

**East Boldre Parish Council
Minutes of Parish meeting held at East Boldre Village Hall
on Tuesday 8th September 2026**

Councillors present:

Ian Moyse (chair), Mike Husband, Robert Kitcher, Anna Rostand

In attendance:

County and District Cllr Dan Poole

IM Welcomed everyone to the meeting

1.0 To accept apologies for absence

Cllrs Beverley Hawker and Mike Urwin

2.0 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

MH declared an interest in item 10.2 Village Hall refurbishment.

3.0 To confirm minutes of Parish Council meetings held on the 14th July and 5th August

Cllrs approved the minutes of meetings held on 14th July and 5th August 2026.

4.0 To receive Clerk's report

4.1 Banking

Safety Review has been completed with HSBC, most of which didn't apply as It concerned limited companies not a government body. Despite a visit to the Southampton branch earlier in the year by BH and SJ there were still anomalies regarding signatories and access to the account. Contacting by telephone is also extremely difficult. *SJ to visit branches in Lymington with a view to moving to a more user-friendly bank.*

4.2 Allotments

Recent visits to the allotments have shown a huge improvement in the site. All but 11 plots are now rented. 6 plots have yet to be tended. Letters will be sent to the ploholders reminding them that their agreement states that the plots must be worked or surrendered back to the Parish Council.

4.3 PC meetings

EBVH enquired about the possibility of changing Parish Council meetings to a different night as a request for 3 back-to-back sessions of line dancing had been requested for a Tuesday night in the main hall. Councillors felt that changing the night could be difficult as nights were co-ordinated with other councils so that district and county councillors could attend. The Councillors did feel that they should do all they can to support the village hall. *SJ to contact Gina to look for a solution.*

4.4 EBVH

The village hall has informed the PC that the annual cost for PC use of the hall has increased to £350 this year.

4.5 Lengthsman

The Lengthsman has been asked to paint the village signposts and the two telephone boxes housing the defibrillators. If there is any money left in the budget, to also clear

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the brambles around the bus shelter and telephone box at East End. At the time of the meeting there has been no response to the request. *RK very kindly offered to help with the brambles. SJ will send a reminder email to the lengthsman.*

4.6 Bus Shelter

The renovation work on the bus shelter has been completed and a 'propping ledge' has been installed. Jack Harvey will be asked to place some type of barrier in the East End bus shelter to prevent the animals from getting in, making it impossible to use in wet weather. *SJ to write to Jack Harvey*

4.7 Emergency Generator Insurance

As soon as details of the emergency generator are available, the PC insurance company will be approached regarding insuring the equipment. *SJ to contact Mike Upton for information*

5.0 To receive a report by the County and District Councillor for East Boldre County Council Business

DP reported that there will be district council elections in May along with Parish Council elections.

It was very good news that the LGR for Hampshire had been withdrawn, but that it probably hadn't gone away altogether. The legal challenge by several councils in Hampshire is on hold. However, there are still concerns that following Government review, a restructure of Hampshire could see the Forest combined with Southampton. Regardless of the review, DP doesn't believe that LGR could be delivered in this Government term. With the County remaining as it is for the time being there is still the problem of underfunding.

DP still has a £5000 budget for grants from Hampshire County Council.

5.1 To receive questions on the report by the County/District Councillor

There were no questions

6.0 Public Session.

As planning is on the agenda, a member of the public raised concerns over the refusal of permitted development at Penerley Farm, providing accommodation for seasonal workers. They felt that the New Forest Fruit Farm was very beneficial to the Forest and could the Council write in support. EBPC was not a consultee as the farm lies in Beaulieu Parish, even though the head office is in East Boldre. The PC was asked if they could look into what was happening. *SJ to look at planning history/decisions and if needed contact NFNPA planners.*

7.0 Planning Applications

7.1 New Applications

		Ivy Cottage, Main Road, East Boldre, Brockenhurst, SO42 7WD	Replace upper left window with full length doors and Juliette balcony. Render exterior walls	Full Application	15/09/2026
26/00829FULL	17/08/2026				

To view full documents 'cntrl click' on application number

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The Parish Council recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Whilst the Council has no objection to the rendering of the external walls, they believe the Juliette balcony would be contrary to DP18 design principle, sec19 conserving and enhancing the natural environment and could set a precedent for balconies fronting the open forest.

7.2 Decisions

26/00726VAR – Chapel Lane Cottage, Lymington Rd, East End **REFUSED**

An appeal has been lodged.

8.0 Finance

8.1 Members reviewed monthly accounts for July and August and noted bank reconciliations, Receipts and Payments. **Approved**

8.2 EBPC inherited an allotment site in a very poor state of repair, including a large number of tyres, despite this being against the rules. Due to the high cost of disposing of tyres, plot holders who have inherited them are reluctant to dispose of them. EBPC has the opportunity to use Fawley PC regular tyre collection service. It is proposed that this would be a one-off amnesty and that the no tyre policy would be strictly enforced in the future. We estimate there to be around 60 tyres and Fawley PC would charge in the region of £3 per tyre plus a £50 labour fee. The PC, EBAA and the allotmenters are working very hard to improve the site and it is looking very good now.

There is also a lot of rubbish left on the site both historically and by allotmenters that have previously abandoned the plots. It was suggested that the PC meets with EBAA to come up with a plan to remove the rubbish and limit the impact of it in the future. A skip was suggested as a possible solution.

The Councillors wished to express their support for the allotments and agreed the spend for the tyre removal. They would also be very interested to hear proposals for the removal of the rubbish.

9.0 Governance

9.1 Councillor Vacances

NFDC have confirmed that there has been no request for an election so the Councillors are free to co-opt new councillors. *SJ to create a less formal poster and post on notice boards and websites.*

9.2 Deputy Chair Resignation

IM informed the councillors that he is resigning due to increased work commitments. The Councillors were very sad to hear this. MH thanked IM for all the time and effort he has given to the PC. IM's knowledge and expertise particularly around planning issues would be greatly missed. The Councillors were all in agreement and wished IM well. *SJ to inform NFDC*

10.0 To Receive reports from external meetings

10.1 Youth Drop In Centre

The Handy Trust will run another trial starting Thursday 27th Sept through to Thursday 10th December inclusive. This time the sessions will run from 6:30 to 8 pm as they will be open to younger children from age 10-15 years. It is hoped that word of mouth

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from those who attended earlier in the year will see a greater number of children attending. The PC are yet to be informed of the cost of hiring the side room at the village hall.

10.2 Village Hall refurbishment project

MH said that the village hall was now open for business. There will still a few things needing to be done such as spotlights and curtains. Dan Snow would be officially opening the hall on 12th September, and all were welcome. MH said that he would be stepping down as chair of EBVH committee after 14 years. SJ passed on BH's congratulations to everyone involved in the wonderful renovation of the hall and the PC's appreciation of the MH's 14 years' service to EBVH.

10.3 Meeting between Councillors and EB School Field's Trust

Scaffolding to be erected end of August for work to begin in September to replace the roof and fit solar panels. The hall will be available for hire on Sundays through September. The new meeting space The Acorn Room has now been completed. To begin advertising for availability from October. The recent Forest Encounters Day was popular, and holding another event in the future will be considered.

The Scarecrow Trail 2025 was very popular, and the feeling was to hold these every two years. A committee will be set up again to organise the event; to be discussed at the next meeting. Following the AGM in July the team agreed targets for the coming year. The cattle grid at the car park entrance needs replacing and the slabs on the veranda need relaying or replacing. In addition, the fitting of a low fence around the veranda. Much work went in to obtaining funds for the roofing project and grants will be needed again for this work. The Trust receives no regular funding, so every project needs grants and donations to make them happen. Hiring fees contribute to general running costs.

10.4 Emergency Planning

The emergency plan was updated Jan 2025. However, minor change would be required, which will be discussed at the October meeting. These will include the 'welcome pack', emergency leaflet and other relevant papers. The PC will need to allocate funds for possible reprinting. The emergency equipment will need to be checked and there may be a need to replace first aid equipment.

Wildfires – Mike Upton is contacting Hampshire and Isle of Wight fire services and the Hampshire Resilience Group to seek advice on behalf of the Parish. DP will ask for advice from NFDC. It is hoped the HRG will provide a template to add to the plan. DP has asked and a reply has been sent to BH. NFDC are in the early stages of community forum on emergency planning regarding the effects on the economy, nature and the community. Beaulieu would like the big estates to be involved. DP said that Beaulieu are trying to get a grant for extra retained firefighters. RK said that having reserve firefighters was very important, as their training would be invaluable in a crisis. The Councillors agreed.

Bournemouth water – Supply was disrupted for 3 hours leaving some EB residents without water. MH would contact Bournemouth water to found out the procedure if this should occur again for a longer period. It was agreed that the best site for water distribution would be EBVH car park. MH updated that Bournemouth water have no official plan for water distribution.

Emergency Generator – The new generator will be purchased soon. At the time of the

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meeting, New Forest Fruit Co had withdrawn the offer to store the generator on their site. Talks are ongoing.

10.5 Any other meetings

Speedwatch – The speedwatch team completed 4 sessions from 3rd to 10th August. 361 vehicles passed, 9 were caught travelling at speeds of more than 35 miles per the volunteer team are asking the Parish Council to contact Hampshire Highways to request clearer speed signage on the East End Road to make more drivers aware of the 30 mph limit as many satnavs say 40 mph.

The volunteer team would also like the PC to ask Hampshire Highways for signage on the B3054 to make drivers aware that this is 40 mph.

DP reported that Beaulieu had requested that the main road to Beaulieu be re-classified as an A road. The request was denied.

Quadrant – The Quadrant meeting was cancelled

Consultative Panel -

Coastline between Hurst Spit and Lymington. Strategy to guard against the perfect storm which could cause significant damage. £412 million to be spent over the next 100 years.

Minstead PC gave a short presentation regarding the Minstead PC Roads sub-committee, whose aim is to try and prevent Sat Navs diverting traffic off main routes, through unsuitable New Forest roads. The plan is to send a letter to Hampshire County Council co-signed by Parish Councils, the Verderers, NF Roads Awareness, and the CDA.

The NPA plan was discussed along with NFDC local Plan. NFDC are struggling to find space to erect 1500 new houses.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is hoping to raise £25 million over the next 5 years.

11.0 Agenda items for next meeting

- 12.1 Youth Drop In Centre Feedback
- 12.2 Speedwatch
- 11.4 Village Hall
- 11.5 Emergency Planning
- 11.6 Allotment Inspection and meeting
- 11.7 School Fields Trust
- 11.8 Councillor vacancies
- 11.9 Review Health and Safety Policy
- 11.10 Consider projects for 2027-28 that may impact budget
- 11.11 Appoint Internal Auditor

13.0 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 13th October 2026, at East Boldre Village Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9:05 pm.

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