

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

Chair - Cllr B Hawker
 Vice Chair - Cllr I Moyes
 Cllr R Gabzdyl
 Cllr K Holmes

In attendance: 3 members of the public; Liz Welch, Parish Clerk.

1.0 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr M Husband.

2.0 Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllrs Gabzdyl and Hawker disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in item 9, planning. Cllr Holmes disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in item 7.

3.0 To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2022

Resolved: The council meeting minutes were agreed and they were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

3.1 Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Hawker reported that there was a delay in producing the newsletter due to the Clerk's workload. The grant form was revised and the 'Getting Going Again' flier posted.

4.0 Clerk's report (Circulated) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Cycle events: Cllr Gabzdyl has contacted NFDC's Safety Advisory Group (SAG), HCC highways, and Richard Taylor (Minstead PC and parish council representative to NFALC). SAG has no jurisdiction on cycle events taking place on Hampshire highways. It was agreed that the EBPC website will include dates of larger events affecting the village and in particular the Swashbuckler Triathlon on 10 July. **Action:** Clerk.

New Councillors: Notices were posted inviting members of the public to contact Clerk.

NFDC meet: Clerks were invited to attend a meeting with CE Kate Ryan. A note of the meeting was circulated. Of particular note, the Clerk learned of plans for the NFDC to plant two trees at Sweyns Lease to commemorate the Jubilee; the CE was aware that East Boldre has some of the slowest Broadband in England.

Gallagher Insurance renewal: Councillors were asked to review the EBPC policy. £450.27 paid in 2021/2. Cllr Gabzdyl suggested that the Clerk explore a three year plan to keep costs to a minimum. **Action:** Clerk to update asset register on receipt of new equipment

Assembly minutes: The minutes of the annual assembly on 8/4/22 were circulated and approved by those present.

Speedwatch camera: An order has been placed and delivery expected in 2-3 weeks. The Clerk proposed that the equipment is owned by EBPC in order to claim VAT on the purchase and for insurance cover and this was approved by Councillors on the understanding that the equipment will be freely available to the local CSW group. £465 of Cllr Mans' grant has now been forwarded to Cllr Gabzdyl for the purchase of safety equipment for volunteers.

Allotments update: EBAA held a meeting on 4/4/22 and those present nominated and approved three officers to represent the EBAA. Cllr Hawker and the Clerk were invited to attend the meeting as observers. The allotments risk assessment was carried out in March. Both the EBAA and the Clerk have welcomed free

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advice and guidance from the National Allotment Association Regional Representative. Renewals for 2022/3 have been sent out.

Old Legion Building: A member of public raised concern about children accessing site. Beaulieu estates have replied that they will check the fencing.

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

None

5.1 To receive questions on the report by the County Councillor

None

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

None

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None

7.0 Public session

A member of the public raised a concern that there was no bus to collect students from East Boldre to Brockenhurst College. Students face a long walk to Hatchet Pond including a stretch of the high risk B3054 with no pavement. She had tried without success to contact the College directly. **Action:** Clerk to contact the College to request that a pick up point is added in East Boldre.

A community initiative, Fareshare, provides a mobile service to provide fresh produce. A member of the public explained that many residents are without transport and asked if this service might be extended to include the Parish. **Action:** Clerk to contact Fareshare.

8.0 Finance

8.1 To review monthly accounts and verify bank reconciliation.

Income March 2022

04/03/2022	bank transfer	transfer	Folio 66	£1,000.00	-£1,000.00
14/03/2022	BPC - speedgun contrib	cheque		£116.00	
04/04/2022	bank transfer	transfer		£1,000.00	-£1,000.00

Expenditure March 2022

07/03/2022	Microsoft	office 365	Folio 102	d/d	£5.99
14/03/2022	ICO	data protection certificate	103	d/d	£35.00
14/03/2022	Royal Mail	po box	104	d/d	£36.60
21/03/2022	HSBC	bank charges to 27 Feb	105	d/d	£5.00
31/03/2022	plusnet	Parish CI Phone	106	d/d	£7.80
31/03/2022	R. Gabzdyl	Speedwatch accessories	107	bacs	£465.00
04/04/2022	Kimcell	web hosting - 2 years	108	bacs	£150.00
04/04/2022	E Welch	salary	109	bacs	£645.99

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04/04/2022	E Welch	expenses	110	bacs	£54.03
05/04/2022	microsoft	office 365	111	d/d	£5.99

Bank reconciliation March 2022

Cash book	Opening balance	£15,696.00
	Total receipts	£22,200.94
	Total payments	£19,435.32
	Closing balance	<u>£18,461.62</u>

Bank balances	Deposit account	£17,485.72
	Current account	£976.06
		<u>£18,461.78</u>

8.2 To review draft 2021/2 financial statements.

	Actual	YTD	Accruals	Actual	Budget
	£	£	£	£	£
Council business					
Income	15,010.00	16,001.66		16,001.66	16,002.00
Expenditure	15,801.00	13,581.84		13,576.85	15,955.00
Expenditure as % of precept	105.34	84.89			99.72
Surplus (deficit)	791.00	2,419.82		2,424.81	47.00
Projects					
Income	6,676.00	4,547.58		4,797.58	-
Expenditure	12,255.00	1,575.00		3,262.00	2,300.00
Surplus (deficit)	5,579.00	2,972.58		1,535.58	2,300.00
Allotments					
Income	1,587.00	1,423.00		1,423.00	1,585.00
Expenditure	2,052.00	1,063.11		1,563.11	1,560.00
Surplus (deficit)	465.00	359.89		140.11	25.00

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VAT recovered	2,912.00	228.70		228.70	
VAT paid	2,643.00	726.36		725.36	
net	269.00	497.66		496.66	-
Total surplus (deficit)	6,566.00	5,254.63		3,323.62	2,228.00
Reserve brought forward	17,262.00	10,695.92		10,695.52	14,019.14
Reserve carried forward	10,696.00	15,950.55		14,019.14	11,791.14
Cash at bank	15,696.00	18,455.55		18,461.78	
Adjustments					
Cash book balance	15,696.00	18,455.55		18,461.78	
Reserves	10,696.00	15,950.55		14,019.14	
Commitment	5,000.00	2,505.00	1,937.00	4,442.00	
Total	15,696.00	18,455.55		18,461.14	
Council business Income					
precept	15,000.00	16,000.00		16000.00	16,000.00
bank interest	10.00	1.66		1.66	2.00
Total	15,010.00	16,001.66		16,001.66	16,002.00
Council business expenditure					
salary	8,905.00	8,397.87		8,397.87	9,000.00
stationery/post/phone	595.00	742.26		737.27	550.00
travel	175.00	157.15		157.15	400.00
office	401.00	433.29		433.29	400.00
equipment	677.00	73.61		73.61	600.00

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training	83.00	491.00		491.00	500.00
newsletter	378.00	149.95		149.95	450.00
hall hire	8.00	250.00		250.00	250.00
audit	430.00	440.00		440.00	440.00
insurance	439.00	450.27		450.27	440.00
defibrillators	505.00	396.00		396.00	400.00
election exp.	-	-			-
football pitch	225.00	225.00		225.00	225.00
subscriptions	1,254.00	1,136.24		1,136.24	1,300.00
maintenance	1,726.00	239.20		239.20	1,000.00
Total	15,801.00	13,581.84		13,576.85	15,955.00
Projects income					
grants	6,021.00	3,997.58	250.00	4,247.58	
donations	655.00	550.00		550.00	
Total	6,676.00	4,547.58		4,797.58	
Projects expenditure					
EBOH salary	1,952.00	-			-
EBOH other	4,614.00	90.00		90.00	-
grants	1,759.00	915.00	1,687.00	2,602.00	-
defibrillators	3,930.00	-			250.00
seats					50.00
bus shelters etc					1,000.00
notice boards		570.00		570.00	1,000.00
public transport	-	-			-
Total	12,255.00	1,575.00		3,262.00	2,300.00
Allotments income	1,587.00	1,423.00		1,423.00	1,580.00

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Allotments expenditure					
rent refund	15.00	12.50		12.50	-
Rent,insurance	774.00	428.64		428.64	550.00
water	339.00	221.97		221.97	250.00
hedging	360.00	-	500.00	500.00	360.00
fencing		400.00		400.00	200.00
maintenance	564.00	-			200.00
Total	2,052.00	1,063.11		1,563.11	1,560.00

9.0 To consider planning applications

9.1 Planning applications

Resolved:

22/00136	POND COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WD	We are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.
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9.2 Tree works application:

Resolved: Councillors recommend that a tree or shrub be planted to replace felled Willow CONS/22/0158.

CONS/22/0143	Cloop Cottage, Lymington Road, East End, Lymington, SO41 5SS	Prune 1 x Group of Lawson Cypress trees Prune 1 x Hawthorn Tree Prune 1 x Elder tree
CONS/22/0158	Coombes Gate Farm, St Leonards Road, East End, Lymington, SO41 5SR	Fell 1 x Willow tree

Action: Clerk to inform the NPA.

10.0 Broadband update

The Clerk read a statement from Cllr Husband, also posted on Parish noticeboards:

After years of waiting the Parish Council is very pleased to confirm that the first parts of East Boldre enabling homes to connect to Fibre has gone live. The properties in Sweyns Lease, Strawberry Fields, Chapel Lane and Warton Close are now able to have a connection. In order to get a fibre connection you need to contact your supplier of you current telephone/broadband service, other service providers are available. Regular updates on Fibre for the Village are in the Parish Council minutes and also on the Parish Council website.

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Cllr Moyes added that the northern end of the village including Gaza Avenue was due to go live at the end of April, but work had not yet started and a planning application to carry out the work has not been received.

11.0 New Forest for Ukraine report

Cllr Gabzdyl explained that NFFU – a volunteer led initiative – now consists of two teams. The first co-ordinates donations and delivery to two rescue centres in Poland and a frontline base. Suggested items to donate change weekly and can be viewed on their website. The second team has been renamed New Forest Homes for Ukraine and links refugees to hosts locally. 75 host families have come forward and 24 families have already arrived in the New Forest. Local support networks are being established to offer a signposting service, roll out EFL lessons and to co-ordinate with New Forest Primary Care Plus.

Cllr Hawker expressed thanks to Cllr Gabzdyl and colleagues for their contributions to support displaced Ukrainians.

12.0 Update on Queen's Jubilee

12.1 School Fields Trust

An unofficial event will take place to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

12.2 Green Canopy and NFDC plans

The Clerk has submitted a proposal to the Verderers to approve the planting of an oak tree in front of the Village Hall. To be considered at their April meeting. NFDC wish to plant two trees at Sweyns Lease (item 4 above).

13.0 To receive reports from external meetings

In response to a question from Cllr Holmes about the East Boldre Allotment Association meeting (item 4 above), the Clerk advised that she would keep an open mind to EBAA suggestions to amend the allotment rules. In response to Cllr Holmes' question about responsibilities for managing the allotments, Cllr Hawker advised that EBAA should be encouraged to take on greater responsibility and to be more self-sufficient with the day to day management. Fencing, hedgerow borders and paths will remain the responsibility of EBPC. Cllr Hawker emphasised that the Parish Council does not intend to make a profit from the allotments. Cllr Moyes advised that it would be prudent to build a buffer fund to tackle any unforeseen predicaments.

14.0 Agenda items for next meeting

Co-optation of Councillors; Allotment rules review; Platinum Jubilee tree update; election of Chair, Vice Chair and other areas of representation.

13.0 To confirm the next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on Tuesday 10 May 2022 – East Boldre Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.