

**East Boldre Parish Council
Minutes of Parish meeting held at the School Fields Trust Hall
on Tuesday 14th July 2026**

Councillors present:

Beverley Hawker (Chair), Mike Urwin, Mike Husband, Robert Kitcher

In attendance:

County and District Cllr Dan Poole

BH Welcomed everyone to the meeting

1.0 To accept apologies for absence

Cllrs Ian Moyse and Anna Rostand and parish Clerk Sue James

2.0 Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

MH declared an interest in item 11.3 Village Hall.

3.0 To confirm minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting

11.5.iii Wessex internet didn't reply to request for a Q&A

11.5.ii The Waterside bus project is going ahead. 105 East Boldre parish residents are eligible for the service.

Cllrs approved the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2026.

4.0 To receive Clerk's report

4.1 Councillors

Unfortunately, we received the resignation of Cllr Fiona Archibald-Keen due to family commitments, which involves spending a lot of time in Scotland caring for her father. NFDC have been notified and notification of the vacancy has been posted on the notice boards, website and at the NFDC offices. Once the notice period is over, if there have been no requests for an election, the council can co-opt a new councillor. FAK has spoken to BH and indicated that should the situation change in the future, she would be happy to return as a Councillor.

The Register of Members interest form has been submitted to NFDC. A photograph and information about our new Cllr (RK) will be uploaded to the PC website.

4.2 Streetlights

The resident who was concerned about the streetlight on the main road has been approached and the views of the Cllrs explained. He understood the safety aspects and would be interested to hear what DP managed to find out regarding HCC policy. *DP has been unable to get any clarification at this point in time.*

4.3 Bus Shelter

Jack Harvey has been asked to carry out the work on the bus shelter. He is hoping to start imminently.

4.4 Allotments

A successful meeting was held with the allotment association (EBAA), with regards to the future roles of the association and the PC.

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Due to rising water use and charges, allotmenters would be encouraged to collect water and use hosepipes sparingly. It was suggested that the increase in water consumption over the last half of the year when the water was turned off for 4 months was probably due to allotmenters turning the water back on. EBAA will remove the key to the stop tap.

Vacant plots including those that were cleared are now overgrown. These will be cleared, strimmed and maintained by one of the allotmenters. There are several plots that haven't been worked. EBAA will provide a list, and these allotmenters will be contacted. If the plots aren't maintained, contracts will be terminated.

Three new allotmenters have joined us this month with two new enquiries. The intention is to completely fill the half of the allotment closest to the road and then aim to keep vacant plots together for ease of maintenance.

The chair of the EBAA is going to submit a CIL grant application to install rabbit proof fencing around the allotments. The expected cost is now approx. £8k. The PC has been asked for a letter of recommendation. The PC would need to see and discuss the application prior to providing the letter.

The plan is to have a competition for best allotment etc, for which BH is kindly providing a cup.

The next inspection has been set for 12th October.

4.5 IT

There have been problems with Rejuvenate (Microsoft licences and website) regarding charges and the ease with which to amend the website. I have started looking at the providers to other PCs with a view to changing the provider.

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

New voluntary joint committees have been set up to form a bridge between the new unitary councils and the old councils through the handover process. The transfer between NFDC and the Mid Hants Council should be a relatively straightforward process. However, this will not be the case with other councils

DP is getting a great deal of casework regarding Highways. There is a huge amount of work to be done. The Council is trying to prioritise the issues. MH reported that whilst the Councils are attempting to carry out the necessary work, the people on the ground aren't living up to the commitments and that it was extremely difficult to contact people at the council.

The petition regarding LGR was still going. There is a slim hope that the new PM may intervene. A lot of jobs at NFDC are on the line and morale is very low with lots of staff leaving. The May 2027 elections will still take place.

DP has a £1000 budget for grants from NFDC. Some has already been allocated to EBAA for a new noticeboard. He has a £5000 budget for grants from Hampshire County Council.

DP said that he had been asked about Asset transfer. NFDC has written to all the Parish and Town Councils regarding NFDC assets within the Parish, such as land, playing fields, public WCs etc. The Councils were given the opportunity to make an offer for these assets. Public WCs weren't popular but other assets were. Some of the bids were acceptable and others weren't. The consensus was that there were no such assets in East Boldre Parish

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

MU asked if Parish Councils will be involved with the voluntary committees. This is not the case, but the District Councils are planning to inform Parish Councils of the

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progress. The voluntary committees are expected to be in situ until the takeover is complete.

BH raised concerns over a very deep and dangerous pothole in Boldre Parish. DP said he was unable to do anything as it falls under a different Councillor's jurisdiction. BH asked if DP could raise the problem with those Councillors.

6.0 Public Session.

No public attended

7.0 Planning Applications

7.1 New Applications

		Genghis House, St Leonards Road, East End, Lymington SO41			
<u>26/00628FULL</u>	18/06/2026	SSR	Extension to Outbuilding	Full Application	23/07/2026

To view full documents 'cntrl click' on application number

The Councillors are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers but if the application is approved wish the condition of 'not to be used as habitable accommodation' to be applied.

There was no briefing note to accompany the planning application. *SJ to ask for briefing note*
DP was of the understanding that the planners were going to discontinue briefing notes. *SJ to ask for clarification.*

7.2 Decisions

None

8.0 Finance

8.1 Members reviewed monthly accounts for June and noted bank reconciliations, Receipts and Payments.

BH noted that although there remained £500 in the grant budget, this had been requested and would be discussed in 9. **Approved**

9.0 Village Hall Grant

BH commented that the Village Hall was looking lovely and was looking forward to seeing the inside at the weekend. An application from the Village Hall committee has been made for £500 to contribute towards the purchase of new chairs (Distributed in June). The rest of the funds for the purchase has come from a variety of grants. **Grant Approved**

10.0 Governance

10.1 Review and adopt Data Protection Policy

The Councillors reviewed the Data Protection Policy. It was approved with the acknowledgement that a new Data Map would be added on completion by SJ.

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10.2 To Review and adopt the Privacy Notice

The Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt the Privacy Notice.

10.3 Review and adopt Publication Scheme

The Councillors reviewed and agreed to adopt the Publication Scheme.

11.0 To Receive reports from external meetings**11.1 Village Hall refurbishment project**

MH said that the committee was really pleased with the outside of the village hall and hoped that everyone would feel the same about the inside. Villagers were invited to come along on the weekend to have a look. Some things remain to be done such as curtains and blinds and the stage. But the sound system is wonderful. The hall will be open to the village in September.

MH stated that after 14 years he would be standing down as chair and a trustee of the village hall. BH said that this was an amazing achievement and congratulated MH for all his hard work. There is to be a new policy that the chair and trustees would be elected for 2 years with the possibility for that to be extended to 4 years. After that time trustees and chair would need to step down.

11.2 The Handy Trust Youth Drop In Centre

BH reported that there had been 4 sessions with 4 children regularly attending and that it had been wonderful to hear their karaoke. The intention is to begin the sessions again in September (27th) so that BH can be present. The sessions were a big success with the children that attended. Going forward the age range would be changed to 10 -15 years, as it was felt that it would be much more appealing to children in this age range. BH and SJ will meet with Sofia from the Handy Trust to plan for the new sessions, which will run until Christmas. It had been hoped that these would be on a Wednesday, but due to HT commitments, it may need to be a Thursday. The sessions had been put out on Facebook and although there were many likes, the children didn't turn up. More promotion is needed. RK said that the children were enjoying it. As more children came friends would start to come along. HT hold similar sessions in Sway and Marchwood, with dwindling numbers. It has been tried elsewhere, but children chose not to go. However, the HT events that run through the summer holidays in Hythe are always oversubscribed.

11.3 Speed Watch

BH has spoken to Swan Gan-Marsh regarding erecting an SDR camera which is capable of storing vehicle registration numbers and speeds. It was hoped that this would have been put up in the spring.

There will be a number of speed watch sessions in August.

11.4 School Fields Trust Hall.

The Forest Encounter event will be held on 9th August from 9 am to 4 pm.

11.5 Any other meetings**i Open Gardens Day**

MH said that Sway held an open gardens event every other year with lots of activities. He suggested that it could be something East Boldre could hold in alternate years to the Scarecrow Trail. There are two village halls for refreshments, and it could bring the whole village together. BH said that it did involve a lot of work but was worth considering.

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12.0 Agenda items for next meeting

12.1 Youth Drop In Centre Feedback

12.2 Speedwatch

11.4 Village Hall

13.0 Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 8th September 2026, at East Boldre Village Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:55 pm.

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