

**A MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT PARISH COUNCIL  
WAS HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2011  
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL AT 7PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Wall (Chairman), Mrs Calder, Mrs Cossey, Mrs Evans, Hawes and Smith.

**36. APOLOGIES**

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs Symonds

**37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**38. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2011**

The Parish Clerk advised the Council of one amendment to the minutes. Page 9, paragraph 22: the name of the Chief Executive of Brendoncare was Ron Straker.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

**39. MATTERS ARISING**

Missing Waste Bin

The Parish Clerk advised the Council that they had contacted Streetscene, Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC), regarding the missing waste bin and was informed that Southern Electric did not want any waste bins attached to the new street lights. The Parish Clerk was currently in the process of securing a new waste bin next to the bus stop instead.

Notice Board

The Council was informed that the Parish Clerk had arranged for the new Notice Board to be moved next to the bus stop on Broadlands Avenue.

Cutting Back of Brambles

The Parish Clerk informed the Council that they had contacted Streetscene, EBC, regarding the cutting back of brambles.

Traffic Proposals

Unfortunately a technical engineer was not available for this meeting, but would attend the November meeting.

Parish Plan

Following the last meeting, the Parish Clerk had arranged for Councillor Suzanne Hudson, Otterbourne Parish Council Councillor, to attend the November meeting to discuss

Otterbourne Parish Council's Parish Plan.

#### External Audit - Annual Return

The Parish Clerk informed the Council that the Audit Commission had returned the Council's Annual Return and that they were happy with the Council's finances. The Parish Clerk had displayed the certificate from the Audit Commission on the Council's Notice Boards.

#### **40. PCSO**

##### Update from PCSO Mike Higgins

The Parish Council welcomed PCSO Higgins to his second visit to the Parish Council. PCSO Higgins updated the Council on Police activity since the last meeting.

There had been an unoccupied dwelling burglary on Pitmore Road. PCSO Higgins informed the Council that this was the first burglary on Pitmore Road in the last 12 months. The Police had since undertaken burglary awareness activities in the local area.

There had been reports of vehicle nuisances on Boyatt Lane. The Police had issued warnings to a number of local residents with mini motorbikes, since then there had been no further reported trouble.

There had been a number of complaints regarding vehicle damage along Allbrook Hill.

A group of young people had been reported to Police for congregating by the bus shelter on Peshurst Way.

The PCSO advised the Council that any suspicious behaviour should always be reported.

The Parish Council thanked PCSO Higgins for attending the meeting.

##### PCSO – 6 Month Review

The Parish Council considered a report by the Parish Clerk which advised the Council that it was 6 months through the current part funding of a PCSO contract. The contract was initially for one year, but could be extended on a 12 month basis. The Parish Clerk advised the Council that the fee for 2012/13 would remain at the same rate as 2011/12.

Councillor Mrs. Cossey informed the Council that Boyatt Crescent residents had commented that PCSO's had been very visible in that area and they supported renewing the contract for one further year.

Councillor Hawes noted that members of the public in Peshurst Way and Broadlands had also mentioned that they had seen regular patrols by PCSO's.

The Parish Council agreed to extend the contact to part fund a PCSO for another year, subject to the final contract being approved at a later Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That, the extension of the part funding of PCSO's for another year be approved.

#### **41. ALLOTMENTS**

### Update on status of allotment transfers

The Chairman advised that the transfer deeds for both allotment sites in the Parish had been signed and the land transferred to the Parish Council. However with the Broomhill allotment site there were two issues that needed to be resolved. Firstly there was a section of land to the north west of the plot that was not owned by Eastleigh Borough Council and therefore was not transferred to the Parish Council. Secondly the Parish Council only held a possessory title for the land.

### Day to day running of the allotments

There was support for the associations to take on the management of the allotments, as they already existed and would understand what needed to be undertaken to run the sites. If the Parish Council was to allow the allotment associations to have day to day control, the Parish Clerk explained that two Councillors would meet with allotment representatives on a regular basis to check that the sites were being run correctly. The two Councillors would then report back to the Parish Council meeting. Allotment representatives would bring an annual report to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council agreed that a meeting needed to be set up with the allotment associations to ascertain their views of the future management of the sites. Councillor Mrs Symonds was nominated to arrange this meeting and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Symonds would arrange a meeting with allotment representatives to discuss the future management of the sites and report back to the next meeting.

## **42. GRANTS**

The Parish Council considered a report by the Parish Clerk which advised that grant applications were brought to the September meeting of the Parish Council, however no grants had been received.

## **43. BANK ACCOUNT**

The Parish Council considered a report by the Parish Clerk which sought approval for the transfer all funds from the EBC holding account into the Barclays account set up by the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council approved the transfer of funds and agreed for all future financial transactions to take place from the new account.

RESOLVED: That funds be transferred from the EBC account into the new bank account and that all future financial transactions take place from the new bank account.

## **44. PARISH CLERK'S LEAVE**

The Parish Clerk informed the Parish Council that they would be on leave for three weeks from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011. During this time no

Council work would be undertaken. However the hours missed during these weeks would be made up.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council agreed to the Parish Council's leave arrangements and wished the Clerk all the best for their wedding and subsequent honeymoon.

#### **45. OPEN SPACE ON OTTERBOURNE HILL**

The Chairman advised that at the last Parish Council meeting the Council approved to take on the open space on Otterbourne Hill. Since then the Parish Council had received a letter from the developers offering a sum of money to cover maintenance of the land for a period of 15 years. Ms. Dawn Errington, Major Applications Team Leader, EBC, had subsequently reviewed the letter, including the financial arrangements. Ms. Errington was unhappy with the amount quoted as it was significantly lower than what was quoted to EBC.

Ms. Errington informed the Parish Council that EBC would suggest a maintenance amount of approximately £63,415 for 20 years, in addition to a supervision fee of £4,756. This was based on the average cost of maintenance included in EBC's Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document. The developers suggested fee of £19,718 was significantly lower than what EBC would deem suitable and was £39,468 lower than what was previously offered to EBC. To add to this, there was no provision for vandalism or litter collection.

Ms. Errington did note that the woodland sum of £30,000 was acceptable and was what was agreed with EBC.

The Parish Council agreed that the provision for the future maintenance of the land suggested by the developers was not sufficient and that the Parish Clerk should begin negotiations with the developer to come to a more agreeable amount, in consultation with Ms. Errington and the Chairman. An update on process would be given at the next meeting.

REOLVED: That, the Parish Clerk would enter negotiations with the developer, in consultation with the Chairman and Ms. Errington.

#### **46. WATER FLUORIDATION**

Councillor Mrs Cossey advised the Parish Council on the Strategic Health Authorities plan to add fluoridation to the water of Southampton and some areas of Eastleigh, which would include areas of Allbrook and North Boyatt. Although the Parish Council could not affect this decision Councillor Mrs Cossey wished to raise awareness.

#### **47. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Parish Council considered a report by the Parish Clerk which advised Councillors on correspondence received by the Parish Clerk since the last meeting.

Councillor Wall advised the Council that EBC were currently undertaking a review of their Core Strategy. An important issue was the need for more affordable housing for the future. Councillor Wall encouraged members of the public and the Parish Council to consider what EBC was proposing and make any representations while they had the opportunity to.

The Parish Council agreed that it would be beneficial to discuss the consultation documentation in more detail at the next meeting, especially to formulate any responses the Parish Council would like to make to recommendations.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

#### 48. FINANCIAL MATTERS

*Budget Monitoring:* The Parish Council considered the budget monitoring schedule up to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011.

RESOLVED: That the schedule be noted.

*Clerk's Salary and Expenditure:* The Parish Council considered the paper on expenditure, which detailed new cheques to be issued and the endorsement of issued cheques. Members agreed to endorse all cheques presented in the report, as listed below.

##### Chqs for Endorsement

030	Eastleigh Borough Council <i>Management of Allotment Fee</i>	£645.00	£129.00	£774.00
031	Eastleigh Borough Council <i>Management of Allotment Fee</i>	£6,015.00	£1,203.00	£7,218.00
032	David Ebert <i>Solicitor fee for transfer of Lincoln's Rise Allotment</i>	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
033	David Ebert <i>Solicitor fee for transfer of Broomhill Allotment</i>	£500.00	£100.00	£600.00
034	Eastleigh Borough Council <i>Repositioning of Parish Notice Board</i>	£175.50	£35.10	£210.60
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>£9,402.60</b>

RESOLVED: That, authority be given for the payment of cheque 030 - 034.

#### 49. AOB

##### Street Lighting

A member of the public informed the Parish Council that the installation of the new street lights in the Parish had been slow and poorly installed, causing damage to broadband lines and installing lights under the canopy of trees, therefore reducing the light emitted.

The Parish Clerk would contact Hampshire County Council expressing the problems caused by the new street lights and question why Pitmore Road had no street lights.

##### Boyatt Lane – Dog Fouling and parking of green verges

A member of the public complained of the dog fouling on Boyatt Lane that did not seem to

be addressed by EBC. They also complained of parking of cars on green verges. The Parish Clerk agreed to contact Streetscene, EBC, and report back at the next meeting.

**50. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at 7pm in Otterbourne Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 8.20p.m.

CHAIRMAN