

**A MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT PARISH MEETING
WAS HELD ON 25 APRIL 2012
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL AT 7PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Wall (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Symonds and Councillor Hawes.

1. WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN

Councillor Wall welcomed members of public present to the second Annual Parish Meeting for Allbrook and North Boyatt.

Councillor Wall advised that the Annual Parish Meeting was not a Parish Council meeting, but a meeting of the electors of the Parish.

It was an opportunity for the Parish Council and organisations within the Parish to report on their activities during the year. It was also an opportunity for residents to ask questions and provide feedback to all those groups.

Councillor Wall welcomed the different Parish organisation representatives to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING – 27TH APRIL 2011

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 27th April 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as true and correct records.

5. REPORT FROM THE POLICE

The Parish welcomed PC Stuart Beale to the meeting.

PC Beale explained that he had been the beat officer for the Parish for the last couple of months. He explained that the Parishes 2 PCSO's had started training to be Police Officers and as such 2 new PCSO's were to start in due course. PC Beale advised the Parish that the new PCSO's would attend future Parish Council meetings.

PC Beale advised the Parish that Allbrook and North Boyatt were low crime areas, but the area covered was very diverse, ranging from residential to industrial and woodlands. The Police Team was proactive in reducing crime in the area. The main complaint from residents remained speeding on Pitmore Road, Shakespeare Road and Twyford Road. The Police were aware of these areas and regularly undertook speed watches on these roads. Should a person be caught then they would be issued with a fixed penalty notice and points on their driving license.

Councillor Wall advised the Parish that Eastleigh Borough Council's Local Area Committee had recently purchased a speed camera to be used for this area. He asked how effective speed guns and flashing speed signs were from the Police's perception. PC Beale explained that speed guns were an effective tool for the Police and it had a positive effect on the

community. PC Beale thought that flashing speed signs were a good initiative as it reminded people of the speed limit.

Councillor Wall agreed that speed was an issue in the Parish and thought that a speed review was necessary for certain roads in the Parish, such as: Allbrook Knoll, Broomhill Way and Woodside Avenue.

The Parish discussed speeding on Woodside Avenue. It was generally thought that the speed limit of 40 miles per hour was too fast and 30 miles per hour would be more appropriate. PC Beale advised the Parish that the Police were aware of the problems on Woodside Avenue, while he could not check speeding on that road, a Road Policing Officer could.

A member of the public asked whether there could be a continued Police presence at the Quarry, especially on late summer nights, due to youth activity. PC Beale advised the Parish that he was aware of the youth activity there and would ensure that patrols included there.

PC Beale reminded the Parish to report issued through the '101' telephone number. The better intelligence the Police had the better job they could do.

A Broomhill allotment holder advised that the site had been broken into and chicken eggs stolen. PC Beale informed the allotment plot holder that all break ins should be reported to the Police.

PC Beale advised the Parish that the Police had formulated a robust core strategy for Travellers. Councillor Wall advised the Parish that Eastleigh needed to identify a site for Travellers to use.

Councillor Wall thanked PC Beale for attending the meeting.

6. REPORT FROM THE FIRE SERVICE

Councillor Wall welcomed Fire-fighter Stuart Langton to the meeting.

Stuart advised the Parish that the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service had checked water hydrants in the Parish.

The Fire Service had undertaken Risk Assessments (SSRI's) at industrial units in the Parish.

Stuart circulated home safety leaflets to members of the public. He explained that home fire safety visits to homes in Eastleigh were available for the elderly and those with children under 5 years old. It involved an inspection of the house with advice on living as safely as possible.

Stuart advised the Parish that there was a station open day on 16th September 2012. This was a good event for children and an opportunity to meet the local fire fighters. Money raised would go towards fire fighter charities.

Stuart advised the Parish that the Fire Service had suffered greatly from nuisance fires last summer, especially during the hot weather. The current wet weather had reduced nuisance fires so far in 2012.

Councillor Wall thanked Stuart for attending the meeting.

7. REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLOR PETER WALL

Councillor Wall advised the Parish that the Annual Parish meeting concluded the second year of the Parish Council.

Councillor Wall thanked the Parish Clerk for their hard work in providing professional services to the Parish. He explained that the Clerk's hours had increased from 5 hours a week to 8 hours during the last year. The Parish Council had advertised for a Part Time Allotment Officer to administrate and manage the two allotment sites which the Parish Council had acquired at the beginning of 2012.

Councillor Wall advised that the Parish Council had acquired two allotment sites from Eastleigh Borough Council in January 2012. There was a series of unexpected difficulties in the process of transferring the two sites, however they were quickly solved and the legal transfer was completed. The Parish Council undertook regular discussions with the Site representatives for the two allotment sites and had produced a agreement for co-operative management of the sites.

On financial matters, the Parish Council wished to restrict the budget to the current public precept. Councillor Wall advised that the Parish Council hoped to take advantage of its lower overheads and take on more services from Eastleigh Borough Council.

In addition to that, the Parish Council continued to identify other sources of income and focused especially on developer's contributions. While the Parish Council could not determine how they were spent, had made representations on what should be sought and how they should be spent. Public Open Spaces had increased to £38,000. The Parish Council had sought comment and consultation on play areas in the Parish, but there was no agreement as to where and what equipment would be sought. There had also been dialog with EBC on developing and improving play area sites.

The Parish Council had agreed to manage the open space on Otterbourne Hill following a planning application for a specialist care home. Once the planning process was completed, the land for public open space adjoining the common would be transferred to the Parish Council together with capital sums for the setting out, planting and management of the space.

During 2011/12 the Parish Council had also set up its own bank account and saving account. Fully audited accounts were being worked on currently and would be produced in due course.

During the year the Parish Council had received a number of presentations at their meetings. These included presentations on Eastleigh Borough's Local Plan; Parish Plan's and waste disposal issues. Councillor Wall informed the Parish that following the extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council on 14th December 2011, to discuss the Eastleigh Borough Local Plan, the Parish Council had submitted 3 representations, these were as follows:

- 3180/1 Policy – AL1 (objection) Objects to proposed development at Portchester Rise/ Boyatt Lane, Allbrook due to fear that development would act as a precedent for further Greenfield development, number of dwellings is too high for the size of the site, scepticism that the planting scheme would not screen dwellings. Concern over visual intrusion given the elevation of the site, strain on existing local infrastructure and impact on mature tree roots.
- 3180/2 Policy – AL2 (objection) Objects to proposed development at Knowle Hill, Allbrook due to concern over industrial use close to existing dwellings, visual intrusion of site as it would not be adequately screened and local roads already at capacity so unable to deal with additional traffic.
- 3180/1 Policy – AL3 (supported) Support and welcome traffic calming measures on Allbrook Hill as traffic issues have been a constant issue for residents of Allbrook and

North Boyatt.

Councillor Wall informed the Parish that the Parish Council had helped residents at Maypole Villa's develop the green outside their houses.

A member of public asked if open space contributions could be used for dog waste bins. Councillor Wall confirmed that any type of bin, including grit bins, could be purchased through developer contributions for open space. Members of the public could contact the Parish Council with suggestions of locations to be considered.

Councillor Wall thanked members of the Parish for their support and attendance at Parish Council meetings.

8. REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR, COUNCILLOR THOMAS

Councillor Wall welcomed County Councillor Thomas to the meeting.

Councillor Thomas advised the Parish that 2010/11 had been an interesting year at the County Council, especially due to the economic climate. The County Council had made a number of cuts to their services, especially in adult and children services. Councillor Thomas advised that he had been busy protecting youth services in the county, especially the retention of the Energy Youth Centre and Sure Start. He advised that one area that had not been cut was in highways, especially in relation to pot holes.

Councillor Thomas was aware of the traffic issue on Allbrook Hill and Pitmore Road. He advised the Parish that the Highways Team in the County Council had investigated the issue, but had not found a possible solution.

The Highways Team had considered a crossing at the roundabout between Allbrook and North Boyatt.

Councillor Thomas also explained that the cuts in bus subsidies had been issue. The Parish discussed the lack of buses in the area to Eastleigh. Councillor Thomas advised the Parish that Hospital Car Voluntary Organisations did exist.

Councillor Thomas advised the Parish that Eastleigh had not succeeded in attaining a Mary Portas grant for the improvement of High Streets.

The Parish discussed the affordable houses shortage experienced in Eastleigh.

Councillor Wall thanked County Councillor Thomas for attending the meeting.

9. REPORT FROM THE ALLOTMENT SITES REP

Councillor Wall welcomed David Ward, Allotment Site Representative for Broomhill Allotment Site, to the meeting.

David presented a short PowerPoint presentation on owning and managing an allotment, as well as the changes made in the last year.

David advised the Parish that at Broomhill allotment site there were 105 plots. Each plot was approximately 5 rods. Each rod equalled 5.5 yards. Therefore a 5 rod plot = 151.25 yards.

The site had recently been transferred from Eastleigh Borough Council to Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council. The allotment site reps had agreed to take on more responsibilities of running the site.

Site Reps had cleared and cleaned a communal shed and had gathered a mowing team to maintain the grass on the site. The Parish Clerk had focused on uncultivated plots and had reduced the waiting list. In the future the Site Reps hoped to develop working parties to maintain boundary areas and foster a greater community spirit on the site.

David explained that the highlight of owning a allotment, after weeks of hard work, was to eat your own produce and enable families to spend quality time together.

10. 14TH SPITFIRE SCOUTS GROUP

Councillor Wall welcomed John Edwards from the 14th Spitfire Scout Group to the meeting.

John advised the Parish that the Group had Beavers, Scout, Explorers, Guides and a Scout Band. The Scout Band had been chosen to busk at the Olympics venue in Weymouth.

The Group hoped to recruit more young people and adult leaders. There was no waiting list.

Councillor Hawes asked whether there was a long administrative process for recruiting more leaders. John confirmed that there was long process, especially due to CRB forms.

John advised the Parish that the Scout Group had developed the land surrounding and behind the Scout hut, including creating a nature reserve. He added that the hut was eco friendly.

Councillor Wall thanked John for attending the meeting.

11. DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – April 2013

12. DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 23rd May 2012 at 7pm in Crestwood School

13. PARISH PLAN DVD

The Parish Council displayed a DVD from Community Action Hampshire on Parish Plans.

The meeting ended at 9.10p.m.