

BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Boldre War Memorial Hall.

Present: Mr I Wild - Chairman
Mrs A Grainger
Mr R Channell – Vice Chairman
Mr A Wooldridge
Mrs J Coe – Clerk & RFO

Mrs A Bolton
Mr J Puttick
Mr C Wise
Mr O Moore

Guest Speaker John Durnell from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust: “Royden Woods – Woodland Management Plan”

During the course of the 10 year management plan at Royden Woods, tree clearance will be undertaken particularly Sandy Down and Lower Sandydown area. This will include the removal of pines to restore broadleaf woodlands, with the retention of pines along house boundaries and main paths. This will benefit invertebrate, fauna and flora. Consultations will be undertaken involving the Council, National Park Authority & the Forestry Commission.

The Chairman Thanked Mr Durnell for his informative presentation.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Tanner & Cllr Goodall

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

3.0 To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8th February

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

The Clerk informed members that there is a planning meeting on the 17th March at Lymington Town Hall and planning application 1037 is on the agenda – council members were unable to attend and didn’t feel it would make any difference to the outcome. The clerk said someone should attend, as the Council has objected to the application. The members felt a meeting with the planning leader would be better and the Clerk will attend the planning meeting on the 17th March.

The clerk attended the election training at the District Council and gave a brief summary including the “Purdah Period”. She circulated the forms and will also email the information to all members.

The clerk mentioned the report in the Lymington Times on a parent and child rescued from the mud at Tanners Lane and suggested there should be warning signs up about the mud – this was not supported by the members.

5. To receive a report from County Councillor for Boldre

Cllr Thornber said that the clerk had been an asset to the Council and had found her co-operative hard working and thanked her for her work over the past five years.

- Cllr Thornber confirmed for the 7th year running council tax would be frozen
- For O’level and A’levels Hampshire County remain above the national average. The survey also revealed that in the league table of international results, England had slipped from 5th place to 23rd and wonders why?
This will be looked into at great length in order to improve the situation.
- In a recent meeting with the Verderers, it was stated that grey surfacing of roads do not meet the skid requirements, so highways will continue to use black surfacing.
- There will be a guidance leaflet produced for contractors and Hampshire County Council. Once the leaflet is completed, there will be a meeting to launch the document, which will include maintenance of the cattle grids when they flood or block and fencing repairs

Cllr Bolton asked what speed of skidding surface was tested on the grey and black road surface – Cllr Thornber will come back to the members on this matter. She also asked if money to less able children had been withdrawn- Cllr Thornber said no; the pupil premium goes directly to the schools that then use it with discretion.

Chairman Wild asked if the speed limit could be reduced at Ampress Park to The Hobler on the A337 – Cllr Thornber will make enquiries. Cllr Puttick asked about the white lining taking place within the Parish – Cllr Thornber noted that it was being carried out in stages and would found out why.

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 and drainage – The Clerk had liaised with Tim Lawton at HCC and read out two letters that will be sent out to residents who do not maintain their tress/ hedges, over growing onto roads and paths. Cllr Channell would also like a letter for blocked ditches – the clerk will pass the comments back to Tim Lawton – Action Clerk

7.02 Wheel Rights Jig – Chairman Wild has submitted the proposal to the National Park Authority and is awaiting their response.

7.03 Listed building request Pitts Deep Sowley – It was resolved to approach English Heritage regarding Pitts Deep. The members also thought it would be a good idea to have a listing meeting to include other buildings – Action Clerk & all

8.00 Website- Cllr Moore had looked into various website options and shortlisted two; he handed out pros and cons for both and requested that members look at the Beaulieu Parish website, as this is hosted by the preferred choice. There was a discussion about having other community groups on the website for a small fee and to talk to Beaulieu Parish Council and Cllr Moore will produce a menu structure – Action Cllr Moore & All

9.00 Parish Plan – Members agreed the content of the draft and Cllr Wise will circulate a typed version of the Word format draft – Action Cllr Wise

10.00 Formation of a Community Association to run Pilley store – Cllr Wise spoke about the public meeting held at William Gilpin School and has pledged a £600 grant from the District Council. He asked members to support this also by matching the amount– the Clerk pointed out that a representative from Pilley Stores should apply for a grant to then be decided at the next meeting, but members discussed the matter against the Clerk’s advice. It was finally decided to invite a representative to the next meeting to give a progress update.

11.00 To receive information from Councillors regarding matters from external meetings – Chairman Wild informed members that he had arranged for Don Mackenzie to speak on the Burrard Monument restoration at the Annual Assembly as Graham Wilson was unable to attend.

Cllr Moore attended a broadband meeting and can confirm that Battramsley will be included, as it is on the internet cable route.

The next meeting of Boldre Parish Council will be held on 13th April 2015 at 6.30pm. The Annual Assembly will be held on the 23rd March at 7.00pm

Ends 9.24pm

Appl.N	Site Address	Description of Works	Comment	Adopted date
0043	5 Boldre Lane, Boldre	Two Storey Side Ext	Comment 5	9/3/15
031	Shallowmead Nurseries Boldre Lane Boldre	2no new access gates; 2.2.m high brick piers; 1.6m high brick piers	Comment 1 -BPC Feel the amendment to still produce a secure access to this business area while retaining a more rural aspect	9/3/15
0054	The Warrens, Undershore Road	Replacement garage (Resubmission of 14/00896)	Comment 5	9/3/15
147	The Apple House, Boldre Grange	Replacement roof & doormers	Comment 5	9/3/15
38	Shallowmead Cottage Boldre Lane	New access gates; Brick piers	Comment 1 -BPC appreciates the design changes which result in a more sympathetic aspect to the entrance.	9/3/15
181	Brickfield Cottage, Brickfield Ln Walhampton,	T1 - English Oak - Section fell to ground level/slope. T2 - Holm Oak - Crown reduction by 50%. Retain low branches Hazel - Coppice large diameter Cherry - Section fell to ground level/slope.		9/3/15

178	Lilac Cottage, Brickfield Lane, Walhampton,	Common Ash - Repollarding of all the multi-stemmed crown retaining as much low epicormic growth as is practicable.		9/3/15
181	Cornerways, Norley Wood Road,	Fell 1 Norway Spruce		9/3/15