

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Assembly meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 8.00pm. The meeting was held online via Teams.

Present :

Cllr K Holmes (Chairman)

Cllr B Hawker (Vice Chair)

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr I Moyse

Cllr M Husband

Cllr R Gabzdyl

In attendance: - Cllr Mans, County Councillor, Mrs Nicola Curzon; Parish Clerk and Peter Dewbery from ONS

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllr Clark

3. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th March 2020 were accepted and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4. Chairman's Report to the Parish Electors.

Last year when I read out the Annual Assembly Report, I don't think any of us would have imagined the year we have just had and are still going through. The words COVID, social distancing and furlough were not in our vocabulary. It was also the last time the parish council would all be together in the village hall. Never-the-less the parish council have met every month, although virtually. And have continued to represent the residents of East Boldre.

Allotments

The allotments are now amalgamated into the one site and Forestry England will be taking back allotment site 2 at the end of this month. The allotments also proved therapeutic for those who needed to escape the anxiety caused by the coronavirus lockdown.

Planning applications

Planning applications are an important part of the parish council agenda. Even with the strange year we have had the parish council considered many planning applications from small outbuildings to large structures.

Broadband

Cllr Michael Husband has still been pushing the various stake holders for updates on broadband in the village.

Matthews Lane

Cllr Rebecca has spent the whole year trying to sort out visibility issues brought up by a resident when exiting Matthews Lane. And has spoken to just about every stakeholder involved.

Hatchet Pond

Cllr Lynn Clark is still in contact Forestry England regarding the changes to car parking and signage at Hatchet Pond.

External meetings

Parish councillors have still attended external meetings (although virtually) on behalf of residents, always bringing any issues that may affect East Boldre back to the parish council.

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The year also saw:

1. Replacement signs being installed for East Boldre/East End. These were part funded by the New Forest National Park Authority.
2. The parish council's website was made accessible in line with government legislation.
3. Listening stations for East Boldre Oral History were installed in venues around the village.
4. Two further defibrillators were installed in the village BT kiosks.
5. The village emergency plan came into action during lockdown. Mike Upton has done a fantastic job with this.

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

5. A presentation on the National Census by Peter Dewbery, Census Engagement Manager for ONS

Peter gave a fascinating presentation on the census including some very interesting facts on when and why the census was established:

- The Census is a National survey which helps to establish how services are run.
- Census data is used by hospitals, the police, schools and councils.
- Personal Data submitted in the census form is protected for 100 years.
- Information you supply on your census form will remain confidential.
- It is a legal requirement to fill in your census form and failing to do so could result in a £1000 fine.
- The first National UK census was held in 1801
- It takes place every 10 years and offers a snapshot of life in UK on that day.
- Census day is on Sunday 21st March.
- Although the information you supply must relate to 21st March, you can fill out your form early.
- The Census form should be filled in by one person in each household.
- It is a digital first census, ONS would like to encourage people to fill out their form online.
- Joining information will be sent to each household by post, this will include instructions on filling out the form and a unique access code.
- If you cannot fill in your census form online, you can request a paper copy of the form by calling the support line.
- The National Support line for help filling out the census form is 0800 141 2021
- Foreign language support is available on 0800 587 1387
- Local support is available on 0300 555 1387
- Official Field Staff will be out in the community, wearing ID badges and PPE. They will offer assistance in filling out the census form.

Cllr Holmes thanked Peter Dewbery for an excellent presentation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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