

**East Boldre Parish Council
Minutes of Parish meeting held at the School Fields Trust Hall
on Tuesday 9th June 2026**

Councillors present:

Beverley Hawker (Chair), Ian Moyse (Vice Chair), Mike Urwin, Mike Husband, Anna Rostand

In attendance:

County and District Cllr Dan Poole, Sue James (Parish Clerk) Fiona Archibald-Keen and Robert Kitcher

BH Welcomed everyone to the meeting

1.0 To accept apologies for absence

None

2.0 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

MH declared an interest in item 11.3 Village Hall.

MU declared an interest in the Tree planning Applications item 8.1.

3.0 Co-Option of New Councillors

The Co-Option of FA-K and RK as Parish Councillors was carried unanimously.

FA-K and RK signed acceptance of office letters

BH welcomed the new Councillors

4.0 To confirm minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting

Cllrs approved the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026.

5.0 To receive Clerk's report

5.1 Bus Shelter Quote

A quote from JH has been received to refurbish the bus shelter in East Boldre and fit a lean shelf. £450. **Approved**

5.2 FE Rangers and parking fines

Email was sent to Graig Harrison, head of FE Southern, regarding the incident involving an EB resident and a Ranger. Confirmation regarding the authority of the Rangers to issue fines outside of the car parks and the commercial use of carparks was also sought. No reply or acknowledgement has been received to date. FE website details the conditions for parking in the forest <https://www.forestryengland.uk/new-forest/parking-information> and the use of carparks <https://www.forestryengland.uk/parking>. **MU to ask resident to email FE and copy clerk to enable clerk to email FE again.**

5.3 AGAR

All relevant AGAR papers have been submitted to the external auditor and receipt has been acknowledged.

5.4 South Central Ambulance Service

SCAS have requested codes for locked gateways within the Parish to enable them to be issued to first responders rather than breaking locks to reach a patient. Most locked gates are by FE. Clerk has provided SCAS with code for School Fields Trust Hall car park with permission and will pass on Village Hall code when available.

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5.5 Domestic Abuse

An anti-domestic abuse campaign is being run across the county. The first phase has been timed to coincide with the football world cup. Posters have been put up in the village shop and the School Fields Trust Hall and flyers have been left. Further phases will be rolled out throughout the year.

5.6 Streetlights

The council has been approached by a concerned resident regarding the streetlight on Main Road at the end of Pages Lane. The light seems extremely bright in an area of dark skies. The resident also asked why East Boldre had streetlamps when so many other villages had none. The Councillors were asked for their comments. All of the Councillors felt that lighting along Main Road was a benefit for safety reasons, but did sympathise regarding the dark skies policy.

Street lamps are owned by HCC who are currently replacing all of the old bulbs with low energy light bulbs, which could account for the brightness of the lamp as the bulb has just been replaced following a request by another resident as it wasn't working. DP was asked to enquire about the street light policy. DP stated that streetlight removal required consultation and that lights near a bus stop were considered very useful.

5.7 Allotments

5 new allotmenters have joined in the last month and there are 3 enquiries, one in response to an article in the Herald and Lymington Times by the Chair of the Allotment Committee. 5 payments remain outstanding. The latest water bill for Dec to May is £138.29, more than a 50% increase on the same period last year. The Council has been approached by the Chair of the Allotment Association to provide the cashflow for the provision of new rabbit fencing at the allotments subject to receiving a CIL grant. The working assumption is that this will cost in excess of £20,000. There was the suggestion that Fawley Parish Council could help with this. The exact details of the request were a little unclear. Installing rabbit fencing would be the choice of the Allotment Association and their responsibility. Before representation to the council for any funds can be made, due process must be followed, which entails a meeting with the council representative to discuss the proposal. A meeting between said representative BH, the clerk and the Allotment Association has been scheduled for 2nd July. With regards to cashflow, the Councillors were all in agreement that funds are not available to provide this type of facility and there are concerns this would constitute a loan, which under the General Power of Competence Rules requires the Clerk to be qualified to CiLCA level, which she currently isn't. The Chair of the EBAA has indicated that she intends to speak during the public session at the next parish Meeting.

5.8 Village Hall Grant

The Council has received an application for a grant of £500 towards new seats in the redeveloped Village Hall. Unfortunately, the application was received too late to appear on this month's agenda. But the papers have been circulated, and it is scheduled for approval at July's Parish meeting.

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

HCC along with others are progressing with a legal challenge to the LGR decisions. DP said there was quite positive news that 15 County Councils had written to the Government stating that there was no confidence in the decision as it had been rushed. These letters have gone to the secretary of state and the Prime Minister. The best hope was to frustrate and delay the process. NFDC have decided not to pursue the issue. The rush appeared due to the Government wanting to instigate the changes before the next election. The new Council Warding arrangements are expected this month (June). Normally these decisions would only have been taken after long consultation. Its highly likely this will be along district council divisions but with each division having only 3 councillors, who will have all the responsibilities the district and county councillors would have had for that area. This overload of responsibility could lead to problems with resources such as waste collection and SEND. Will the level of service meet existing expectations. The county Councillors have £5,000 available as grants

District Council Business

From next year District Councillors will have a £2.5k grant allocation, taking the place of the cancelled community grants. Previously the majority of this money had been ringfenced for major charities. Now the money is being given to Councillors, smaller charities and concerns and concerns may have better access to the funds.

The new Unitary Authority will begin making decisions alongside HCC and NFDC which will just fulfil statutory obligations.

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

MH asked where administration for Mid Hants would be centred. DP said he thought it would be Winchester, with hubs in what were the original Districts that would specialise in certain resources where they have strengths, such as housing in Lyndhurst.

7.0 Public Session.

No public attended

8.0 Planning Applications**8.1 New Applications**

			Fell 1 x group of Willow trees (T1 on the plan)		
			Prune 2 x Holly trees (T2 and T5 on the plan)		
		HIT OR MISS FARM, ST LEONARDS ROAD, EAST END, LYMINGTON, SO41 5SR	Fell 1 x Chestnut tree (T3 on the plan)	Trees - Conservation Area	08/06/2026
<u>26/00510CONS</u>	12/05/2026	GORSE COTTAGE, LYMINGTON ROAD, EAST END,	1 group of Willow and Holly mixed, Willow to fell and Holly to Prune (T4 on the plan)	Trees - Conservation Area	08/06/2026
<u>26/00515CONS</u>	12/05/2026		Fell 4 x Lombardy Poplar trees		

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		LYMINGTON, SO41 5SS			
		Rear of 16 WARTON CLOSE, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WW	Prune 1 x English Oak tree (See Works Order Item 6450 for full work specifications) (This tree is part of G1 of TPO: 0025/00)	Trees - Tree Preservation Order	29/06/2026
26/00603TPO	02/06/2026				

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The Councillors raised no queries or objections to the applications.

8.2 Decisions

26/00539DOC	Discharge of Conditions	Sheepwash Cottage, Norley Wood Road, East End, Lymington SO41 5SW	Application to discharge conditions 3 and 8 of planning permission 23/00442FULL for side extension (AMENDED PLANS)	Discharge of Conditions Allowed	30/06/2026
26/00603TPO	Trees - Tree Preservation Order	Rear of 16 WARTON CLOSE, EAST BOLDRE, BROCKENHURST, SO42 7WW	Prune 1 x English Oak tree (See Works Order Item 6450 for full work specifications) (This tree is part of G1 of TPO: 0025/00)	Grant (TP)	30/06/2026
26/00169FULL	Full Application	Chapel Lane Cottage, LYMINGTON ROAD, EAST END, LYMINGTON, SO41 5SS	Replacement dwelling; replacement outbuilding; roof-mounted solar panels on existing stables and replacement outbuilding	Grant Subject to Conditions	05/06/2026

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9.0 Finance

9.1 Members reviewed monthly accounts for May and noted bank reconciliations, Receipts and Payments.

BH reminded everyone that although the General Reserve carried forward into 26/27 was £18,483, commitments **reduced the projected General reserve to £14,358** and that whilst still in excess of the reserve policy, funds need to be set aside to replace the 2 defibs which will soon no longer be under guarantee. **Resolved**

9.2 To Confirm Exercise of Public Rights June 25th July

The Council approved the exercise of public rights period from June 25th to July

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10.0 Governance**10.1 Review and adopt Financial Regulations**

The Councillors reviewed and adopted the Financial Regulations and in accordance, approve the use of Bacs (including faster payments) and standing order payments. (Section 7)

10.2 To Review and adopt the Standing Orders

The Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt the Standing Orders

11.0 To Receive reports from external meetings**11.1 Speed Watch**

Three sessions were conducted over half term which were the quietest it has ever been and all cars were driven at a reasonable speed. 150 cars per week. More sessions are planned for July.

MH requested more sessions in East End. BH said that the Speed watch Team needed more volunteers to be able to undertake more sessions, but she would speak to the EB LPC for authorisation for East End.

11.2 The Handy Trust Youth Drop I

2 Youth workers were present at the school bus stop to talk to the young people about the drop in to start on 21st June from 7-8:30 pm, which has been advertised on Facebook. The MOU has been signed for an initial trial period. MH asked what the young people will do whilst there. Basically, chill out with friends and play board games. The venue will move to the Village Hall if successful on a Wednesday night. MH said that this is really important for the village that the young people are catered for. The venue will move to the Village Hall if the trial is successful on a Wednesday evening.

11.3 Village Hall refurbishment project

MH reported that everyone was commenting on how good the Village Hall looked and that he was sure that everyone would find the inside just as good. The Builders were due to finish Tuesday but there was still a lot of decorating to do. The roof has been repaired for an extra £5k. The underflooring is down, soon to be followed by the top floor. The Toilets are finished, unfortunately there are the same number as before as there is no room to for additional ones. The plan is to open mid-August and volunteers to decorate are needed. The crowd funding for £35k has begun and will provide new chairs and a sound system.

11.4 NFALC

BH attended the meeting online.

the self-identification of Commoners as a minority group has been approved. There is a new New Forest flag which will be launched by the New Forest Association (who work to conserve and protect the forest), to mark 100 years next year. They are arranging a series of events including a ride of commoners through Lyndhurst.

New Forest Together Campaign. Julian Fellows spoke about keeping the Forest together and persuading people to push back against the LGR decision by signing the petition. NFALC debated whether they would support the campaign as many are concerned that if pushed the New Forest would join the Waterside in Southampton. Brice Stratford will write to Parish Councils and Julian Lewis and Desmond Swayne will raise the matter in Parliament. DP said that JL wants to cancel LGR and properly fund County Councils.

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11.5 Any other meetings

i Parish Magazine

The new Parish magazine has arrived and BH has delivered 400 copies throughout the village.

ii Waterside Bus

MH has received an email from the Waterside Bus project. They are waiting to hear how many residents within the Parish will qualify for the service.

iii Wessex Internet

MH reported that there is still an 8-week delay. He will ask that Wessex attend the next Parish meeting to explain the situation.

12.0 Agenda items for next meeting

- 12.1 Village Hall Grant
- 12.2 Review and adopt Data Protection & Information Policy
- 12.3 Review and adopt Privacy Notice
- 12.4 Review and adopt Publication Scheme
- 12.5 Youth Drop In Centre Feedback
- 12.6 Village Hall Progress
- 12.7 Wessex Internet Q&A

13 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 14th July 2026, at the School Fields Trust Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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