

**East Boldre Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall**  
**on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

Councillors present:

Beverley Hawker (Chair), Ian Moyse, Mike Husband, Anna Rostand, Lou Cranton

In attendance:

County District Cllr Dan Poole, Helen Symmons Locum Parish Clerk

BH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Teresa Morrissey and Mike Unwin. County Cllr Keith Mans

**2. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda**

None.

**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2025**

Members **RESOLVED** the minutes as a true record of the June meeting which were signed by the Chairman

**4. Report by County Councillor**

None presented

**5. Report by the District Councillor**

Cllr Poole spoke on several matters:

- The window for Community Grants and CiL applications is open until 8<sup>th</sup> August
- Local Government Reorganisation – NFDC has a survey until 27<sup>th</sup> July and it would be in the interests of residents to complete this as the District and County options are different. NFDC is trying to ensure that a rural unitary authority will be created. The feedback that he has received that the online survey is confusing has been fed back to Officers. NFDC is also undertaking a consultation with various community groups and organisations. Councillors provided Cllr Poole with suggestions as to where else the survey could be advertised which he took onboard. The Locum Clerk will also advertise on the Council's Facebook and website pages and inform the editor of East Boldre Beyond.
- New Waste Roll-out – whilst Cllr Poole has been advised by Officers that the majority of residents are not having problems, he is aware of plenty, especially the lack of communication when residents make a report. He has been taking up these issues personally and reporting them and asked that they still be reported to him in addition to the NFDC reporting route, which is vital to continue to be used so that issues are logged by NFDC. Councillors advised Cllr Poole that it appeared changes to the crews that used to undertake the route in the village has not helped and that it would be beneficial for NFDC to pause Phase 2 until Phase 1 roll-out issues are fully addressed. It was recognised by all that it was only natural for 'teething' issues to occur but at some point they moved from being as such and it would be expected that within the next month that NFDC fully communicate and correct such issues.

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*Cllr Poole left the meeting.*

## 6. Public session

The Locum Clerk provided an update that a matter raised to Cllr Poole on behalf of a resident had been fed back to NFDC by him.

## 7. Planning

7.1 Notification of an Appeal - 25/00422FULL. Homestead Cottage, Main Road – NOTED

7.2 New Application – 25/00725CONS The Old School House, Main Road – Council had no concerns regarding the application.

7.3 Determined Applications – 25/00422FULL Homestead Cottage, Main Road – NOTED

## 8. Finance

8.1 Monthly report (published to website) - NOTED

8.2 Bank reconciliation for June (published to website) – RESOLVED and signed

8.3 June payments and income (published to website) - Council RESOLVED the payments and NOTED the income

8.4 HSBC monthly charge - Council NOTED the removal of the £5 monthly charge.

## 9. Governance

The Locum Clerk advised that the vacancy for Clerk and RFO had now been advertised extensively and already 10 applications had been received. A matrix will be formulated to review all applications and consider candidates for interview after 31st July.

## 10. To receive reports from external meetings

- Cllr Husband advised of the NFALC forthcoming AGM on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 6pm which will take place at Appletree Court.
- Cllr Husband advised that unfortunately the Village Hall bid for Heritage Lottery funding was unsuccessful. The Committee will be re-considering options and plans.
- The Chairman had met with the PCSO Richard Williams and had attended a recent Speedwatch session which she found informative. He is also ensuring that he is visible to the children in the village.
- PCSO Richard Williams has organised a Bike Marking session at the Village Shop for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August. The Locum Clerk will advertise this on the Council's Facebook and website pages.
- The Chairman advised that the First Responder for the village has now retired and is hoped that another will be found imminently as many have been trained by him.
- The Chairman met with a representative from the Allotment Society Committee recently. She reported how good the allotment site is currently looking and that this was congratulations to the Committee's work. There are currently quite a few plot vacancies and the Locum Clerk will make arrangements for these to be advertised.
- Cllr Unwin will be meeting with the contractor regarding the bus shelter in the near future and will report back to Council.

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**11. Update from Handy Trust**

A range of advertising had been undertaken prior to the visit of the Trust members on 7<sup>th</sup> July to engage with village children. Feedback will be collated and sent to the Chairman who will then arrange with Councillors to review and bring forward suggestions to Council.

**12. Scarecrow Trail Weekend**

The event had been well attended with visitors from all over the New Forest and all had reported an enjoyable time, wanting to know when the next one would be organised. Fundraising from the event for the two causes had been impressive. The Chairman had passed on a complimentary email from a resident of New Milton to the organisers and Council congratulated all involved.

Councillors were reminded of the Coffee morning this coming Saturday.

**13. Agenda items for next meeting**

None raised.

**14. To confirm next Parish Council meeting as 7.00pm on 9 September 2025 in East Boldre Village Hall.**

**RESOLVED** although should any urgent matter arise, an Extra Ordinary meeting will be arranged.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Chairman's signature:

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