.27
27/06/2022	UNIPAR SERVICES	SID equipment	25	bacs	£2,058.00
27/06/2022	E Welch	Mileage and exp May and June	26	bacs	£91.86
27/06/2022	E Welch	Salary	27	bacs	£583.85
<b>Total payments</b>					<b>£3,783.82</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
06/06/2022	Backhouse	Allotment rent	41	bacs	£30.00
07/06/2022	Mitchell	Allotment rent	42	bacs	£20.00
08/06/2022	Tindell	Allotment rent	43	bacs	£30.00
12/06/2022	HSBC	bank interest	44	bacs	£0.63
17/06/2022	Chapman	Allotment rent	45	bacs	£30.00
22/06/2022	Broomfield	Allotment rent	46	bacs	£30.00
28/06/2022	S&L Clarke (2nd plot)	Allotment rent	48	bacs	£30.00
<b>Total receipts</b>					<b>£170.63</b>
<b>Money transferred</b>			40 &47		<b>£3,500.00</b>
<b>Bank reconciliation</b>					
<b>Balance as at date</b>					
HSBC Current					<b>£704.92</b>
HSBC Savings					<b>£21,237.39</b>
Less unrepresented cheques					
<b>Net bank balance as at date</b>					<b><u>£21,942.31</u></b>
<b>The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to</b>					

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<i>date, as follows</i>				
Opening balances				<b>£18,455.79</b>
Add receipts				£10,128.92
less payments				-£6,642.40
<b>Closing balance as per the balance sheet</b>				<b>£21,942.31</b>

### Monthly report

	2021/22 Actual £	22/23		
		Budget £	YTD £	Forecast £
<b>Council business</b>				
Income	16,001.66	16,002.00	8,001.67	
Expenditure	13,581.84	15,955.00	3,356.85	
Expenditure as % of precept		99.72	41.96	
Surplus (deficit)	2,419.82	47.00	4,644.82	
<b>Projects</b>				
Income	4,797.58	-	-	
Expenditure	3,262.00	2,300.00	-	
Surplus (deficit)	1,535.58	2,300.00	-	
<b>Allotments</b>				
Income	1,423.00	1,585.00	1,480.00	
Expenditure	1,563.11	1,560.00	602.27	
Surplus (deficit)	-140.11	25.00	877.73	
<b>VAT recovered</b>				
	228.70		397.25	
<b>VAT paid</b>				
	725.36		500.28	

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net	- 496.66	-	- 103.03	
<b>Total surplus (deficit)</b>	3,318.63	2,228.00	5,419.52	
<b>Reserve brought forward</b>	10,695.52	14,014.15	14,014.15	
<b>Reserve carried forward</b>	14,014.15	11,786.15	19,433.67	
<b>Cash at bank</b>	18,455.55		21,942.07	
<b>Adjustments</b>				
<b>Cash book balance</b>	18,455.55		21,942.07	
<b>Reserves</b>	14,014.15		19,433.67	
<b>Commitment</b>	4,442.00		2,509.00	
<b>Total</b>	18,456.15		21,942.67	
<b>Council business Income</b>				
precept	16000.00	16,000.00	8,000.00	
bank interest	1.66	2.00	1.67	
<b>Total</b>	16,001.66	16,002.00	8,001.67	
<b>Council business expenditure</b>				
salary	8,397.87	9,000.00	1,875.83	
stationery/post/phone	742.26	550.00	142.61	
travel	157.15	400.00	45.00	
office	433.29	400.00	66.66	
equipment	73.61	600.00	-	
training	491.00	500.00	-	
newsletter	149.95	450.00	-	
hall hire	250.00	250.00	-	

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audit	440.00	440.00	190.00	
insurance	450.27	440.00	481.65	
defibrillators	396.00	400.00	-	
Speedwatch		-	28.00	
football pitch	225.00	225.00	-	
subscriptions	1,136.24	1,300.00	527.10	
maintenance	239.20	1,000.00	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,581.84</b>	<b>15,955.00</b>	<b>3,356.85</b>	
<b>Projects income</b>				
grants	4,247.58		-	
donations	550.00		-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,797.58</b>		-	
<b>Projects expenditure</b>				
EBOH salary		-	-	
EBOH other	90.00	-	-	
grants	2,602.00	-	-	
defibrillators		250.00	-	
seats		50.00		
bus shelters etc		1,000.00		
notice boards	570.00	1,000.00	-	
public transport		-	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,262.00</b>	<b>2,300.00</b>	-	
<b>Allotments income</b>	1,423.00	1,580.00	1,480.00	
<b>Allotments expenditure</b>				
rent refund	12.50	-		
Rent,insurance	428.64	550.00	541.00	
water	221.97	250.00	61.27	

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hedging	500.00	360.00	-	
fencing	400.00	200.00	-	
maintenance		200.00	-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,563.11</b>	<b>1,560.00</b>	<b>602.27</b>	

#### 10.0. Planning applications. To consider:

Planning applications for Gorse Cottage (22/00360) and the Clubhouse rebuild (22/00383) were discussed under item 4.

Resolved:

22/00360	GORSE COTTAGE, LYMINGTON ROAD, EAST END SO41 5SS	Conservatory; demolition of existing pergola	Briefing note received from planning officer further to request in June. We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
22/00444	SUMMERFIELD, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WU	Replacement greenhouse (remove existing)	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.
22/00473	BROOM COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WU	Gable roof; infill conservatory; cladding to dwelling and outbuilding; render to dwelling; alterations to doors and windows	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.

#### 11.0. To receive a report on the Community Speedwatch initiative.

CLlr Gabzdyl advised that the SID equipment had arrived and Pilley Speedwatch used the equipment first. It is easy to use and lightweight. Sessions are planned in East Boldre shortly. Two more new volunteers were welcomed to the East Boldre team. Vehicles exceeding speed limits will be reported to police. First offences receive a letter; police will consider court action on any third offence. Councillors welcome the opportunity that SID presents to gather data and better understand how many cars are involved.

#### 12.0. To receive a Broadband update from CLlr Husband.

CLlr Husband reported:

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1. The two live structures will have the road crossings and fibre installation re-commencing on the 12 July (indeed Heath Lane started today), I am advised that the work will continue until the two structures are both complete.
2. Good news with the Community Fibre Scheme. It is being handed over to the delivery team and the vouchers has been approved and issued by DCMS. Hants CC describe it as Voucher Priority scheme. It is anticipated that the residents who signed up for the scheme will receive an email from openreach circa 18 July. Appendix to show the email sent to those residents.

Cllr Gabzdyl noted the encouraging progress in the last ten months, after a slow start at the outset.

**13.0. To receive reports from external meetings.**

Cllr Rostand attended the Schoolfields Trust AGM. The meeting was well organised and Councillors welcomed the proposal for Cllr Rostand to be Parish Council liaison with the Trust.

Cllr Husband attended the Village Hall Trust AGM. At the meeting, Steve Antczak advised that he will stand down next year, after many years of invaluable service.

**14.0. Agenda items for next meeting.**

No meeting will take place in August except in case of emergency.

September: Presentation from NPA Senior Tree Officer.

To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on 13 September 2022 in East Boldre Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

**Appendix 1 – Email 11/7/2022 from Cllr Moyse, Cllr Husband and Mr S Newey**  
**IMPORTANT BROADBAND /FIBRE 11.7.22 UPDATE – COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**  
**SCHEME FOR THE SOUTH OF EAST BOLDRE TOWARDS EAST END**

**WHAT IS THE SITUATION?**

For some years we have been expecting the installation of High-Speed Broadband Access to the Village. Sadly, we were advised last year by Openreach that whilst they will be able to deliver High Speed Broadband to much of the village this year, they had insufficient funding within the current Hampshire scheme to cover some properties in East Boldre towards East End. Hampshire County Council and Openreach worked together to get permission from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to extend access to the government Gigabit Voucher scheme to help close this funding gap. But access to this funding required residents to sign up in sufficient numbers to prove that there was a business case.

Last October we contacted yourself and you kindly signed up for the Gigabit Voucher scheme to enable high speed internet to be provided to your property. Overall we had more than sufficient residents express interest in the scheme for it to progress

Since last October we have continued to have monthly contact with Openreach to push for progress. There have been a number of issues to resolve including planning approval for the engineering work and a short halt by DCMS to issuing new vouchers.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT BOTH OF THESE ISSUES HAVE NOW BEEN RESOLVED AND OPENREACH HAVE STARTED THE DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING.**

**DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING?**

We now need your support again to draw down on the voucher scheme. Very shortly, some time after the 18th July, you will receive an email from OpenReach asking you to reconfirm your interest in broadband. Please respond positively to this email.

**THERE IS NO FINANCIAL COST TO YOU; YOU ONLY NEED TO COMMIT TO TAKING A SUPPLY FROM YOUR CHOSEN PROVIDER ONCE FIBRE IS AVAILABLE TO YOU.**

As there is a danger that these emails may go to “Junk” folders, we will send a further email when we know the vouchers emails have been sent to confirm their arrival and to advise on how you should complete the return.

Once sufficient residents have accepted the vouchers, then Openreach will commence the works which are expected to take a number of months. We do not at this stage have an actual implementation date.

Michael Husband, Ian Moyse and Stuart Newey

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