

BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th January 2009 at 6.30 pm in the Boldre War Memorial Hall.

Present : Mr I Wild (Chairman)
Major A French (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Gaylard (Parish Clerk)

Mrs A Bolton
Mr T Corbin
Mr T Broomfield
Mr B Goodall
Mrs A Grainger
Mr C Wise
Mr P Tanner
Dr J Horsfall

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr K Thornber

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 2008

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman with the following corrections 7.1 add 'approved' after unanimously, 7.2 change 'near to the shop' to 'near to Pilley shop', 8.1 change 'contactors' to 'contractors'.

4.0 To report matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

An update on notice boards is recorded under 8.1.

5. To receive a report from County Councillor for Boldre

No report due to absence of Cllr Thornber

6. Finance

6.1. The following payments were approved by council.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Southern electric	Pavilion electricity(DD)	£17.00
SLCC	CiLCA registration fee for clerk	£150.00
M Gaylard	Salary	£418.72
M Gaylard	Expenses- stationery, stamps, mileage 23.09 miles	£28.82
J Tanner	Salary	£14.10
Bank of Ireland	Transfer	£500.00
Total		£1,111.64
Receipts		
<i>Source</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bank of Ireland	Interest	£54.26
Total		£54.26

A question was asked on the amount of standing charges within the pavilion electricity direct debit – the clerk will confirm this at the next meeting.

ACTION MG

6.2 Bank reconciliation –noted by council

<i>Boldre parish Council - Bank Reconciliation</i>		
	£	£
Balance as at 12/01/09		
Current account	975.73	
Interest Account	23,132.75	
Total		24,108.48
Less unrepresented cheques 854-£500.00,857-£14.40, 859-£13.00, 861 £30.00	557.40	
Total		557.40
Net bank balance as at12/01/09		23,551.08

The net balances reconcile to the cash book for the year to date, as follows

Opening balance (B of I)	17,738.08	
Opening balance (Lloyds)	3,390.49	
Add receipts	26,939.73	
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Less payments	24,517.22	
Total		23,551.08

Council noted that all monies are within projected budget although consideration may be given to purchasing a replacement slide within this financial year as soon as all the prices have been received.

ACTION MG

Other suggestions for expenditure will also be considered at next meeting of council.

6.3 2007/08 Audit results - The audit report has now been returned by the Audit Commission and there are no problems with the submission. The results have been displayed on the notice-boards and are on website.

7.0 Planning and highways committee

7.1 The attached planning comments were unanimously agreed by council. It was noted that the Listed Building application at Newtown Park has now been withdrawn and the comments will therefore not be returned to NPA. Council noted that there are a large number of signs appearing on roads and on private land near to roadsides - the clerk will check the ruling on these and report to next meeting.

ACTION MG

7.2 Highways defects logs will be sent around again for next council meeting. It was noted that Highways have now cut back private hedges and it was considered that this gives little incentive to those who do cut their hedges. The clerk will check this with Highways and report to next council meeting.

ACTION MG

The general state of roads and verges near to bus stops and cleaning of drains is considered to be poor. The clerk will contact Highways over this. Consideration may be given in the future to employing someone to improve matters. It was noted that drains are often obscured by overgrowth of foliage and poor upkeep of drainage ditches contributes to the problems – both of these are the responsibility of landowners and a reminder will be put in ‘The Bridge.’

ACTION AF

7.3 SLRs – Council is still waiting for contact from the police over siting of these – the clerk will make contact again.

ACTION MG

It was noted that council has the requisite insurance cover in place for placement of SLRs.

7.4 Community Reassurance Van Road Show-Council agreed that a visit from the van is not required

7.5 New Forest Transport Forum – Cllr Wise will attend the next meeting.

7.6 Allocation of footpaths – all councillors currently check state of footpaths on a regular basis. It was agreed to update the list which will be re-issued by the clerk.

ACTION MG

8.0 To receive the report of the amenities committee

8.1 Report of the Committee

Costs of equipment for a teenage recreation area are being sought at present. It was agreed to seek opinion from the likely users. The clerk will produce some leaflets to be distributed and approach the youth club leader.

ACTION MG

Provision of two new notice-boards was again discussed with the chosen sites being East End and outside Pilley shop. The shop keepers are in agreement with the latter but the owner of the shop building and NPA planning will have to be approached for their opinion.

ACTION MG

The Chairman will check ownership of the land at East End.

ACTION IW

The clerk pointed out that siting a notice-board at Rope Hill was very dangerous with regard to traffic and council agreed that this site would not be used.

8.2 Hills Footpath- the hedges will be cut along this path in the next financial year.

8.3 Norley Wood notice-board – the police have a witness and suspects for the damage to the left door of the notice board and would like the damaged glass as evidence. Cllr Broomfield will speak to the supplier and obtain costs for new glass. **ACTION TB**

9.0 Affordable Housing

The application has been received by NPA but the payment has still not come through. There is a meeting at BWMH on 14th January 2009 where Hyde Housing will show the plans of the submitted application. Cllr Wise will check position on future ownership of the access to the school. NFDC and Hyde have both agreed to incorporate this with the agreements to exchange land which is being arranged. **ACTION CW**

10.0 Clerks notices

10.1 Information received – circulated

10.2 HALC is willing to run a local session on Code of Conduct training which will cost £150.00. The clerk will arrange a suitable date in February or March and also invite other parish councils in the area for a minimal charge. **ACTION MG**

10.3 Freedom of Information Policy – the revised policy was agreed by council.

10.4 Information flow from Boldre church – noted from PCC meetings at Boldre Church are now being sent to council.

10.5 Website – the website is continuing to evolve and the address is www.boldre.org.uk

11.0 To receive information from councillors regarding external meetings and to receive Councillors reports and questions

11.1 New Forest Association of Local Councils – this was attended by the Chairman in December. It was mainly concerned with statistics from the police and discussion on parish plans where many councils are unhappy with suggested arrangements by NFDC

11.2 New Forest Consultative Panel- attended by Cllr French

There was a presentation by the Forestry Commission on ‘operational practice with respect to Traveller or Gypsy occupation of Forestry Commission land’. This was not connected to government proposals for new sites, but how to react to illegal occupation. Travellers realise that the Forestry Commission will prosecute in extreme cases, so a diplomatic approach usually leads to a peaceful move out. Occupation may be as many as 60 vehicles. There is immense variation with regard to hygiene and litter. The FC appreciates the need to provide sites but not illegal occupation of land.

Richard Lemon, NPA Director of Strategy and Planning gave an update on the National Park Plan. His presentation was thought to be too positive in view of the comments received. All comments will be available for public inspection. The next stage of the process is to hold more workshops between the present and the end of March on socio-economic policies, housing to include affordable housing, ‘service’ villages, zoning policies, traffic, transport and car parking and recreational horse keeping. The revised plan will go to NPA for final approval in May. NFDog announced overwhelming support for keeping car parks open. Barry Olorenshaw from New Forest Business Partnership felt that NPA are promoting conservation at the expense of the community.

Frank Green NPA Archaeologist gave a presentation on the various aspects of archaeology in the National Park. A New Forest History and Archaeology society has recently been formed.

12.0 Any other business

12.1 HCC is considering the grant requested by Boldre Historical Society for recent work at the Shallows.

12.2 A claim by a resident against HCC for damage to his car from a pot hole has been met in full ‘as a gesture of goodwill’

12.3 Gravel repairs at BWMH – quotes for works have been requested.

12.4 Duties of roving groundsman for grass cutting – for next agenda

12.5 Parish Plan – for next agenda

12.6 Stiles on footpath 4 – for next agenda

13.0 To confirm the date of next meeting

This was confirmed as 9th February 2009 at 6.30 pm at BWMH.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Circulation :-

By email – Councillors Ian Wild, Arthur French, Colin Wise, Alison Bolton, James Horsfall & Tony Corbin.
Councillor Thornber.

By post/hand – Councillors Tony Broomfield, Brian Goodall, Angela Grainger & Paul Tanner.