

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT  
PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2017  
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL  
(7:00 pm - 8:20 pm)**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sollitt (Chair); Councillors Symonds, Bain, Barham, Betts, Carney and Freemantle

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Clarke

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46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Kathleen Symonds declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 4, Allotment Update, because her husband rents an allotment from the Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs Kathleen Symonds declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5, PCSO Update - PC Iain Wilson, because she works for Hampshire Constabulary.

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council investigate the feasibility of using the layby in Pitmore Road in a different way to alleviate the parking issues in the road. She felt that if the layby was used to park cars at an angle more cars could use the layby than do at the moment horizontally. The Chair thanked her for the suggestion and agreed to refer it to Eastleigh Local Area Committee at the Borough Council.

48. MINUTES

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

49. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Allotment Officer reported that the vacant allotments at Broomhill were gradually being rented. Since the start of the year seven had been re-let.

She advised that Legionnaires disease in water systems had been discussed and at the recent Site Representative meeting and it had been agreed that an information sheet would be posted on the notice boards. Legionella could be caught from handling compost and soil. The information sheet gave allotment holders guidance on simple precautions that should be taken when watering plants on hot days.

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A number of tenants had volunteered to help maintain the public footpath adjacent to the Lincoln's Rise site. A rota had been drawn up by the Site Rep in order to achieve this.

The Allotment Officer circulated a report that detailed recommendations from Control Pest UK to eradicate the moles at Broomhill and offered an annual service agreement. Members were asked to approve the pest control quote to remove the moles from the Broomhill site as the situation was now beyond the control of the Site Representatives. Members discussed the report in detail and requested that there should be comparison quotes to make sure that the Council were getting value for money. The Site Representative gave further details identifying that the problem had grown a lot worse since the Portchester Rise development had started and it was thought that the moles had migrated from that site to the allotments.

### **RESOLVED –**

**That two more quotes be sought and Members be advised for a decision via email once all three quotes had been received.**

#### 50. PCSO UPDATE - PC IAIN WILSON

PC Wilson introduced himself to the Meeting and advised that since the last Parish Meeting, PCSO Smith had visited Pitmore Road where there had been issues raised about parking and road safety. He had been leaving flyers and windscreens and talking to people educating them in considerate and safe parking. He advised that the suggestion made in the public participation item was a sensible one and should definitely be investigated by the Borough Council. Since parking had been decriminalised it was no longer a police matter and was the responsibility of the Borough Council unless the parked vehicle was causing an obstruction.

He reported that there had been no burglaries recently and anti social behaviour had lessened in the area. He advised that reported crime had trebled between 2013-14 and 2016-17 but this did not mean that crime had trebled just that the reporting of crime had become much better and was now being recorded to a national standard. The figures were now gradually levelling and he advised that Allbrook and North Boyatt was one of the safest places to live.

Members of the public were invited to ask PC Wilson questions. He was asked what time patrols took place on Pitmore Road. He advised that PCSO Smith had visited at 2pm and there were no cars there. He was advised that at 4:30pm that day there were 7 cars parked there. It was determined that this was probably residents returning home from work. PC Wilson was asked by the Parish Council to patrol Pitmore Road at around 4:30pm as that seemed to be the time when most people parked there. Members were acutely aware of the resourcing issues faced by

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Hampshire Police and thanked PC Wilson for his advice and attendance at the meeting. PC Wilson suggested that the other option would be double yellow lines. The Chair advised that this option was being investigated by Eastleigh Borough Council.

51. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Betts gave an update on the position with the public open space at Allbrook Meadow. He advised that there had been a major effort by Bargate to make the site safe and the reinforcing bars and concrete had been removed, weed killing was in progress, the benches had been concreted in place and the horse trough was now in place. The land was starting to recover from what had taken place there, it was dependent on the recovery of the land as to how soon the site could be open to the public. Although the walkways and kickabout area had been laid out there was no intention of this being a recreation ground and was a wildflower meadow with some walkways and natural play equipment. Once the land was handed to Eastleigh Borough Council there would be 12 months of maintenance before the Parish Council would take over the land ownership and maintenance of the site.

He advised that the hedgerow between the public open space and the housing development had been compromised. This was a large hawthorn to shield the housing development from the public open space but some encroachment had taken place. Bargate had now informed residents and repegged the boundary.

Questions were raised as to the security of the site going forward. It was agreed that before the Parish Council took ownership of the public open space this should be considered and given priority.

The Chair thanked Councillor Betts for the update.

A member of the public asked whether the Senior Citizens party could be moved to a different date as it was to be held on a bank holiday weekend. The Clerk advised that although she had requested and it had been agreed the advert was not put in the Borough News as there wasn't enough room for it. Therefore Members agreed that the party should be moved to Saturday 17 June 2017. The Chair advised that she would speak to Councillor Clarke and Reverend Macfarlane about changing the date.

52. CLERK'S REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Clerk that advised Members that the decision to install a defibrillator should be deferred until more information could be gathered. There were many different makes and models on the market and advice had been sought as to what would be needed at the allotment site. There were also issues with where it was stored and at what temperature so more detail was required before a fully informed decision could be made.

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Members agreed that they were happy with the quotes given to print the newsletter but the Clerk advised that she had not realised that she was to design and produce the newsletter so would source some software in order to do this and report back to Members. It was noted that there were still some Councillors that had not supplied their personal information for the newsletter.

The Clerk advised that she had received three quotes for the future supply of payroll services to the Council and that she had organised to meet with one of the companies who had quoted. She asked that Members agreed that the decision to use payroll services by that firm be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair once she had met with them due to the timescales involved.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the decision on installing a defibrillator at Broom Hill Allotments be deferred to a future meeting; and**
- (2) That the decision to sign up to external payroll services be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair due to the timescales involved.**

### 53. FINANCE MATTERS

The Parish Council considered the papers on expenditure which detailed cheques to be issued and budget monitoring. Members agreed to endorse all cheques presented in the report as listed below:

25/01/17	100360	L Greenslade	Petty Cash	100.00
08/03/17	100361	Hampshire County Council	Room hire Crestwood x 4	120.00
08/03/17	100362	HALC	Transparency Code Course	18.00
14/03/17	100363	L Greenslade	Petty Cash	100.00
21/03/17	100364	Datacenta	Domain Renewal	150.00
23/03/17	100365	D Ward	Mower Service	264.00
23/03/17	100366	Mobile Mini Uk Ltd	Container Hire JAN/FEB/MAR	121.97
23/03/17	100367	Eastleigh Borough Council	Feb Salaries	532.87

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**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 100360 – 100367; and**
- (2) That the budget monitoring statement and Council’s financial position be noted.**

54. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 10 May 2017 at 6 pm in Crestwood School.

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