

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2015
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
(7:00 pm - 7:52 pm)**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Symonds

40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Ellard a resident of Pitmore Road for 30 years asked whether the Parish Council could advise as to who's responsibility it was for the vegetation that was behind her garden fence. She was concerned that some of the plants coming through her fence were poisonous and some were scratching her fence. She had spoken to Bargate Homes who had advised he that it was the Borough Council's responsibility. The Chair suggested that the Clerk speak to the Planning Department at the Borough Council to find out who was responsible for the vegetation on the land behind Mrs Ellard's bungalow.

Mr Freemantle was unhappy with the number of cars on Pitmore Road which were making it dangerous for people driving up and down the road. He advised the Meeting that there seemed to be many work vans parked there and wondered whether they could park on the site rather than along Pitmore Roads.

The Chair advised that the Clerk would speak to the Planning Department at the Borough Council to determine whether there were any conditions in the planning application preventing work vehicles parking in the local area.

A resident enquired how the local plan being turned down would affect the Parish. The Chair advised that it was too early to comment. There was currently no adopted local plan and the Government were requesting more housing to be built. The biggest problem for the Borough would be stopping Developers building where housing was not wanted.

Mr Prior was concerned about the state of the buses in Eastleigh, he was fed up with the bus station not being looked after and there being no signs or bus timetables for the people using the buses. He felt he was doing his best to keep the buses going in the area and thought that a more joined up approach involving Southampton and Portsmouth would be a better way forward.

Councillor Trenchard advised that there was a Committee in Southampton which involved Eastleigh Members that goes through the plans for future infrastructure in the Borough. He advised that subsidies should come from Hampshire County Council for buses but unfortunately when Government

cuts happen the first thing to go was usually subsidies. The Borough Council could not generate enough money to subsidise bus services in the Borough.

A resident asked whether Eastleigh Market was moving. The Chair advised that the market would be moving to Wells Place whilst the Market Place was being refurbished and that the Market traders were all in agreement of this.

41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

42. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

43. ALLOTMENT UPDATE - LINDA GREENSLADE

The Allotment Officer advised Members that there were three new tenants at Broomhill and that there was no waiting list for either site at present. Unfortunately there had been another break in at Broom Hill allotments. All the shed doors had been damaged but all were now secured except shed door 1. The police had been informed and the tenants whose personal sheds had been broken into had also been informed. There had been no damage to the container which remained a secure option for the Parish owned equipment. The Clerk had alerted the insurance company and a claim was underway. The Working Party had dug up over 30 runners from bramble plants, covering a 60ft length, to enhance perimeter security. These plants had been obtained from the site at no extra cost to the Council.

She reported that Hampshire Highways had not yet started clearing the ditch in Boyatt Lane adjacent to the allotment site. The notice period given was six months and this would run out at the end of March. Despite this, the drainage works carried out were holding up well and the plots that had been affected remained dry.

A “Broomhill Allotments Community” facebook page had been created by Ian which included a forum for “questions and answers” for allotment holders. The Clerk had put a link to the facebook page on the Council’s website and Members suggested that this also be included in the Newsletter.

A suggestion had been made that the Council should provide a wheelchair friendly plot at the Broomhill Site. The Chair suggested that the Allotment Officer find out the details of creating a wheelchair friendly plot and get it costed to report back to the next meeting. Members agreed in principle but wanted further information on the financial viability of providing a wheel chair friendly plot.

44. PCSO UPDATE

There was no PCSO in attendance.

45. MATTERS ARISING

Rookwood Close: The Clerk advised Members that Eastleigh Borough Council were expecting a planning application in shortly.

Lych Gate: Members were aware of the tow artists proposed to be commissioned for the artwork on the Lych Gste at the Allbrook Meadow development. Having looked at their previous work Members agreed that their preferred option would be Paul Sivell and thanked the other artist for his interest. The Clerk would report the decision back to the Public Arts Officer and Planners at the Borough Council.

46. PARISH NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 1 JAN 2015

Councillor Bain reported that she had been given some historical documents by Councillor Wall about the Parish so would be using this for future newsletters. She was hoping to get another one distributed in the summer so if anyone had anything that they wanted included in the newsletter to contact her or the Clerk via email. Members all agreed to help distribute the newsletter to households in the Parish and to local community places.

47. NAMING OF LAND EAST OF PITMORE ROAD

The Parish Clerk advised Members that the Council had been asked for ideas for a name to put to developers for the land east of Pitmore Road. The developers had the choice on name but like to involve local people in the decision. The Council agreed to put all the ideas to the Developer's for their decision.

RESOLVED –

That the following list of names be put forward to the Engineer at Eastleigh Borough Council who is in contact with the Developers of the site land east of Pitmore Road with the preferred option being Pitmore Meadows or Allbrook Meadow: Pitmore Meadows, Allbrook Meadow, Ealda's Broc, Meadow Road, Meadow View, Meadow Way, Dragonfly Way, Old School Road, Parish Close and Beales Broc.

48. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

The Clerk advised Members of the proposed budget for 2015/16 and resulting precept that would be charged via the Borough Council. The Clerk reported that she had taken advice that it was timely to make changes to the provision of internal audit services as the Council had used the same Auditor since its creation.

Members agreed that there was no need to raise the Council tax for the residents of the Parish this would mean that the Clerk would write formally to the Borough Council to advise that Allbrook & North Boyatt Parish Council precept and the Eastleigh Borough Council contribution for 2015-2016 would be a total sum of £32,187.50. This represented a 0% (zero percentage) council tax increase and was composed of a precept for 15/16 of £30,669.82, and an Eastleigh Borough Council contribution for 15/16 of £1,517.68. The decision to make a zero percent increase for 15/16 would mean the council tax charge for 15/16 was £48.80.

The Clerk advised that due to new legislation the Council as an employer would have to provide a pension scheme to its employees and it was then their choice to opt in or out of the scheme. Investigations had been made and it was suggested that the Council join the Hampshire Pension Fund in line with the Borough and other Parish Councils in the area. The cost to the Council was unknown at present, however with only two employers working a total of 10 hours per week between them it was unlikely to be a huge financial burden to the Council. Members agreed that this was necessary in order that the Council conformed to legislation.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Budget for 2015/16 be agreed and that the Parish precept be set at 0% increase.**
- (2) That changes be made to the provision of the internal audit of the Parish Council and that the current Auditor be thanked for his services to the Council; and**
- (3) That the admission of all Parish Council employees to the Hampshire Pension Fund be approved.**

49. MEETING DATES FOR 2015/16

The Clerk advised Members of the proposed meeting dates for the forthcoming municipal year.

RESOLVED –

That the following meeting dates be approved for the forthcoming year 2015/16:

25 March 2015
29 April 2015 (Annual Parish Meeting)
20 May 2015 (AGM)
29 July 2015
30 September 2015
25 November 2015
27 January 2016
30 March 2016
27 April 2016

50. 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:

206	David Taylor Accountants fees	£200.00
207	Southern Water BH Allotments	£127.90
208	Eastleigh Borough Council November Salaries	£454.18
209	Eastleigh Borough Council Elections Fees	£993.73
210	<i>Crestwood College</i> <i>Hall Hire Jul/Sep/Nov</i>	£90.00
Chqs for Approval - Parish Account		
211	Southern Water BH Allotments	£127.90
212	<i>Friends of In Touch</i> Charity Donation	£500.00
213	<i>L Greenslade</i> Stationery	£24.99
214	D Ward Allotment Expenses	£35.59
215	<i>Julian Neagle</i> <i>Allotments maintenance (ploughing post drainage works)</i>	£60.00
216	<i>Martyn Park</i> <i>BH Allotment fence repair</i>	£354.00
217	<i>Lowe & Fletcher</i>	£60.41

BH Allotment keys

218	<i>Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire Contribution for PCSO 2014/15</i>	£2,333.33
219	<i>British Gas BH Allotment Electricity bill</i>	£114.55
	Total:	£5,476.58

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 206 – 219;
and**
- (2) That the budget monitoring statement and Council’s financial
position be noted.**

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 25 March 2015 at 7pm in Crestwood School.

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