

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.00pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr Mr K Holmes Chairman
Cllr B Mulhall

Cllr D Surplice
Cllr C Gray

In attendance – Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and three residents.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Paul Vickers.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Holmes and Cllr Gray declared an interest in item 12.1 and 12.2.

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2014

These were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

4.0. To note resignation of councillor and to re-allocate responsibilities

The Chairman noted, with regret, the resignation of Cllr Malcolm Ross and Cllr Margaret Gaylard.

Resolved: Cllr Holmes will attend the New Forest National Park Authority South East Quadrant meetings. Responsibility for Finance and General Purpose and Planning will be shared between all remaining councillors.

5.0. Public session

No comments.

6.0. Clerk's report

6.1. A resident reported some broken dragon's teeth in the parish. This was passed onto the FC who will be visiting the area and assessing the need for replacements.

6.2. The clerk has visited the children who entered the children's categories of the village show. They were presented with certificates, rosettes and the donated books. A photograph has been taken for an article in the next newsletter.

6.3. The clerk has heard back from the village hall committee on the request for a notice board at the front of the village hall. The committee are not keen due to the fact that the previous board was hardly used and suffered from vandalism.

6.4. The NFDC SID speeding device will be deployed in the parish from the 13th October for 2 weeks.

6.5. Following on from the request made to the Safer Roads unit in regards to speeding on the B3054, the clerk has asked for the possibility of the new Safety Camera van articulated in the local paper being deployed on that road. The clerk has now been contacted by the Safer Roads unit to say the new van has already been deployed along the B3054.

6.6. A letter has been received from Community First New Forest. The clerk read out the letter which stated that Community First had been contacted by a resident of East Boldre concerning the resurrection of the youth club. In it they had been informed that the Parish Council was not supporting the restart, so Community First was offering support and advice to assist the Council in getting the group established. They asked that the matter be discussed at the next meeting. The

clerk will respond to the communication and make clear the actual position of the Council on this matter.

ACTION KP

6.7. Some residents of Boldre parish have reported gate locks being sawn through and sheds being searched.

6.8. A letter has been received from Dr Julian Lewis MP in response to the letter from East Boldre Parish Council in relation to concerns over the planning process in the New Forest. He has referred the matter to Steve Avery at the NFNPA.

6.9. The 'Information received' and the 'Pending' list have been circulated to all councillors.

7.0. To receive a report by County Councillor for East Boldre

County Councillor not present.

8.0. To receive a report by District Councillor for East Boldre

District Councillor not present having given apologies.

9.0. Finance

9.1. To agree payments in accordance with the budget and to note bank reconciliation

Resolved: - Payments approved as shown on table below, income and bank reconciliation noted.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Payments already made			
Kimbolton LTD	100429	Fireworks	£236.50
Payments 14/10/14			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100430	Salary	£459.33
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100431	Expenses	£64.48
Victim Support	100432	Grant Section 137 LGA 1972	£150.00
Total to pay			<u>£910.31</u>
Amount to be transferred to current account			
		Receipts	
Source		Detail	Amount
HSBC		Sept interest	£0.64
NFDC		2 nd precept payment	£7500.00
Total income			<u>£7500.64</u>
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 10/10/14			
HSBC Current			£922.48
HSBC Savings			£22074.01
Total			<u>£22996.49</u>
Net bank balance as at 10/10/14			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	12,630.32		
Add receipts	17,121.98		
Less payments	6755.81		
Total			<u>£22996.49</u>

9.2. To agree annual budget for 2015/16.

Resolved – 2015/16 Annual budget agreed and attached to the end of the minutes.

10.0.Planning

10.1. To consider current planning applications.

Resolved – Planning application resolved as shown on schedule below.

14/00739 D Slade	Pipers Cottage, Main Road, East Boldre. SO42 7WU	Alterations to existing conservatory.	Comment 1 – this is considered to be an improvement.
14/00776 A Braid	Pear Tree view, Rowes Lane, East End. SO41 5SU	Detached garage, stables, store and tack room.	Comment 1

10.2. To consider tree work application 14/0986 Argentor Cottage; 14/1054 26 Sweyns Lease.

Resolved – No comment.

11.0. Highways.

11.1. To discuss replacement of SLR device or an alternative speed device.

Following the insurance payout for the SLR device to Beaulieu PC, the council have contacted East Boldre PC to ask their thoughts on a replacement device. The clerk has researched replacement SLR devices, SID devices as used in Boldre Parish and the deployment of the SLR device by NFDC. Due to the previous issues of costs and deployment of the SLR device it was considered that more enquiries should be made into purchasing an SID device with Beaulieu PC and any other parishes willing to join. It was also considered that still receiving deployments from NFDC of the SLR device would be beneficial.

Resolved: The clerk will contact Beaulieu PC and ask for their thoughts on purchasing a SID. The clerk will also look at a grant from the Police Commissioner which may still be available to assist this.

ACTION KP

12.0. Amenities.

12.1. To receive report from recent allotment inspection.

The inspection was undertaken by Cllr Mulhall, Ruth McDermott and the clerk. From the total of 55 plots – 4 were vacant and 14 were grass so exempt from the inspection. One plot has just been taken on and no work has started yet. 6 plots were considered not acceptable, 7 were considered acceptable, 8 were good, 5 very good and 10 excellent. The reports will be sent out to plot holders this week.

Other points noted were;

- Plant cuttings have been dumped between the stock and rabbit fencing. Plot holders will be reminded to compost responsibly. **ACTION KP**
- Some areas of the rabbit fencing have been damaged. The clerk will ask the Lengthsman to add the repairs to his work list. **ACTION KP**

12.2. To discuss fencing at allotment site 2.

The clerk had a meeting with the fencing contractor who has been working on the fencing at allotment site 2. The front fence has been completed and the back fence will be done shortly. The side area has been cleared for fencing which has highlighted some problems with replacing the fence on the same fence line. The hedging has grown around the existing fence making it impossible to replace without removing a lot of the hedging. There are alternative solutions; the fencing contractor could hire more expensive equipment and to use longer posts which would

double the existing quote; the stock fencing could be placed inside the hedging; the existing fencing could be left and the area monitored.

Resolved: The Chairman and clerk will meet to assess the boundary and report back to the next meeting. **ACTION KP/KH**

13.0. To discuss draft letter to residents for interest in becoming a councillor.

A draft letter was prepared by the clerk to be sent out to residents of the parish to raise interest in becoming a councillor. The letter was considered to be too lengthy and held too much detail. It was considered that this may discourage residents from reading the whole letter and may be off putting.

Resolved – The clerk will prepare two more draft letters for discussion. **ACTION KP**

14.0. To discuss recent communication from resident.

The Chairman read out the following statement in response to the resident's letter printed in the Lymington Times on the 3rd October 2014.

A letter was published in the Lymington Times on 25 September 2014, the main subject of which was the setting up of a Youth Club within the Parish of East Boldre.

The letter writer stated that he had been asked to facilitate the setting up of a youth club within the parish and went about recruiting volunteers. The Parish Council discussed the matter at two separate meetings, 10 June and 9 September 2014. The letter writer attended neither meeting and all correspondence with him has been by email.

The letter writer implied that the Parish Council refused to publish notices to promote the setting up of a youth club and he alone was left to produce notices for distribution. He failed to mention that an advert was placed in the Council's parish newsletter, that the Council's social media were used to invite residents to a Council meeting to discuss the club and that an article was written for the local Church newsletter.

He also did not mention that the Parish Council were happy to consider an application for funds to help run the youth club and assistance with the legalities of starting the club. This was put forward as a proposal by Cllr. Margaret Gaylard and supported by the other Councillors.

It further failed to mention that East Boldre has facilities in the grounds of the former school. There is an outdoor recreational area, offering basketball, netball and skateboarding, ideal for young people, and a field suitable for other formal and informal active games and tennis courts. The letter implied that Cllr. Gaylard had said that the resident had had the temerity to ask the Parish Council to help set up a youth club and called it a rant. As the letter writer did not attend any meetings where the club was discussed he can only imagine what was said and the manner in which it was said. Also a point was raised that Cllr. Gaylard did not live in the village, but failed to say that she has worked extremely hard for the residents of East Boldre; indeed, before joining the Council she was for several years a highly skilled and knowledgeable Parish Clerk here. This personal and vindictive attack on Cllr. Gaylard has resulted in her resignation from the Council - a huge loss to the village.

The letter writer said that he had many volunteers ready to assist with the youth club. He had failed to mention in any earlier emails that he had expected the Parish Council to run it for the residents of East Boldre; this only became apparent in an email sent to the Council on 17 September.

Councillors were reminded that they could volunteer outside their duties to the Council if they so wished and could spare the time (this appears to have been the situation when the club was last in existence), but this was, naturally, not mentioned. The letter writer seems to have forgotten that Parish Councillors volunteer their time for the benefit of this community and often attend at their own cost other external meetings and organisations which help support the local area.

I do not intend to point out all the inaccuracies in the letter. But I feel this issue has been upsetting for all involved in the Parish Council. Maybe if the letter writer had attended the meetings when the youth club was discussed there would have been no need for such a personal attack on Cllr. Gaylard and the Parish Council.

15.0. To receive reports from external meetings. (Circulated) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15.1. South East Quadrant Meeting attended by Cllr Ross on 17th September 2014.

The meeting was opened and chaired by Clive Maton, a member of the NPA.

The first item on the agenda was an update on the Management Plan. Nick Evans, senior policy advisor with the NPA explained that a few minor matters had been updated but much remained the same. There was to be an extensive public consultation in a few months time but in the meantime parish councils were being invited on a confidential basis to put forward any comments they might have on the draft during the next few weeks. A copy was being made available to councils.

The remaining three items were dealt with by Paul Walton who had recently joined the NPA from Cornwall National Trust as the new Head of Environment and Rural Economy.

The second item on the agenda was a review of the New Forest Wetland Restoration Projects. He said that several projects had been carried out over a number of years commencing a few years ago with the LIFE projects. Most of these had been successful and experience had shown that local consultation over the projects was usually beneficial. He said that money had been made available for a number of projects to restore mires and stream meanders and these would be continuing.

The third item was a planning update. He reminded the meeting that the national parks acting together had persuaded the government to exclude the parks from the relaxation on the change of use of farm buildings to residential. The government was now consulting on a further relaxation to allow light industry buildings to be used for residential purposes. At present this would apply to national parks. The NPA planning committee was raising concerns over this with central government.

The fourth item was a cycling update. Paul reminded the meeting that the proposal for creating points where people could hire bicycles on the lines of the London scheme had been abandoned by the NPA in the light of the controversy over large cycle events in the New Forest and the uncertainty as to whether sufficient funding could be found. However the NPA still had central funds available for schemes that had to be in place by Spring 2015. These funds would now be concentrated on schemes to encourage family cycling and the upgrading of cycle routes and paths.

15.2. New Forest Association of Local Councils meeting on Thursday 18th September 2014 at Lymington Town Hall – attended by the clerk.

Lisa Kirby, Project Manager (Planning Policy) from Hampshire County Council gave an interesting presentation on fracking in Hampshire, covering the following items:

- Oil & gas – the basics
- Conventional & unconventional gas
- Hydraulic fracturing (fracking)
- Areas of concern
- Oil & gas licensing
- The planning system
- Role of other regulatory agencies
- Shale oil or gas extraction in Hampshire

The clerk has forwarded a copy of the presentation to councillors.

The only focus group represented at the meeting was Light Pollution. Jim Spark from Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley spoke on this matter and mentioned self-build projects complying with Building
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Regulations code level 4 super-insulated homes, and EHI are looking at planning applications and considering light attenuation issues, eg. velux blackout blinds and making light attenuation glass a planning condition.

Bob Jackson, Executive Director of NFDC said CIL will be replacing s106 contributions. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a new levy that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money will be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the district council, local councils and communities want - for example, new or safer road schemes, park improvements or new community facilities. The system is very simple. It applies to most new buildings and charges are based on the size and type of the new development. New Forest District Council formally approved the adoption of a CIL Charging Schedule at a meeting on 14 April 2014 with implementation to start from 6 April 2015. Dean Parker gave a presentation on proposed NFALC website but the clerk had to leave the meeting before this item.

15.3. New Forest Consultative panel – Attended by Cllr Holmes on 4th September 2014

The meeting consisted of three main items to report on:

1. NFNPA update from Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre

Mr. Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre told the panel that the updated draft Management Plan was to be circulated for consultation around October/November. February 2015 for final consultation and March 2015 for completion.

Navitus Bay development had members concerned about the visual impact from Keyhaven and expressed concerns regarding power lines crossing the national park.

He also called for ideas to help improve the safety of recreational family cycling. This is a joint initiative between HCC and NFNAP.

2. HCC update to the emerging Management plan update by Paul Garrad (HCC)

Traffic issues including HGV using inappropriate roads, rat runs, animal accidents and the impact on the infrastructure.

The volume of traffic had remained the same over the last five years but traffic will continue to grow until 2014. Injury to animals has remained the same over the last five years.

Traffic objectives:

Promote initiatives that encourages through traffic to use the most appropriate routes.

Quiet lanes

Reduce impact of HGVs by discouraging the use of Sat Navs.

Infrastructure design.

Reduce sign clutter

Design guidelines to ensure new highway infrastructure respects the local distinctiveness

3. Our past our future –landscape partnership scheme by Rachael Gallagher (NFNPA)

A £2.9 million Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Landscape Partnership grant for the restoration of lost habitats, development of forest skills and inspire a new generation to champion and care for the New Forest.

To be undertaken through a series of programmes:

Developing forest skills – training commoners, apprenticeships and traditional building skills.

Landscape restoration – managing woodland, improving rivers and streams, establishing hedgerows, tackling non native invasive plants, footpath improvement, rediscovering archaeology and responsible land management of SINCS

Discovering forest heritage and inspiring a new generation – promoting respect of the forest, sharing the forest story, encourage wild play, information exchange and sharing, involving communities and volunteering

There will be a monitoring and evaluation process to focus on the effectiveness of the whole scheme

It was a comprehensive talk and further information can be found on the New Forest National Park website.

16.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting

Confirmed as 7.00 pm on 11th November 2014 in East Boldre Village Hall.

17.0. Employment issue.

Please note that a resolution to exclude members of public and press on the grounds of confidentiality may be requested for this item.

17.1. To discuss employment issue.

The chairman went through the appraisal that was undertaken with the parish clerk. The councillors were very happy with everything that the clerk is doing and had no additional comments to add. The chairman did say that social media training is important and would like it added to the next agenda, which the councillors agreed with.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

EAST BOLDRE PC BUDGET 2014/15

	Actual	Budge	F'cast	Budge
	2013/14	t	2014-15	t
Income				
	150			
Precept	00	15000	15000	15000
Bank Interest	7	5	7	7
	156			
Allotments rentals	5	1721	1470	1500
Allotments water	252	260	243	250
Parish guide	0	1000	1000	0
Grants	587	0	0	0
VAT recovered	123	0	378	200
Total Income	17534	17986	18098	16957
Expenditure				
<i>Administrative Expenditure</i>				
	538			
Salaries, PAYE & NI	9	5356	5512	5512
Stationery and postage	400	650	400	400
Travel Allowance	244	300	260	300
Equipment	639	300	300	300
Office Allowance	400	400	400	400
VAT paid	378		200	200
Training	356	300	300	500
Total Admin cost	7806	7306	7372	7612
<i>Operating Expenditure</i>				
Newsletter	0	600	600	600
Parish guide	0	900	900	0
Hall Hire	220	260	250	250
Audit & legal fees	427	500	385	500
Insurance	372	400	364	400
Subscriptions	366	380	550	550
Advertising	0	50	50	100
S137 Grants	550	500	500	550
Grants	326	700	700	700
Chairman's expenses	0	60	60	60
Parish plan	0	100	0	100
Election expenses	0	0	0	1150
Website	425	250	360	360
Total Op. Cost	2686	4700	4719	5320
<i>Parish maintenance</i>				
Seats	0	200	0	50
Bus shelter	0	200	100	100
Notice Boards	0	100	50	100
Parking bays	0	1000	0	0
Speed Limit				
Reminder	0	500	500	500
<i>Allotments</i>				
Rent, ins, NSALG	697	710	710	710
Water	232	260	230	260
Hedging	920	900	900	900
Fencing	0	1000	2920	1000
Other maintenance	0	500	300	500

NOTES

Allowance made for postage of new councillor letter in forecast

New councillor training allowed for- current training expenditure is 0.00

GIS and slight increase in other subs

Fireworks

Lengthsman can carry out labour
For materials

No longer council responsibility

Fencing cost could rise slightly 2014/15-agenda item
Could be covered by Lengthsman

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<i>Total Maint. Cost</i>	1849	5370	5710	4120
<i>Grand Total Expenditure</i>	12341	17376	17801	17052
Summary				
	175			
Total Income	34	17986	18098	16957
	123			
Total Expenditure	41	17376	17801	17052
	519			
<i>Surplus (shortfall)</i>	3	610	297	-95
General Fund				
	741			
Opening balance	3	12630	12630	
	519			
Add surplus above	3	610	297	
	12,			
Closing balance	630	13240	12927	0

Reserves should be 50% of
expenditure