

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2013
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
(7:00 pm - 8:10 pm)**

PRESENT: Councillor Wall (Chair); Councillors Symonds, Betts, Freemantle, Hawes and Mrs Sollitt

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2013 be approved and signed as a correct record.

80. MATTERS ARISING

Council Tax:

The Chairman reported that there had been some confusion and inaccuracies with the recent mailing from the Borough Council. Some residents had received a leaflet saying that Council tax in the Borough had been frozen and yet their Council tax bill showed a 3% increase on last year. The Chairman explained this was due to the Borough Council reappportioning the special expenses which covered the maintenance of play areas, public open spaces including verges and trees and bus shelters. The Chairman reiterated that the rise was nothing to do with the Parish Council and was still uneasy with the figures. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Borough Council and to note the unfortunate contradiction of the two leaflets sent to residents; to ask for the special expenses to be broken down and recalculated and to speak to those residents whose increase seemed to be inordinately larger than other residents in the Parish.

The Chairman advised that once a response was received from the Borough Council the Parish Council would discuss the possibility of taking on the responsibility of maintaining the public open space in the Parish if it was financially viable.

Local Plan:

Councillor Betts reported that the Allbrook Action Group (AAG) were meeting on 28 March to discuss the response to the Borough Council's

Local Plan and the development of a Parish Plan. Ideas had been put forward to involve Developers directly in order to enhance the Parish and improve the infrastructure in the area. He did confirm that there would need to be a compromise in order to do this.

The Chairman advised that the Borough Council's Local Plan was being re thought due to the failure of Hampshire County Council to release identified land for development. There were internal meetings at the Borough Council set for June-September. The AAG were simply reviewing the situation with objections that had been submitted previously. The Parish Council had no involvement with the AAG but they could come back to the Parish Council for support. He confirmed that he would keep residents informed of any developments with the Local Plan.

Highways Issues:

The Chairman confirmed that he had sent another letter to HCC regarding the resident's highways issues.

81. ALLOTMENT UPDATE - LINDA GREENSLADE

The Allotment Officer reported that the hedge cutter with pruning attachment had been purchased using the County Councillor grant. The Broomhill car park area had now been cleared. She advised that she was investigating the possibility of using photo voltaic panels to heat the water at the Lincoln Rise site which included looking for a possible grant to fund the project.

The allotment waiting list had been reduced to 51 which included 12 people on the list for both sites. It was explained that if a person was on the waiting list for both sites, and were offered a plot on one and no response was received within the specified time limit their name was removed from the waiting list.

An open day was being held at Broomhill Allotments on Sunday 11 August 10:00 am – 4:00 pm all were welcome to attend.

82. BROOMHILL ALLOTMENT FLOODING REPORT

David Ward reported that there were several plots at the Broomhill allotment site that were continuously flooded and that the plot holders were unable to use these plots successfully. It was felt that there should be some investigative work done at the site to establish whether the plots could be brought back into good use. Mr Ward had been given an estimate of £500 for the investigative works to be done. Residents also advised that there were flooding issues along the ditches and paths and there had been road safety issues with flooding on Boyatt Lane. Mr Ward had reported the issues with the gullies on the County Council's website several times and the message returned that this had already been reported. The gullies were cleaned that week but the flooding still persisted.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That exploratory work be carried out at a cost of approximately £500 to establish the drainage problems at the Broohill allotment site; and**
- (2) That HCC be pursued to clean the gullies and deal with the potential road safety issues at Boyatt Lane.**

83. PCSO UPDATE

PCSO Izzard reported that across Eastleigh crime had dropped by 20%, with anti-social behaviour was declining by 10% and dwelling burglaries and vehicle crime were also down. There had been an incident of tools being stolen from a work van in the area so the Police were currently raising awareness with potential targets. The anti-social behaviour summer campaign was due to start by the end of the spring. Speeding enforcement on Twyford Road had been reduced and over the next few months Speedwatch would be running in Pitmore Road. With the Speedwatch scheme residents acted as volunteers trained by the Police and letters were sent to anyone driving above the speed limit as a warning. PC Laura Broadhurst was joining the team to replace PC Stuart Beale who had moved to the tactical response team. She also confirmed that HGV's using Twyford Road was one of their priorities as this had been a particular issue raised by residents.

84. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Members considered a report from the Parish Clerk which gave details of the contract from eMango for the set up and ongoing maintenance and training costs for a new Council website and email addresses for staff and Members. Members agreed at the last meeting that that the current website was not very user friendly and that a budget was approved for the new website.

The Clerk advised that she would bring any further developments back to the next meeting.

RESOLVED –

That the Parish Council enter into an agreement with eMango for the set up and ongoing maintenance of the Council's website.

85. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE - COUNCILLOR DAVID BETTS

At the last meeting the Parish Council had agreed to co-opt David Betts onto the Council. Councillor Betts signed the Declaration of Acceptance agreeing to abide by the code of conduct, witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

86. FINANCE MATTERS

The Parish Council considered the papers on expenditure which detailed cheques to be issued and budget monitoring. Members agreed to endorse/approve all cheques presented in the report.

RESOLVED –

That the following cheques be approved:

71	Access Locksmiths Ltd <i>Allotment Gate</i> <i>Keys</i>	£67.44
72	Linda Greenslade <i>Expenses</i> <i>Allotment</i>	£60.94
73	Eastleigh Borough Council <i>Pest Control Treatment x 2 Broomhill Allotment</i>	£120.00
74	Southern Water <i>Half Yearly Water Bill Lincoln's Rise</i>	£16.79
75	Dave Piper Garage Services <i>Broomhill Equipment</i> <i>Services</i>	£366.00
76	Cleansing Services Group Ltd <i>Broomhill Septic Tank</i> <i>Disposal</i>	£185.00
77	Greens Garden Rubbish <i>Clearance of Broomhill Allotment Car</i> <i>Park</i>	£150.00
78	Mr D Ward <i>Skip Hire cash/payment</i>	£229.20
	Total:	£1,195.37

87. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Boyatt Lane Manhole Cover: A local resident asked that whether the County Council could deal with a manhole cover in Boyatt Lane that had become raised and dangerous.

88. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that Councillor Calder had not attended meetings for six months and had not contacted either himself or the Parish Clerk to give her apologies. The Chairman confirmed that he would try and contact Councillor Calder to establish whether she wanted to continue her term as Parish Councillor and would report back to the Parish Meeting on 22 May 2013.

89. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Wednesday 24 April 2013 at 7pm in Crestwood School.

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