

Minutes of the Parish Council Annual Assembly meeting held on Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 8.00 pm in the East Boldre School Fields Trust Hall.

**Present :**

Cllr K Holmes (Chairman)	Cllr B Mulhall
Cllr D Drodge	Cllr B Hawker
Cllr M Sterling	Cllr M Husband

In attendance: - Mrs Nicola Curzon; Parish Clerk, and five members of the public.

**1. Welcome by Chairman.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Assembly.

**2. Apologies for absence.** None

**3. Minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting.**

The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 14th March 2017 were accepted and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**4. Chairman's Report to the Parish Electors.**

It has been an eventful year with several changes to the parish council and of course the recent extraordinary weather. On the 29 December last year, part of the village was hit by a mini tornado. It destroyed the flat roof on village hall and caused major damage to homes, business and vehicles around the area. Just over a week ago the New Forest was thrown into chaos by heavy snow fall, which caused great difficulty for many people. These events have made the parish council focus on producing a village emergency plan. Please contact Cllr Husband or the parish clerk for more information if you would like to become involved.

The parish council has undergone many changes over the last year. Our former parish clerk Kim Penna left at the end of last year. Her position was filled by Nicola Curzon who has done an amazing job over the last few months and I would like to thank her for taking on this challenge.

Cllr Howard Green also recently left the council having devoted a vast amount of his time to getting super-fast broadband to the village. This would not have been possible without the huge support offered to the council by the late Ken Thornber, or the persistence and determination shown by Cllr Green. The council is still working on extending the broadband service throughout the village. Cllr Michael Husband joined the council a few months ago, replacing Cllr Barry Gregory and Cllr Beverly Hawker joined the council last week. We now have a further vacancy for a councillor, as Cllr Matt Gregory has very recently stepped down.

The allotments continue to go from strength to strength, we have a couple of plot vacancies if anyone is interested. On 2 September the allotments association is having its annual 'Taste of East Boldre' which showcases the produce and community aspect of the association. Please come along and support this event. You can even enter a cake into the bake-off competition which will be judged by Cllr Harris.

Last year a defibrillator was installed in the adopted BT kiosk opposite the shop. The parish council has now adopted the two other BT kiosks in the village at a cost of £2: one by Hatchet pond and the other almost opposite this village hall. If anyone has any ideas what we can use them for, please let the council know.

Chairman's signature:

Date:

Planning applications are still important part of the parish council agenda. Cllr Mulhall and Cllr Husband recently attended the national park authority's planning committee because the parish council objected to the size if an extension, as a result, the planning application was refused.

Parish councillors still attend external meetings on behalf of residents, always bringing any issues that may affect East Boldre back to the parish council.

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

**5. A presentation by Jayne Albery, Verge Restoration Officer for the Forestry Commission.**

Jayne Allbery talked about the Forestry Commission plans to install dragon's teeth and ditch and bank schemes along the verges in areas of East Boldre. She told the council that proposed areas for work are: The triangle at the top of Main Road by the broadband station; by the village bus stop; opposite the village shop; outside the village hall and St Leonards Road.

**6. Questions from residents to Parish Council.**

Several members of the public were very concerned about introducing any reduction on parking opposite the shop. Even now parking causes inconvenience and hazard. They questioned Jayne Albery about the proposed scheme and the impact it would have on parking around their properties and businesses. It was agreed that more consultation must be planned between these parties to resolve the issues which arose.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.