

EAST BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at 7.00pm in the East Boldre Village Hall.

Present:

Cllr K Holmes Chairman

Cllr D Surplice

Cllr B Mulhall Vice-Chairman

Cllr D Drodge

Cllr B Gregory (following co-option)

Cllr M Sterling (following co-option)

In attendance – Cllr Vickers, District Councillor; Mrs K Penna, Parish Clerk and two residents.

1.0. To accept apologies for absence

Cllr C Gray.

2.0. Declaration of Interest in items on the agenda

None.

3.0. To consider co-option of Councillor to vacancy

Two applications had been received and Council unanimously agreed to co-opt Barry Gregory and Mark Sterling to the vacancies. Cllr Gregory and Cllr Sterling were warmly welcomed to the Council. The new councillors then signed the 'declaration of acceptance of office' forms and joined the council.

4.0. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2014

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

5.0. Public session

None.

6.0. Clerk's report

6.1. Gail Allen the Village Agent co-ordinator will be attending the January PC meeting to give a short presentation.

6.2. A meeting has yet to be arranged to discuss the insurance payout from the SLR device as we are awaiting contact from the other two parishes. It is likely to be in the New Year now.

6.3. A brief update was given by Glenn Peacey from HCC on the broadband programme. He stated that delivery is due in Phase 7 which starts in June 2015 and ends in December 2015.

6.4. After meeting Richard Channell at allotment site 2 to discuss the side hedging, he has advised that it is unfortunately it is not suitable for hedge-laying. He suggested contacting Sarah Kelly, Landscape officer at the NPA, I have also asked the advice of the NFLAS so will wait and see what advice they can offer.

6.5. A letter has been received from a Land Agent at the Forestry Commission in regards to the parking bay (clerk to read letter).

6.6. As I am glad you will all be happy to hear, the signage to East Boldre is due for delivery and fixing on 24th December (weather permitting!)

6.7. The rear fencing at allotment site 2 has now been completed.

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

7.0. Finance

7.1. 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			
Mr. Abraham	100435	Poppies	£37.50
Data Centa	100436	Training	£150.00
Data Centa	100437	Email accs.	£50.00
Payments 09/12/14			
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100438	Salary	£459.33
K Penna(Paid K Wright)	100439	Expenses	£63.03
New Forest Disability	100440	Grant	£150.00
East Boldre Football club	100441	Grant	£100.00
Turners	100442	Fencing	£1246.00
Total to pay			<u>£2018.36</u>
Amount to be transferred to current account			<u>£2020.00</u>
		Receipts	
Source		Detail	Amount
HSBC		Nov interest	£0.98
Total income			<u>£0.98</u>
Bank Reconciliation			
Balance as at 05/12/14			
HSBC Current			£967.44
HSBC Savings			£2045.79
Total			<u>£21,443.23</u>
Net bank balance as at 09/12/14			
The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows			
Opening balances	12,630.32		
Add receipts	17,123.76		
Less payments	8,310.85		
Total			<u>£21,443.23</u>

8.0. Planning.

8.1. To consider tree work applications 14/1243 Field at Bagshot Moor adjacent to Willow Cottage; 14/1265 Hillyground, Hatchet Lane.

Resolved: No comments.

8.2. To discuss NFDC Case number 14/0132/SN Street Record, Wallace Lane East Boldre.

Information has been received from a Hordle resident in relation to the spelling of 'Wallace Lane' in East Boldre. The information seemed to suggest that the lane was originally called 'Wallis Lane' named after residents of East Boldre of the same name. The Hordle resident has approached NFDC to have the original name restored.

Resolved: Council agreed that the name of Wallace Lane should be returned to Wallis Lane.

ACTION KP

9.0. To discuss the NPA's Quiet Lanes Project.

Resolved: Council agreed that the NPA's Quiet Lane Project would not be appropriate for the parish.

ACTION KP

10.0. To discuss New Forest National Park Draft Management Plan Update 2015-20.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillors could feedback individually if they wished.

11.0. To discuss the new draft letter to residents for interest in becoming a councillor.

Resolved: The new draft letter is now acceptable and will be delivered to East Boldre residents in the New Year together with the Parish Guide and the Newsletter. Councillors will be asked for their intentions to continue as councillors at the January meeting.

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

12.1. New Forest Passenger Transport Forum.

NEW FOREST PASSENGER TRANSPORT FORUM HELD ON 3rd NOVEMBER 2014 in LYNDHURST – Attended by Cllr Mulhall.

There were 3 items on the Agenda, viz. (1) Infrastructure, (2) Volunteer Drivers and (3) Solent Go. Under Infrastructure reports were given of the completion of the refurbishment of Brockenhurst station, the continuing introduction of real time information at bus stops and the update on the Community Rail Partnership of the Lymington Branch line. Changes to the bus services in the coming Financial Year were not reported - that had been published in the local newspapers, but we understand that the 112 service is already reduced as to be free from further cuts, at least for the time being. Also questioned (though the point was not discussed) the subsidy paid for the Lymington railway line, when the Lymington-Brockenhurst bus service is being reduced. Although it does not affect East Boldre the change to allow Pensioners' Concessionary Travel only after 09.30 will not be implemented rigidly in cases where the first bus is timed to be just before that time. In answer to the question whether the three New Forest Tourist Buses could be scheduled to travel in both directions on the circular routes, so making them more useful for local people, it was stated that this would be too confusing for the tourists!

The County is promoting the idea of local 'self-help' groups, such as using minibuses with volunteer drivers to supplement public transport. Further information is on the County website. Solent Go is a scheme for a travel card on the buses in South Hampshire (the Waterside, Southampton, Fareham and Portsmouth) and ultimately, the IoW ferries (though not the buses on the island).

12.2. Allotment Association AGM.

EAST BOLDRE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION AGM HELD ON THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 IN EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE HALL – Attended by the clerk

Plot holders were welcomed to the meeting and it was hoped that everyone had had a good year on their allotment. Ruth said that she hoped that the extra water stand pipe which had been put in during the year was useful to all. The points below were discussed.

- Neither allotment reps were present but Ruth would contact them to see if they would like carry on the duties.
- The council this year has joined a Lengthsman Scheme with Brockenhurst and Sway parish councils and plot holders may have noticed the clearance work the Lengthsman has been doing at site 2. Being part of a Lengthsman scheme will allow for other works to be carried out throughout the year. The Lengthsman will soon be boxing in the taps at site 2 and mending some areas of the rabbit fencing which has been damaged.
- Currently there are 2.5 vacant plots at site 2 and a quarter plot vacant at site 1.
- Seed catalogues were offered to plot holders.
- After a discussion on the cancellation of the village show, it was suggested that an Allotment Open Day be organised for 2015. It would be arranged by the Allotment Association, hopefully with the support of the Parish Council. – This item will be added to the January PC meeting agenda.
- It was thought that two allotment inspections a year was probably not enough and would it not be useful if the representatives could do intermediate ones to ensure that all was up together before it got out of hand. This item will be added to the January PC meeting agenda.

- It was also suggested that when a plot became empty perhaps the Lengthsman could trim it and then it could be covered with Mypex to stop it becoming so overgrown. The clerk will look into the costs of Mypex. This item will be added to the January PC meeting agenda.
- Due to the difficulties in providing notice boards for the allotment sites, it was suggested that perhaps a small shed could be found which was fairly open, then extra produce and spare plants, seeds etc. could be put in there and any notices pinned on the walls. A suitable shed is currently on a plot which is soon to be vacated. The clerk will contact the plot holder to see if they may wish to donate the shed for use at allotment site 1.
- Herbage along the rabbit fence on both allotment sites needs cutting back and this will be added to the Lengthsman's list of jobs, along with the filling in of the trench on the vacant plot at site 2.
- The tracks at the allotment sites are both very muddy. The clerk will put up a sign at both sites asking people to keep cars out as much as possible during the winter.

13.0. To confirm the next Parish Council meeting

Confirmed as 7.00 pm on 13th January 2015 in East Boldre Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.