

BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2015 at 6.50 pm in the Boldre War Memorial Hall.

Present: Mr I Wild - Chairman
Mrs A Grainger
Mr A Wooldridge
Mr R Channell – Vice Chairman
Mrs J Coe - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer
Mrs A Bolton
Mr J Puttick
Mr C Wise
Mr P Tanner

There was a closed meeting at 6.30pm for Co-Option – The Council requested Mr O Moore to join the Parish Council as a member via the Clerk, and he duly accepted the position.

Chairman Wild invited Mr Hull to speak on planning application Over The Water, he is the agent acting on behalf of his client and put forward a positive case.

Chairman Wild invited Gail to speak on Age Concern Hampshire – ‘Village Agent’ who are looking for volunteers to be a point of call to elderly people in rural areas, further information can be found on <http://www.ageconcernhampshire.org.uk/our-services/village-agent.html> or free phone 0800 3287154 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer or finding out more about what they can do for you.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Goodall

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda - None

3.0 To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8/12/14 & 5/01/15

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

4.0 Clerk’s report & Information received for information only

There is a broadband meeting at Lyndhurst on the 28th January at 6.30pm if any Councillors are interested in attending; the Clerk will circulate the details.

Hampshire County Council’s Waste Planning and Environment (WP&E) service have a short survey to complete and this will also be circulated <http://survey.hants.gov.uk/wpecustomersurvey.htm>

The groundsman had a mole trap taken from the Pavilion area and the Clerk has informed him that the cost will be reimbursed if it is not found.

5. To receive a report from County Councillor for Boldre

Cllr Thornber said the Hampshire County Council (HCC) had been working with Age Concern “Village Agents” for over two years and they are a focal point and also act as an information point and one of the agents would be happy to attend a Parish meeting to talk about how Village Agent works for them.

‘HCC will be freezing its council tax for the 6th successive year and in 2016/17 plans have been made to add further saving to the £1.3 million already saved. There is still a way to go and we will have hard decisions to make, which are likely to impact on service users, residences or businesses. We are also testing the market with external contractors to see if we can save costs this way.

There will be public consultation guided by a set of clear guidelines for matters such as school closures. This will ensure that the public is consulted in the early formative stage of any proposals, with consultation being run over realistic timescales, with the exception of unforeseen matters that are urgent. Consultations will be clear, precise with no acronyms and no personal information publicised. We will take into account responses given before making decisions and improve the way we contact and communicate with people’.

Cllr Bolton asked if the level of council tax charged has to be across the spectrum or could it have higher and lower levels in higher bands. The G banding has a very broad range and yet the same amount is set for the lower end as the higher end? Cllr Thornber replied ‘Terraced Houses in Beaulieu are being charged as much as the higher end; the Law doesn’t allow us to make changes and this is something that would need to be changed through Parliament’.

Cllr Bolton also said that HCC have cut substantial hedges recently and has the property owners been charged for this? Cllr Thornber replied that he will look into it if Cllr Bolton passes on the details to him.

The Clerk asked if there was an update on animal accident prevention and the response was that chicanes may be placed on hot spots. A ‘targeted approach to traffic calming could be the way to approach the problem, along with a request to the verderers that fluorescent collars need to be placed on the animals. Cllr Grainger said that at Brockenhurst to Wilverley there are no give way signs, but most cars still slow down and Cllr Bolton said that the road surface needs to be lightened. Cllr Thornber replied that after discussing the matter back at HCC the latest technology used in road surfacing happens to be a darker surface and the executive member will need to consider this, and we were reminded that 73% of incidents are caused by local people.

6. Finance- To agree payments in accordance with the budget – circulated and agreed - resolved

6.1 To agree the bank reconciliation – Circulated and approved – resolved

7.0 Planning and Highways – To approve current application comments and review decisions - see attached log.

7.01 Highways & Drainage – Cllr Channell mentioned that residents in parts of Portmore have cleared their ditches after receiving letters from Mr Prouting at HCC – there was a discussion around this and it was resolved to report problem ditches to the Clerk, who will forward this onto Mr Prouting.

Chairman Wild invited a member of the public to speak, who said that the Oak Tree at Pilley Hill opposite School Lane is still dangerous – the clerk will report it to HCC

8.00 Amenities- Car Park planning application – Cllr Channell handed the plans back to the Clerk with the additional details required for submission from the New Forest National Park Authority – *action Clerk to submit the plans*

9.00 Parish Polls - Consultation on the Government’s intentions to modernise parish poll regulations – Cllr Wise explained how this has been used in some areas to call a poll on changing a road name as an example – this costs considerable money to the council involved and under the proposals the item being requested can be refused at Council level and District level – Cllr Wise thanked the Government for making it simpler as the cost involved is similar to an election cost and asked members to note this – Resolved

10.00 Website – Carried forward

11.00 Parish Plan – Cllr Grainger draft plan will be sent out to the other members for consideration – *action Clerk*

12.00 Defibrillator- The Clerk informed the members that to house the defibrillator on an outside wall or phone box would be £345.00 plus VAT and with an alarm it would be £445.00 plus VAT. The recommendation was to house it in Boldre War Memorial Hall’s reception and review its position if the need arises. Cllr Grainger said that she would contact the organisations within the Parish to invite a representative to attend a meeting where a trained defibrillator user will demonstrate how to use it- resolved to put the defibrillator in the reception area of the Hall in conjunction with the Hall Committee and send letters to representatives – *Action Cllr Grainger and Clerk*

13.00 To receive information from Councillors regarding matters from external meetings – Chairman Wild informed the members that the clerk had given him her resignation. Having worked with the Council for five years, she had decided it was time leave. The clerk added that she will miss working with the council, residents and contacts, but the time was right to leave.

Cllr Wise has a £600.00 grant to use and it was suggested that some could be used for the Orchard at Snookes Lane and also the mounting of the wheel brace.

Cllr Grainger had a meeting with Mr Drodge regarding the wheel brace and the wheel is 7ft across and weighs 7.5 tonnes and a ‘Wheel Rights’ sign should be placed by it. The clerk will speak with planning to see if permission is

required and Cllr Wooldridge had safety concerns about it which will be addressed prior to it being placed at Perkins Piece. Chairman Wild will also speak to Mr Green to see if there might be funding available. Cllr Bolton said that the Wildlife meadow is under way and it would be good to involve William Gilpin School in the planting. She also commented on the hedge that Cllr Channell planted, as establishing itself and looking good. Cllr Channell commended those involved in restoring the Burrard Monument and how good it looks after a recent visit to the site.

The next meeting of Boldre Parish Council will be held on Monday 9th February 2015 at 6.30pm
Ends 9.20pm

Appl. No Date	Site Address	Description of Works	Comment made to N.P.A. and date submitted.	Adopted by parish council
922	Yew Tree Bungalow Pillely Street	Amended Plans	Comment 1 - BPC feels the amended design to be an improvement by way of a softer outline and reduced fenestration. We do note that, in this instance, there appears to be no "core element" and subservient extension as per DP10 & DP11.	EOM 5/1/2015
998	Walhampton School, Main Road, Walhampton, Lymington,	Extension to existing car park	Comment 5	12/1/15
1011	Over The Water Lisle Court Road Lymington	Replacement Dwelling & two out buildings: demolition of existing dwelling	Comment 5	12/1/15