

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT  
PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2014  
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL  
(7:00 pm - 8:20 pm)**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barham and Trenchard

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31. 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 Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5, Changes to Hampshire Constabulary with Chief Inspector Fower, and agenda item 6, PCSO Update because she is employed by Hampshire Constabulary.

Councillor Mrs Maureen A Sollitt declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 8, Finance Matters, because she is a trustee of the Charity requesting a donation.

32. MINUTES

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to Councillor Freemantle being marked as apologies as she was not at the meeting.**

33. ALLOTMENT UPDATE - LINDA GREENSLADE

Members considered the report of the Allotment Officer who advised that there was only one outstanding rent payment to be paid. She reported that 15 plots had been filled since 1 September 2014 with new tenants and £200 had been taken to date for hen house deposits, as per the decision made at the July meeting of the Parish Council. She advised that the new strimmer had been working well and thanked the Eastleigh District Allotment Association for their donation towards the new strimmer.

The first of four rat treatments had taken place and it was hoped that this would alleviate the rat problem at the allotments. It was also reported that

of the 125 pyracantha planted along the Broomhill boundary to increase security, 124 were still alive. The third drainage ditch had been completed and was now working.

The Chair thanked the Allotment Officer for her report.

34. CHANGES TO HAMPSHIRE CONSTABULARY WITH CHIEF INSPECTOR FOWER

Chief Inspector Fower was unable to attend the Meeting, therefore the item would be deferred to a later date.

35. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public reported that he and several other residents were unhappy that it would appear that a residential property was being used as a business. He advised that they had notified the Borough Council who had sent an enforcement officer out to investigate. They had also had a meeting on site that night where the situation was discussed and the matter of vibration and noise issues were raised. Councillor Sollitt advised that she would contact Environmental Health at the Borough Council to make sure they were aware of the situation.

A resident of Peshurst Way wanted to make the Council aware of an issue of drain subsidence in the road. He had spoken to Councillor Thomas who advised that he should report it to Southern Water. When he reported it to Southern Water they advised he should speak to Hampshire Highways. Last September a mark had been put round the subsidence in the road so he thought something would be done. It is still in the same situation and was likely to get worse with the winter weather. Councillor Sollitt advised that she would try and get Southern Water or Hampshire Highways to deal with it as it was becoming a hazard to road users.

A resident advised that there was still a problem with refuse lorries using Pitmore Road as a rat run. Members asked whether it was Eastleigh Borough Council lorries. He advised that it was all different types of lorries including bottle bank lorries, Eastleigh and Winchester refuse lorries. Members noted his comments.

Several residents of Pitmore Road also reported that there was an issue with parking on corners which meant that you could not see what was coming. The issue had become quite dangerous now and residents asked if something could be done. Councillor Sollitt advised that she would contact the Engineers at Eastleigh Borough Council to establish if there was a solution to this issue.

Another issue in Pitmore Road was also raised by a member of the public, who advised that several drains were blocked in Pitmore Road which was causing flooding in Pitmore Road and Pitmore Close. The Chair advised that she would contact the Borough Council to establish whose

responsibility the drains were in order to highlight the issue to the correct Authority.

36. PCSO UPDATE

There was no PCSO in attendance at the Meeting.

A member of the public was unhappy that there was no PCSO at the meeting and complained that they consistently hear of PCSO's at Boyatt Lane shops, but because there was a low crime rate in Allbrook there was rarely a PCSO in the area. Several member of the public had seen PCSO's in the area. Councillor Bain advised that she was attending a meeting with the PCSO shortly so would ask them to clarify their policy for the area and would report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Symonds added that she would rather see a PCSO where they were needed and advised that if anyone witnessed anything suspicious they should phone 101 and if they witnessed or were involved in any crime they should phone 999 (for emergencies only).

37. MATTERS ARISING

Rubbish at the Lake: the Parish Clerk advised that she had received a complaint via the website about the amount of rubbish around the lake and how it looks nothing like the photo on the website. Councillor Sollitt advised that this was private land owned by Cranbury Estates so all the Council could do was to write to the landowners to make them aware of the situation.

Parish Newsletter: Councillor Bain tabled a first draft of the first edition of the Parish Newsletter and asked Members whether they were happy with it. Members agreed that this was an excellent way of reaching all residents in the parish and particularly the older generation. The Newsletters would be available online and in public areas and would be delivered by Members, to each household in the Parish. Members of the public and Councillors were asked for any stories of old Allbrook or anything relevant to the Parish that they would like to see in future publications. The Clerk would determine the number of newsletters required for the whole parish and get some quotes for it to be printed.

Lych Gate: The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by the Public Arts Officer at the Borough Council about the design and construction of the Lych Gate at the development on the land east of Pitmore Road. Members agreed that the Parish Council should be involved in the process. The Clerk would bring further information to the Council when it was received.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Clerk obtain some quotes for printing the Parish Newsletter and it be delivered to residents by Members; and**
- (2) That the Clerk establishes contact with the Public Arts Officer at the Borough Council in order to keep the Parish Council involved in the design and implementation of the Lych Gate.**

38. FINANCE MATTERS

The Clerk reported that she had received a request for a charity donation from a local charity called Friends of In Touch. The Chair explained that she was a trustee of the Charity and they were advised by the Area Co-ordinator for Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath that they could ask for a donation from the Parish Council. Friends of In Touch were a registered charity who help support emotionally and socially vulnerable children and young people with autistic spectrum conditions.

Members were advised by the Clerk that the Council had a £500 budget for charity donations and as yet had not received any other requests. Members felt that due to the lack of other requests and the proximity of the end of the financial year that the Council would donate £500 to Friends of In Touch.

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:

**Chqs for Endorsement - Parish Account**

191	David Ward Allotment Expenses	£ 94.28
192	Royal Mail PO Box AT	£ 313.01
193	Eastleigh Borough Council September Salaries	£ 454.18
194	Hampshire Garden Machinery Ltd Allotments Strimmer	£ 719.99
195	Southern Water BH Allotments	£ 347.19

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196	Southern Water LR Allotments	£ 47.65
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197	<i>L Greenslade Expenses</i>	£ 112.48
198	<i>Fair Oak and Horton Heath Parish Council Photocopying</i>	£ 20.40
199	<i>Eastleigh Borough Council October Salaries</i>	£ 386.68
200	<i>A Thorne Expenses</i>	£ 73.75
201	<i>L Greenslade Expenses</i>	£ 106.49
202	<i>D Ward Allotment Expenses</i>	£ 45.54
203	<i>Mr A Bord Key Deposit return</i>	£ 25.00
204	<i>Ian Fleming Plot return</i>	£ 13.75
205	<i>Mobile Mini UK Ltd Container Hire</i>	£ 102.96

#### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Council donate £500 to Friends of In Touch as the charity donation for the year;**
- (2) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 191 – 205; and**
- (3) That the budget monitoring statement and Council's financial position be noted.**

(NOTE: Councillor Sollitt declared an interest in the charity donation and did not vote thereon.)

#### **39. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 28 January 2015 at 7pm in Crestwood School.