

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JULY 2015
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
(7:00 pm - 8:51 pm)**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Trenchard.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Kathleen Symonds declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 4, PCSO Contract and Update, because she works for Hampshire Constabulary.

Councillor Mrs Kathleen Symonds declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 5, Allotment Update - Linda Greenslade, because her husband rents an allotment plot from the Council.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 20 May 2015 and 30 June 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

19. PCSO CONTRACT AND UPDATE

PC Iain Wilson attended the meeting and advised that they had spent a lot of time in Allbrook recently with shed breaks in at allotments and on Pitmore Road and several incidents of car crime unfortunately most of which were due to unlocked cars. He advised that they had been patrolling the area around Pitmore Road and the Lincoln's Rise allotment site on foot, on mountain bikes and in cars. He advised that residents should be particularly aware of car crime as last night 4-5 cars were illegally entered.

Councillor Carney suggested that last year one of the priorities for the Safer Neighbourhood Team was the use of Twyford Road by HGV's. PC Wilson explained that the weight limit on the highway is to do with width and not load and that everytime a bus uses it the weight limit is broken. He advised that the Borough Council was responsible for enforcing the weight limit and the parking along that road.

Councillor Freemantle advised that the link road in Allbrook was being used by motorbikes at high speeds and in low gears. PC Wilson suggested using the Community Speedwatch Scheme but it relied on 5

volunteers. He advised that any complaints needed to be forwarded to the Police. He also reported that 95% of people caught speeding by community speedwatch live within $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of where they were caught.

With regard to the PCSO contract the Parish Council were asked for a 30% contribution to the PCSO post and to sign the contract for another year.

RESOLVED –

That the Police Community Support Officer contract be signed with a 30% contribution from the Parish Council.

20. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Allotment Officer reported that there were two parish residents on the Lincoln's Rise waiting List and five non Parish residents three of which were requesting additional plots.

The Lincoln's Rise Site Representative had advised that he no longer had room in his shed for the Council owned mower and strimmer. The Allotment Officer had looked into hiring a container but this was not feasible due to delivery constraints. She sought approval for expenditure of £200 in order to purchase a shed to store the equipment.

After being given a notice to quit a plot had been left in an unreasonable state to rent again. This meant that the Site Representatives had spent over 8 hours clearing the plot which resulted in a large amount of rubbish to dispose of. The Allotment Officer sought approval for expenditure of £185 to hire a skip in order to dispose of the rubbish. Discussions were ongoing as to how to deal with this issue in the future.

Members were advised that there was an oak tree at the Broomhill Site that had become dangerous due to deadwood. The work was deemed essential because the Parish Council would be liable if a branch fell and hit someone. A quote had been received, which involved removing deadwood greater than 30 mm in diameter and carrying out a visual safety inspection of the canopy, from Shawyers Arboriculture Ltd, at £540.00 + VAT. Members were asked to approve the essential expenditure to remove the dangerous branches.

Members were asked to appoint a second Councillor to attend the Site Representatives Meeting if Councillor Betts could not attend.

Members were advised that the gate padlock at the Broomhill site had broken and was not repairable. This would create a huge expense as over 100 keys would be needed to be replaced. The Allotment Officer had suggested a combination padlock which tenants would be notified of when they were invoiced, once payment had been received, the code would

then be given to tenants. The code would be changed annually on 1 October.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That £200 be allocated for a shed at Lincoln’s Rise Allotments to house the mower and strimmer;**
- (2) That £185 be allocated to hire a skip at Broomhill Allotments;**
- (3) That £648 be allocated to remove dead branches from a tree at Broomhill Allotments;**
- (4) That Councillor Bain be appointed as the second Council representative at the Site Representatives meeting.**

21. SITE REP MINUTES TO BE NOTED

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the Site Rep Meeting be noted.

22. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk advised that Parish Council had been advised by the Electoral Commission of a Boundary Review of Eastleigh and Hampshire. This would entail a consultation on the boundary of Hampshire and Eastleigh and would lead to a Parish boundary review in the future.

The Clerk advised that the Engineers at Eastleigh had looked on site and identified suitable locations to install 2 No “! + Pedestrians crossing” signs/posts either side of the railway bridge, near the footpath crossing point.

The existing two “! + Road liable to flooding” can remain as the new signs could be located nearer to the footpath crossing point and should be viewed separately by road users. The estimated cost (including staff time) would be £604.00. Members were asked to consider whether they wanted to allocate the funds.

The Clerk also advised that Members had previously requested details of Speed Limit Reminder (SLR) an electronic sign used to remind drivers if they were exceeding the speed limit and encourage them to slow down. It was not an enforcement device or a speed camera. It can be set to display either 20, 30 or 40mph. If travelling within the parameters of the speed limit, no reminder will be displayed. The words SLOW DOWN would flash beneath the roundel when the sign was activated. The SLRs would remind drivers of the speed limit and help to keep the community safe. SLRs operate on rechargeable batteries, combining a radar sensor with an LED display with automatic brightness control. The SLR does not collect data about the speed vehicles travel but will count very basic traffic flows. The

SLR would be placed at any given location (except on signed speed camera routes) for 2 weeks this was to retain their maximum effectiveness in managing speed. SLRs could only be fixed to road sign posts or lighting columns. Power supply or telephone poles and private posts were not acceptable. The SLRs Operation would be dependent on the frequency and number of times the sign was activated. In general the battery life usually managed a 2 week deployment. Each move of an SLR was currently charged at £85 which included a recharge of batteries – please note this was likely to reduce for 2015/16.

Councillor Betts advised that he had attended a meeting with Bargate Homes, Karen and Mark Housby to discuss the Lych gate which would consist of benches with an otter/fox design to be carved into them with Allbrook Meadow carved into the design. It would also have a noticeboard within it to replace the board on the corner of Pitmore Road. He also advised that the Horse trough would be mounted in on the site in a suitable location. There was also a desire to provide an information board with the history of the site and details of the wildlife at a cost to the Parish Council this would be decided at a future meeting when more detail was known.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That £604 be allocated to 2no “!+ Pedestrians Crossing” signs either side of the railway bridge on Allbrook Hill; and**
- (2) That the Clerk ask the Borough Council to place two SLRs in the Parish on Woodside Avenue and Twyford Road.**

23. 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:

242	Eastleigh Borough Council May Wages	£ 464.16
243	N Exelby LR Allotment Expenses	£ 228.17
244	Hampshire County Council Room Hire at Crestwood	£ 75.00
245	D Taylor Accountancy fees	£ 150.00
246	Fair Account Auditors fees	£ 275.00

247	HALC Subscription fees	£ 412.00
248	L Greenslade Office Allowance	£ 228.01
249	Community First Insurance	£ 693.85
250	Eastleigh Borough Council June Wages	£ 464.16
251	Eastleigh Borough Council July Wages	£ 527.60
252	A Thorne Office Allowance	£ 73.75
253	D Ward Allotment Expenses	£ 77.36
254	Eastleigh Borough Council <i>Newsletter Printing</i>	£ 120.00
255	Mobile Mini UK Ltd Container Hire Jul-Sep	£ 78.16
		£ 3,867.22

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 242 – 255;
and**
- (2) That the budget monitoring statement and Council's financial
position be noted.**

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 30 September 2015 at 7pm in Crestwood School.

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