

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2017
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
(7:00pm - 8:30pm)**

PRESENT: Councillor Sollitt (Chair); Councillors Bain, Barham, Betts, Carney, Clarke (until 7:48 pm) and Freemantle

Apologies were received from Councillor Symonds

36. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public addressed the Council with a response she had received from the Traffic Management Officer from Totton Police thanking her for her observations about HGV's using Twyford Road.

37. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 20 September 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

38. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Allotment Officer reported that Steven Bradbury of Hampshire County Council Highways had discussed the tree ownership at the Broomhill Site with David Ward, Site Representative at Broomhill.

Hampshire County Council had said that any trees one metre from the highways edge were the responsibility of the adjoining land owner. They also indicated that the Parish Council was responsible for a significant piece of land outside of the allotment boundary fence (all along the Boyatt Lane boundary except where the two houses are) and needs to maintain it permanently. This has cost implications.

She advised that the Parish Council had two options, to either accept the Hampshire County Council conclusion and budget for any works in the future or dispute the findings through a potentially long legal process at the expense of the Council.

An inspection had been carried out by Jonathan Fulcher of Alderwood Tree Consulting, following the recent fallen branch from one of the large oak trees on the Broomhill Allotment site.

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Mr Fulcher recommended tree works be carried out as set out in the report. The Allotment Officer had obtained two quotes for the work and Members were asked to consider which quote they wanted to accept.

The Allotment Officer tabled quotes for a replacement mower at the Lincoln's Rise site. The site had several female tenants who had expressed the need for a lighter type of mower than the one that was broken and being replaced. Members were asked to approve the expenditure for a new mower for the Lincoln's Rise site.

Finally the Allotment Officer advised that the mole treatment commissioned by the Council at its last meeting had proved to be effective so far and 31 moles had been trapped.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That an inspection of the trees identified as being in the ownership of the Parish Council by the County Council be inspected;**
- (2) That the tree works be carried out to oak trees T1, T2 and T3;**
- (3) That oak Trees T1, T2 and T3 be reassessed in 18 months;**
- (4) That oak Tree T4 be reassessed in 3 years;**
- (5) That the tree works be carried out by Mark Merritt Tree Specialist Ltd; and**
- (6) That the Honda HSG 416 PH be purchased for the Lincoln's Rise allotment site.**

(NOTE: Councillors Carney and Freemantle abstained from voting on recommendation (6) of the Allotment Officers report.)

39. MATTERS ARISING

Matters arising would be discussed at the relevant point of the agenda.

40. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Clarke reported that there were proposals for the site of John Darling Mall to supply an 18-unit two storey assisted living scheme owned and operated by Hampshire County Council. There would be an open day held at Crestwood on 7 December at 3pm to consult members of the public.

There was £2,700 left in the devolved budget scheme to be split between the Piam Brown Unit, Eastleigh Basics Bank and Friends of In Touch.

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He advised that the County had proposed £140 million cuts up to 2019, he advised that he spoke at the meeting and voted against the cuts. Among the services to be cut were School Crossing Patrols which the County Council felt the cost could be met by schools and Parish Councils. He reported that the County Council were assuming large scale devolution to Parish Council. There were also concerns over Brexit and how that would affect services the County Council provided. He would have further detail after the County Council budget meeting in February 2018.

He advised that there was a £0.5 million fund available for traffic improvements for Parish Councils.

A member of the public queried an article in the Focus magazine delivered locally that suggested that payments would have to be made for visiting the tip. Councillor Clarke clarified this was only for certain items, however any income would be paid to Hampshire County Council but the Borough Council was responsible for the cost of clearing up fly tipping.

41. PROPOSED OPTIONS B AND C OF THE EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

Members considered the Options B and C of the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan and there was some debate over the proposal for a road through Allbrook which would enable a significant housing development in Fair Oak. Councillor Clarke advised that there was ongoing work into the proposed road and that £10 million had been suggested for the access road with a £30 million suggested for the rest of the work that would need doing plus a 10% contingency. There had also been a bid put to the Solent LEP. Amid some discussion that the suggested funding would not cover the cost of the road and subsequent alterations to the bridge Councillor Clarke advised that two new bridges had also been included in the suggested amount.

Councillor Betts advised that he had met with Roy Perry who had suggested that the transport studies would not be ready in time for the meeting on 11 December 2017. He had not encountered anyone who supported the link road and requested that the Parish Council made its position clear on the proposed Options B and C.

The Chairman advised that the Borough Council were to receive the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan report at Full Council on 11 December 2017. She proposed that Councillor Betts would speak on behalf of the Parish Council as the Parish Councils representative at that meeting. Councillor Betts accepted the proposal and reported that the Local Plan issues needed solutions and a balance between housing and protection of the environment was required. If the Local Plan was to be rejected by the Inspector again it would create even more problems. Councillor Bain felt that the Local Plan needed to be sustainable and currently there was no more evidence than at the Full Council meeting in July. The Borough Council had to have a workable plan for the Inspector otherwise the

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Council would be left vulnerable in determining planning applications without a local plan.

After debate Members agreed that based on the evidence they had seen they would vote against the Borough Council's proposal for Options B and C of the Local Plan.

RESOLVED –

That it be recorded that based on the evidence the Parish Council was against the Borough Council's proposal for Options B and C of the Local Plan.

42. EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING ISSUES

Councillor Betts advised that the Appeal against the development at 120-128 Pitmore Road had been allowed by the Planning Inspectorate, which meant the development could go ahead. He felt that the Borough Council's performance at the Appeal was totally inadequate. There had been two grounds for appeal; one was the boundary backed on to a SINC and the other was the disruption to the barbastelle bats flight lines. The Borough Council withdrew their ecological objection. It was later determined that the Biodiversity Officer had left the Borough Council. It was hoped the granting of planning permission at this site with its ecological issues would not set a precedent in the area.

43. ALLBROOK MEADOW UPDATE AND STATUS

Councillor Betts reported that Allbrook Meadow was now open to the public and he had received good feedback from residents that had used the site. The site had been handed to the Borough Council with a 12 month maintenance contract with Bargate Homes. He advised that the horse trough had been installed but needed a plaque to state its significance to the site. The nature board was being developed and would be installed in the spring. He advised that there would be a combined waste bin at the entrance to the site and a further bench had been installed. Now that the development at 120-128 Pitmore Road was being allowed to go ahead it was hoped that perhaps the Section 106 developer's contributions could help to fund all weather pathways around the site.

44. PITMORE ROAD PARKING

Members were advised that there were still ongoing issues with the parking problems in Pitmore Road. A member of the public had suggested on a number of occasions that the Borough Council look to putting herringbone parking in the layby which could almost double the number of spaces and relieve the on-street parking. Councillor Sollitt advised that she had spoken to the Area Manager about the issue and that she would raise it again at the Eastleigh Local Area Team Meeting.

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45. THE OLD SCHOOL PITMORE ROAD

Councillor Betts raised the issue of parking and vehicle movements at the old school in Pitmore Road. Councillor Sollitt advised that there were restrictions when the planning application for change of use was brought before the Borough Council. She would advise the Planning Department at the Borough Council to check the conditions on the change of use application.

46. FINANCE MATTERS

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

	Payee	Details	Amount £
100411	L Greenslade	Sep Salaries	370.61
100412	A Thorne		
100413	Control Pest UK Ltd	Mole Treatment	672.00
100414	HMRC	SEP INCOME TAX	66.20
100415	Dave Piper Services	BH Allotment hedge cutting	800.00
100416	L Greenslade	Oct Salary + Q3 expenses	590.18
100417	A Thorne		
100418	J Humphry Associates	APR/SEPT/OCT/NOV payroll	96.00
100419	BDO	AUDIT FEES	240.00
100420	HMRC	INCOME TAX	132.40
BACS	Staff	SALARIES	370.61
BACS	HMRC	Income Tax	66.20
BACS	Hampshire Pension Fund	Employers Pension Contributions	90.60
BACS	J Humphry Associates	Payroll	24.00
BACS	Mobil Mini UK Ltd	Container Hire BH	41.45

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 100411 – 100420 and the listed monthly BACS payments; and
- (2) That the budget monitoring statement and Council's financial position be noted.

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47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 31 January 2018 at 7pm at Crestwood School.

48. EXEMPT ITEM

RESOLVED –

- (1) That, in pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and**
- (2) That, in pursuance of the public interest test, the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the following item of business was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.**

49. STAFF REVIEW

Members discussed the staffing with the Parish Clerk and were advised that further information was required before any decisions could be taken.

