

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr I Moyse

Cllr B Hawker Vice-Chairman

Cllr M Husband

Cllr Drodge

In attendance – Mrs Nicola Curzon, Parish Clerk; Cllr Harris, District Councillor; and six members of the public.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr Gabzdyl.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda.

None

3.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2019.

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

4.0. To receive the clerk's report. For information only.

The clerk is pleased to report that the HCC and NFNPA grant applications for an oral history interpretation trail in East Boldre have been successful and work gathering and recording stories can now begin! As agreed at the parish council meeting in May, the clerk transferred £500 of the HCC grant, requested by Michael Husband for interpretation boards for their Airfields exhibition later this month. Cllr Husband has however kindly said that only £400 is required for the Airfields project, he has returned £100 to the parish council for use in the East Boldre social history project.

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

The County Councillor was not present.

5.1. To receive questions on the report by the County Councillor.

N.A.

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

The District Councillor reported that NFDC is reviewing many of their policies:

- 1 The council housing policy. This will include the review of criteria for social housing in the New Forest.
- 2 The recycling policy. Currently only 35% of rubbish is recycled, NFDC would like to improve this.

The district council is also reviewing the number of district councillors who represent the New Forest. Wards will be re-distributed and councillor numbers are likely to be reduced from 60 to 48.

6.1. To receive questions on the report by the District Councillor.

Cllr Husband asked Cllr Harris to put pressure on HCC to ensure that deadlines are met for broadband coverage in East Boldre.

Resolved Cllr Harris will write to Glen Peacy at HCC.

Action MH

7.0. Public session.

A member of the public asked if they could speak about a planning application (agenda 9.0.) and another asked to discuss agenda item 11.0. Several members of the public asked to discuss agenda item 10.0.

Chairman's signature:

Date: 13/8/2019

8.0. Finance.

8.1. To receive payments in accordance with the budget and to note bank reconciliation (Circulated)

Resolved: Payments were received as shown on table below.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Bacs date</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Payments			
Funder Films	28/06/2019	County Councillor grant	£500.00
Mint Gardens	28/06/2019	Renovate BT kiosks	£1,545.60
N Curzon	06/07/2019	Clerk salary	£619.66
N Curzon	06/07/2019	Clerk expenses	£60.41
Total paid			£2,725.67
Amount transferred to current account			£1,000.00
Receipts as at date		Detail	Amount
Hampshire County Council	15/06/2019	County Councillor grant	£800.00
Bank interest	12/06/2019		£4.20
Funder Films	05/07/2019	refund of HCC grant	£100.00
Bank reconciliation			
Balance as at date			
HSBC Current	07/06/2019		£871.79
HSBC Savings	07/06/2019		£24,832.23
Total			£25,704.02
Net bank balance as at date			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances			£23,091.95
Add receipts			£10,534.15
uncleared cheque			£3.92
Less payments			-7,926.00
Total			£25,704.02

8.2. To review the budget for 2019-20**Resolved:** The reduction in expenditure for the elections was acknowledged.**East Boldre Parish Council expenditure compared with budget to date**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>To date</u>
	2017/18	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	2019/20
Income						
Precept	14,271.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	7,500.00
Bank Interest	10.00	8.45	10.00	30.96	15.00	11.40
Allotments rental	1,550.00	1,584.25	1,500.00	1,422.00	2,000.00	1,519.50
Allotments water	300.00	299.75	250.00	300.25	1,000.00	603.25
Training	0.00	0.00	50.00	450.00	300.00	0.00
DLPC Computer	133.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	729.00	763.20		500.00	0.00	800.00
Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	100.00
VAT recovered	400.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,615.09	1000.00	0.00
Total Income	17393.00	17655.65	18810.00	20,358.30	19315.00	10,534.15

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Expenditure

<i>Administrative Expenditure</i>						
Salaries inc PAYE & NI	7,166.00	8,129.25	7,200.00	7,622.92	7436	2,742.64
Stationery & postage	400.00	386.00	400.00	565.66	400.00	278.20
Travel Allowance	300.00	445.75	500.00	288.90	500.00	90.00
Office Allowance	267.00	266.58	270.00	266.78	270.00	88.88
Equipment	500.00	866.52	1,000.00	915.34	2,000.00	49.96
Training	300.00	690.60	700.00	1,017.10	2,000.00	140.00
VAT Paid	400.00	454.23	400.00	1,081.51	1,000.00	443.79
Total Admin cost	9,333.00	11,238.93	10,470.00	11,758.21	13606	3,833.47
<i>Operating Expenditure</i>						
Newsletter	600.00	0.00	600.00	470.00	500.00	0.00
Hall Hire	300.00	340.00	300.00	296.57	300.00	0.00
Audit & Legal Fee	500.00	478.43	500.00	190.00	250.00	0.00
Insurance	380.00	400.00	420.00	416.00	500.00	443.33
Subscriptions	620.00	798.79	800.00	1,582.00	2,000.00	527.00
Advertising	100.00	61.80	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
S137 Grants	550.00	400.00	600.00	400.00	800.00	750.00
Grants	700.00	266.66	700.00	324.34	5,000.00	0.00
Chairman's expenses	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	0.00
Parish maintenance	100.00	0.00	100.00	842.52	2,000.00	1,288.00
Defibrillator	250.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
Public transport subsidy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Election expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Total Op. Cost	4,160.00	2,745.68	4,430.00	4,521.43	15,310.00	3,008.33
<i>Parish maintenance</i>						
Seats	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50	0.00
Bus shelters	100.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500	0.00
Notice boards	50.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100	0.00
Speed Limit Reminder	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00
<i>Allotments</i>						
Rent, insurance, NSALG	710.00	709.64	800.00	820.64	800	626.00
Water	300.00	138.23	150.00	1,613.41	650	97.70
Hedging	900.00	0.00	500.00	466.00	1000	0.00
Fencing	1,000.00	0.00	500.00	100.00	500	156.00
Maintenance	500.00	0.00	500.00	931.20	1000	97.70
Total Maint. Cost	4,010.00	847.87	3,100.00	3,931.25	3950	977.40
Grand Total Expenditure	17,503.00	14,832.48	18,000.00	20,210.89	32,866.00	7,819.20
<i>Summary</i>						
Total Income	17,393.00	17,655.65	18,810.00	20,358.30	19315.00	10,534.15
Total Expenditure	17,503.00	14,832.48	18,000.00	20,210.89	32,866.00	7,819.20
Surplus (shortfall)	-110.00	2,823.17	810.00	147.41	13551.00	2,714.95
<i>General Fund</i>						
Opening balance	19,818.44	19,818.44		22,984.54		
Add surplus above	19,708.44	22,641.61		23,131.95		2,714.95
Ring fenced	3,500.00	3,500.00		3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
Closing balance	16,208.44	19,141.61	0.00	19,631.95		-785.05

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9.0. Planning.

9.1 To consider planning application: 19/00468 - FIR TREE COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE

Resolved:

19/00468	FIR TREE COTTAGE, MAIN ROAD, EAST BOLDRE	2 outbuildings (demolition of 2.outbuildings)	21/6/19	Comment 1. East Boldre Parish Council recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.	9/7/19
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10.0. To consider the proposal to consolidate both allotments onto one site, and to make land good for plot holders.

At a meeting with allotment holders on 26th February and the parish council meeting on 12th March, the council made it clear that growing produce on an allotment site which may go on to be used as part of a business (ie. growing feed for livestock which may go on to be sold or vegetables, fruit or flowers which are sold) contravenes the allotments acts 1908-1950. Garden allotment plots must be used to grow flowers, fruit and vegetables for personal consumption only. Plots 12-24 and plots 27-31 were considered commercial ententes. The plot holders were given a year's notice on 1st April 2019. Some plots were vacated with immediate effect, the two grass plots will be vacated next April.

The Parish council is aware of their legal responsibility to provide allotments for residents of East Boldre, however the two allotment sites in the village have been running at a loss for many years. Allotment site 2 requires considerable expenditure because the perimeter fencing needs replacing. With no waiting list for allotment plots and only 50% of current plot holders resident in the village, the council would like to consider consolidation of the plots onto one site. When the grass plots have been removed, there will plenty of room to accommodate all current plot holders on allotment site 1, leaving two plots vacant if any other East Boldre residents would like to take on a plot.

Resolved: The clerk will write to all plot holders on allotment 2, advising them of the proposed move. Notices will be posted on the village notice board to advise residents of the planned consolidation of sites. Any resident who wishes to comment on the proposal, must do so in writing to the clerk before the next Parish Council meeting on 13th August 2019. The council estimates that the move to consolidate the two plots onto one site will be completed within 12 months. The parish council cover the cost of ploughing up the grass on allotment 1.

Action NC

11.0. To discuss complaints about antisocial behaviour around the bus shelter.

The council heard from a resident who is concerned that the bus shelter opposite the village shop is not being used for its purpose. It is apparently used for drug taking and drinking by youths and farm workers are socialising and drinking there.

Resolved: The council will explore the feasibility of removing of the seat and back of the shelter in order to deter antisocial behaviour. The clerk will contact the Strawberry Farm about workers gathering to drink alcohol in the bus shelter and local schools regarding illegal behaviour. Cllr Harris will contact Police Sgnt Jason Eastwood, he will also contact the Community Safety Service at NFDC.

Action NC, MH and KH

Chairman's signature:

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12.0. To receive feedback on alternative transport replacing the 112 Saturday bus service.

Over the past few weeks, Councillors in Boldre and East Boldre have been reaching out to vulnerable residents in the community to ascertain the need for a replacement bus service, and the most appropriate form of transport required.

Resolved: Councillors have ascertained that there are not enough residents in East Boldre who regularly require a Saturday bus service, to warrant a replacement service. The July East Boldre Parish Council newsletter offers several suggestions for alternative transport. This information is also available on the Parish Council website (with links to the appropriate websites).

- Good neighbours network has volunteer drivers who can offer a lift to vulnerable residents who need to get to medical appointments. Lymington Voluntary Care Group offer a similar service: 01590 679187.
- There is also an opportunity for volunteers in East Boldre to set up and manage a lift sharing initiative. In the spirit of the village community, lift sharing would need to be organized on a casual basis and could not involve the parish council for legal and insurance purposes. The advantages of lift sharing are bountiful; car sharing reduces your carbon footprint, it saves money, reduces traffic, makes parking easier, encourages community spirit and forges friendships. The parish council are asking residents to look out for neighbours and offer a helping hand where they can.
- There are several websites which have been set up to encourage car sharing, Go Car Share already has drivers in the New Forest.

13.0. To consider a request for a member of the council to join the committee for the School Fields Trust Hall.

In line with their constitution, the School Fields Trust has asked if a member of the council could join their committee.

Resolved: Cllr Hawker will attend the next School Fields Trust meeting, and Cllr Drodge will share the role with her in future.

14.0. To receive reports from external meetings – verbal only.

None.

15.0. Agenda items for next meeting.

To co-opt a councillor.

To receive feedback on the proposal to consolidate both allotments onto one site.

To receive feedback about the bus shelter.

16.0. To confirm that the next meeting of East Boldre Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 13th August 2019 at 7.00 pm in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed 8.30pm