

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2015
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
(7:00 pm - 8:12 pm)**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bain, Freemantle and Trenchard

52. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public suggested that the Parish Council looked into having its meetings advertised in the Borough News. The Clerk advised that she would investigate this opportunity and report back at the next meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns over the state of Boyatt Lane he suggested that it should be better kept as it is part of the national cycle route and in wet weather conditions it became dangerous with muddy slime and debris causing there to be no drainage. There had also been issues with fly tipping, rubbish and overhanging hedges. He asked whether the Parish Council could do anything about it or who's responsibility it was to keep it clear. The Chair suggested that the Clerk would contact the Borough Council to establish who's responsibility this was.

Another resident advised that in the County Magazine it was that the Household Recycling Centre would no longer be accepting soil, rubble or plasterboard and felt this would only lead to more fly tipping in the area. The Chair advised that she would investigate as to where this could now be disposed of.

A member of the public advised the Council that there had been a large amount of rubble left over from the builders that were developing the top of Knowle Lane. The Chair advised that she would check the conditions of the planning application with the Planners at the Borough Council.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

54. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

55. ALLOTMENT UPDATE - LINDA GREENSLADE

The Allotment Officer reported that there was currently no waiting list and with three website enquiries pending it was hoped that the vacant plots would be rented soon.

The Allotment Officer advised that the working group had considered the possibility of the wheelchair friendly plot as discussed by Members at the last meeting. The most expensive cost was to provide a toilet with a ramp and the full costings were:

Create two raised beds	£3170.94
Adapt existing toilet with ramp	£1600.00

Total: £4770.94 + VAT

Quote received to hire a Portaloo and ramp: £160.00 per week

Quote to purchase Portaloo and ramp: £16,100.00 + transport

The Allotment Officer confirmed that there was no requirement to provide a disabled friendly plot, therefore, it was suggested to that the Council keep £5,000 in reserves and earmarked plot 104A, which was a half size plot, to enable the Council to offer a wheelchair friendly plot and adapted WC, should there be a need.

She advised that the size of hen houses was now under review. Advice had been sought and the usual size of hen houses was no more than 25% of a full size plot. It was agreed in future only structures covering 25% of a full size plot would be approved, with a restricted number of hens, and that multiple plot holders would only be allowed one hen house. It was appreciated that the new rules could not be imposed on existing hen houses. The Allotment Officer would write to existing tenants advising them that any extensions to their hen houses would not be permitted.

The Allotment Officer advised that the working party had now cleared the ditch outside the site and the water was running well now. The Council thanked them for the effort they had gone to, to clear the ditch.

RESOLVED –

That £5000 be kept in reserve for the possible adaption of plot 104A to enable the Council to be in a position to offer a wheelchair friendly plot.

56. PCSO UPDATE

There was no PCSO in attendance. The Council was also advised by a member of the public that the PCSO did not go to the PACT meeting recently. Councillor Sollitt advised that they did attend but got there 20 minutes late due to unforeseen circumstances and by that time everyone had gone. They did send out an email apology to everyone they had contact details for.

57. MATTERS ARISINGRookwood Close

The Clerk advised that this planning application had been called in by three Members of the Eastleigh Local Area Committee and therefore be decided by the Committee at a future meeting possibly 2 June 2015. Members of the public were invited to attend that meeting in order to address the Committee with their concerns.

Allbrook Meadow Road Name

The Clerk reported that the Borough Council Officer had been in touch to advise that the Developer's had chosen the names Dragonfly Way and Beale Crescent, from those ideas presented by the Parish Council and the next step was to go to Royal Mail to have the names accepted and provided a postcode. This would then be presented to the Borough Council for final decision.

Pitmore Road vegetation and parking

There was still an issue with the vegetation at the bottom of the garden of no 5 Pitmore Road coming through the fence from the new development. Somebody was yet to take responsibility for this so the Clerk offered to speak to the Borough Council's planning Officers again on behalf of the resident.

Thank you from Friends of in Touch

The Clerk advised that a letter of thanks had been received from the Friends of In Touch charity that the Parish Council had recently donated £500 to.

58. BRENDONCARE CONCEPT PLAN - OTTERBOURNE HILL

The Chair introduced Carole Sawyers the Chief Executive of Brendoncare who was to advise Members on the concept plan for Otterbourne Hill. She explained that Brendoncare was a registered charity, dedicated to improving the quality of life for older people.

There were 10 care centres across the south, each with its own individuality. Nine of the properties were centres for frail older people, and one close care living complex, Brendoncare Knightwood, was launched in Chandlers Ford in summer 2006. She explained that Brendoncare believed in raising standards of care and was driven by commitment to quality care. As a respected force among charities caring for frail older people, the aim was to aid and influence the future direction of healthcare in the sector. Driven by a commitment to quality care and a belief that an innovative approach was vital, Brendoncare continued to push forward standards of care. Care was at the heart of Brendoncare's actions and they were proud of their reputation for excellence in care. The main aim was always to provide happiness, fulfilment and independence in line with residents' wishes.

She advised that 2-3 years ago they had put in a planning application and been given permission to build a care home next to Yellow Dot nursery. Principally this was no longer financially viable for Brendoncare or the developer. They were now looking at a revised scheme which involved a 64 place care home and 20 apartments providing close care for people with dementia. The care home would support a range of needs, not just dementia but physical care as well. It would also avoid couples being split when one of them became ill as it would support both of them. The building was now 15% bigger but had been designed in a different way using the levels of the site. She confirmed that the woodland at the back of the site would be gifted to the Parish Council for them to maintain as public open space.

She advised that there would be an open day as part of the pre application consultation process. It was agreed that an article could be written for the Parish Newsletter regarding the site, planning application and future plans for the site.

The Chair thanked Carole Sawyer for attending the Meeting and advised that Carole Sawyer would be happy to discuss the plans further if people wanted to speak to her after the meeting.

59. FAIRTRADE IN EASTLEIGH BOROUGH CAMPAIGN

The Borough Council had asked the Parish Council if they wanted to join all the other Parish and Town Council's in the Borough and be part of the Fairtrade in Eastleigh Campaign. This would be at a cost of £15.00 to the Parish Council and would involve using Fairtrade products where appropriate.

Resolved –

That Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council would join the Fairtrade in Eastleigh Borough Campaign at a cost of £15.00.

60. 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:

220	Eastleigh Borough Council Dec Wages	£ 454.18
221	Mobile Mini UK Ltd Container Hire Nov-Mar	£ 171.60
222	Eastleigh Borough Council Jan Wages	£ 493.67
223	Eastleigh Borough Council Rat Treatment BH Allotments	£ 135.00
224	Eastleigh Borough Council Feb Wages	£ 463.94
225	Dave Piper Garage Services Annual Mower Service	£344.81
226	L Greenslade Expenses	£ 87.50
227	British Gas BH Allotment Electricity bill	£ 54.34
228	A Thorne Expenses	£ 43.75
229	D Ward Allotment Expenses	£ 21.98
230	Cleansing Services Group BH Allotments	£ 200.00
231	Southern Water BH Allotments	£ 18.23
		£2,489.00

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 220 – 231;
and**

(2) That the budget monitoring statement and Council's financial position be noted.

61. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29 April 2015 at 7pm in Crestwood School.

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