

**BOLDRE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 P Tanner  
Dr J Horsfall  
Mr C Wise

In attendance :- Cllr K Thornber and three residents.

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

**2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

Cllr Grainger declared a personal interest in item 7.1 on the agenda for planning applications 937976/93848 at The Hobler public house.

Cllr Broomfield declared a personal interest in item 8.1 on the agenda for the quotation on the pavilion painting and the removal of moles at the recreation ground.

**3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

A correction was made to the bank reconciliation figure in brackets from £14.10 to £14.40. The minutes were then agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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

It was noted that the grit bin has now been placed in Pilley Street but in the wrong position. This will be discussed at the meeting with Highways next week.

**5. To receive a report from County Councillor for Boldre**

Hampshire Highways are considering giving some parishes two days free access to the Highways gangs which would be in addition to any planned repairs and maintenance. Concern was expressed by Council over the general state of the roads and ditches and that the drains are not being cleaned adequately. Cllr Thornber informed Council that Highways do have a long term improvement plan for drains. Cllr Thornber considered that a parish linesman, in partnership with other parishes, might be a way forward for the future.

Cllr Thornber has taken up the case to improve the workmanship of the road gangs with the County Surveyor.

Apparently the New Forest road network is very fragile because of the original construction resulting in large numbers of potholes. Further funding will be required and a further £1M from savings will be going into road improvements during 2009/10.

Cllr Thornber has visited William Gilpin School with regard to a rebuilding programme and there will be further information available for the next council meeting following a briefing on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The school is doing well with good Ofsted reports.

**6. Finance**

6.1. The following payments were agreed by council.

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Payment</i>
Southern electric	Pavilion electricity(DD)	£17.00
M Gaylard	Salary	£432.15
M Gaylard	Expenses(PO Box £120.30, phone £39.35, book £15.95, mileage £6.71, postage £44.50)	£226.81
J Tanner	Salary	£36.00
BWMH	Hall hire Highways meeting	£13.00
HALC	Affiliation fee & NALC levy (due 1st April)	£362.00
B&B Drodge	Repairs to gravel outside hall	£253.00
HMRC	PAYE & NI - Last quarter	£382.61
M Gaylard	Arrears payment of increased petrol allowance	£ 15.73
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,738.30</b>
Bank of Ireland Transfer		£20,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£21,738.30</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
<i>Source</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bank of Ireland	Interest	£20.65
<b>Total</b>		<b>£20.65</b>

**6.2 Bank reconciliation**

	£	£
<b>Balance as at 09/03/09</b>		
Current account	20,292.03	
Interest Account	1,683.11	
<b>Total</b>		21,975.14
Less unrepresented cheques 869 £28.80, 870 £50.40, 873 £16.50	95.70	
<b>Total</b>	95.70	
<b>Net bank balance as at 09/03/09</b>		<b>21,879.44</b>
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	27,540.09	
Less payments	-26,789.22	
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,879.44</b>

It was noted that due to concerns over the Bank of Ireland, the majority of the funds have been transferred to Lloyds as an emergency measure. Council agreed to consider a short term investment of £10K in a new account. The clerk will investigate some possibilities and the finance working party will meet before next Council meeting to make recommendations. The clerk will arrange a suitable date for the meeting. **ACTION MG**

6.3 Council confirmed that the earlier grants of £260.00 for the youth club and £150.00 for Boldre Outings Club as S137.

**6.4** The present photocopier, acquired free of charge, is beyond repair. Council agreed to the purchase of a reconditioned copier costing £ 495.00 + VAT. Council agreed to the order being placed provided that it is suitable. The clerk will visit the firm to check on this before the order is placed. **ACTION MG**

**6.5** The request for a grant by the Samaritans was refused as it is not within the budget for the coming year. The clerk will write to them with the decision. **ACTION MG**

### **7.0 Planning and highways committee**

**7.1** The attached planning comments were approved. It was noted that there is a query on a possible listed status of 93819 Gardeners Cottage. The clerk will highlight this to the case officer for an early reply. **ACTION MG**  
It was noted that the road at edge of Footpath 33 has collapsed and is dangerous with a dip in both sides of East End road. Both of these need urgent action/warning signs erected and the clerk will inform Highways that they need immediate action. **ACTION MG**

It was noted that there is a lot of hedge debris outside a property in Pilley – the clerk will write to the residents. **ACTION MG**

**7.2 SLRs** – A site meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> March with NFDC to assess the sites for sleeves. Council is due to meet with Highways on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00 pm at BWMH.

**7.3 30 mph request for Norleywood** – Council agreed to this and the clerk will inform the Village 30 project. **ACTION MG**

**7.4 Litter in parish** – Council decided not to organise a general litter picking session as the risk assessment has shown that it is too dangerous in this parish due to the numerous narrow roads making it unsuitable for volunteers. However, a note will be put into ‘The Bridge’ asking for vigilance and the clerk will contact NFDC to clear known areas. Footpaths will be kept under review by Councillors and the clerk will write to the resident who recently complained about rubbish. **ACTION MG**

Council noted that rubbish is being left beside glass bins at ‘The Red Lion’ and this will also be highlighted in ‘The Bridge’ as this resource may be lost if it is continually abused.

**7.5 Lighting in Gilpin Close** – Highways have no budget to improve lighting at present but a five year PFI project is due to commence in December 2009 and this area will be included. The clerk will write to the resident group who complained about the lighting. **ACTION MG**

**7.6 Gas pipe across Council land** – Council agreed to this request so long as there is no cost to Council and there is no liability on Council for any future maintenance of the pipe. The clerk will write to the residents and instruct HALC solicitor to draw up the agreement. **ACTION MG**

### **8.0 To receive the report of the amenities committee**

The report was previously circulated and the following was agreed.

**Play area** – The clerk will apply for a grant to purchase the slide from Proludic costing £8088 + VAT, the nest swing and pendulum seat combination costing £9075.31 + VAT from Huck and a teenage shelter as soon as prices are obtained for the last item. Cllr Broomfield will draw up a specification for the shelter. The clerk will contact NPA to see if planning permission is required. **ACTION TB/MG**

**Pavilion** -The quotation for concrete works from B&B Drodge and the painting quotation from R H Bespoke were both agreed. The clerk will inform the contractors. **ACTION MG**

**Clearance of undergrowth and soil at recreation ground** – Council agreed to this being carried out by Hampshire probation service and a donation of £50.00 will be made towards their costs. The clerk will inform them of the decision. **ACTION MG**

**Moles** – Three quotations have been received to clear moles at the recreation ground. The quote from A Broomfield was accepted and the work will also include moles at ‘Perkins Piece’ for the same price. The clerk will inform the contractor **ACTION MG**

**Grass cutting** – the quotation from Land Products was accepted. The clerk will inform the contractor. **ACTION MG**

**Noticeboards** – The clerk will obtain costs of placing a board at the shop which has been agreed by the shopkeeper and building owner and also contact NPA to see if planning permission is required. **ACTION MG**

**8.2 Parking on Perkins Piece**- this has become problem. It was considered that dragon’s teeth are needed. This will be discussed with Highways at the forthcoming meeting.

**8.3 Bridge at ‘The Shallows’** – Cllr Broomfield will contact the daughter of the resident who will soon be 100, for an official ‘opening’ of the bridge at ‘The Shallows’, to arrange a date some time in April. **ACTION TB**

### **9.0 Affordable Housing**

The Chairman has responded to a recent letter complaining over the Council’s decision to reject this planning application. The clerk will contact the case officer for the date when this will be heard by NPA. **ACTION MG**

**10.0 Committee structure**

At present Council has three committees. It was agreed to rename these 'working parties' to conform with current law. When the working parties meet, they will produce reports which will be discussed at full Council. In the rare occasion of any planning comments needing to be approved before the date for submission expires, an additional Council meeting will be called.

**11.0 Parish Plan**

This will be reviewed and residents will be asked for their views at the Annual Assembly. The clerk will provide copies of the existing plan at the Annual Assembly and collate replies. After this a working group will be set up to produce a new draft and report to Council

**12.0 Programme for annual assembly**

This was confirmed as presentations from the Greening Campaign and the local beat officers.

**13.0 Clerks notices**

**13.1 Information received** – this was circulated. With regard to the proposed road works at Rodlease Lane, the clerk will inform Highways of the continuing gas works at Boldre Bridge/Lane so that both activities are not being carried out at the same time.

**13.2 Review of training evening** – this was very good and costs were covered with a small profit being made. A similar evening will be considered for 2010. Following advice from this, Council agreed the following:-

1. Change 'Matters Arising' to 'Clerks Report' which will encompass the notices and should shorten the agenda. Councillors will still be able to ask questions within the agenda item.
2. Only include reports of the working parties when there has been a meeting to report.
3. All councillors were asked to let the clerk know of any agenda items for each meeting.

**14.0 To receive information from councillors regarding external meetings**

No reports.

**15.0 Any other business**

None

**17.0 To confirm the date of next meeting**

This was confirmed as the changed date of 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 6.30 pm at BWMH.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.40 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.