

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALLBROOK AND NORTH BOYATT
PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2018
AT CRESTWOOD SCHOOL
(7:00pm - 8:55pm)**

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Bain

50. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Borough Councillor Paul Bicknell addressed the Council and asked whether the Chair had obtained the information regarding the Chickenhall Link Road that she had said she would at the September meeting of the Parish Council. Councillor Sollitt advised she was still waiting for the information from the Local Area Manager, Guy Riddoch.

Borough Councillor Bicknell went on to ask whether the Parish Council was aware that the Section 278 agreement linked to the Allbrook Meadow site had not been fulfilled by the Developer. He advised that the footpath on Pitmore Road included in the agreement had not been completed. Members were advised that a Section 278 Agreement allowed a developer to carry out works to the public highway. The agreement was between the Local Highways Authority and the Developer. Councillor Clarke suggested that he had raised the issue with several Borough Councillors and had asked an Engineer at the Council to include it in the small works budget. He would pursue this with the Borough Council.

A member of the public suggested that some signage be used to advise residents where the meeting was as it had moved from the normal location with in Crestwood School. The Chair agreed that some signs would be produced for the next Meeting.

A local resident asked whether the Borough Council had commented yet on her suggestion to stagger the parking bays at an angle in the layby on Pitmore Road to create more spaces. Councillor Sollitt advised that she had raised the issue with the Borough Council and was awaiting a response. Councillor Sollitt would pursue this with the Borough Council.

A member of the public addressed the Council with a statement that he was unhappy with Councillor Clarke going against the decision of the Parish Council made at the last meeting to object to options B and C of the Borough Council's Local Plan at its Council Meeting on 11 December 2017. He felt that Councillor Clarke went against the residents wishes and that coupled with the article in the Lib Dem magazine that allegedly criticised Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council and that he was co-opted rather than elected was the reason that he suggested that Councillor Clarke should step down from the Parish Council. Another member of the

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public then made a statement that he too was unhappy with Councillor Clarkes decisions and also felt he should step down.

Councillor Clarke replied that he would not be stepping down and he felt that there would always be times that Councillors disagreed on particular matters and that this was part of the democratic process.

Councillor Symonds asked whether before the Lib Dem Focus magazine was published the Parish Councillors could be consulted if the Parish Council was mentioned in the leaflet. This was not an option due to the Liberal Democrats not being accountable to the Parish Council.

51. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 29 November 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments to the County Councillors Report:

“....devolved budget scheme, the proceeds from the Boyatt Wood Christmas Fayre of £800 would be ...”.

52. 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 David Betts declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 9, Donation to Against Destructive Development, because he was on the Committee.

53. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Allotment Officer reported that Lincoln's Rise were delighted with their new mower and thanked the Parish Council for providing it. Members were given a copy of the minutes from the Site Representative Meeting to note.

The Allotment Officer advised that in 2016 the Parish Council had agreed to increase allotment rents over the at a rate of 12% per year until £50 per full plot was achieved at Broomhill and that Lincolns Rise would increase by £2.50 per year as they did not enjoy the same facilities as Broomhill.

She made recommendations to Members of the amount per plot to be charged for the 2018/19 season.

RESOLVED –

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- (1) That Broomhill Allotment rent be increase by £4 per full plot to achieve a rent of £39.00 per full plot with effect from 1 October 2018;
- (2) That Lincoln's Rise rent be increased by £2.50 per plot to achieve a rent of £32.50 per plot, with effect from 1 October 2018;
- (3) That concessions continue to apply to those existing tenants who were aged 60 and above in 2014; and
- (4) That the Site Representative Meeting Minutes be noted.

(NOTE: Councillor Symonds declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and did not vote thereon.)

54. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Clarke gave the Meeting an update on his recent County Council activities. He had been campaigning against the cuts recommended during Hampshire County Council's Full Council meeting in November which he felt had achieved results. The papers for the next County Council Cabinet meeting suggested that the school crossing patrol cuts amounting to £1.2 million would be withdrawn as would the £900,000 of cuts to Community Transport funding. The proposed Household Waste Recycling Centre closures would be cancelled and the bus subsidy cuts would be reduced from £3.1 million to £1.1 million.

The additional 1% which the Government was allowing Council's to increase Council Tax without a referendum was being used to support the likely reduction in the extent of cuts which would be proposed at HCC's budget meeting in February. There was also £1.1 million being saved through refinancing the Street Lighting PFI Contract.

He reported that he had heard a lot of anecdotal evidence that people were retiring from school crossing patrol jobs around Hampshire without being replaced. It has been difficult to recruit to these positions so it was important to be aware there may be a significant reduction in the number of School Crossing Patrols despite the withdrawal of the budget cut.

He advised that regarding Adult Services, the reports had said: 'further care provision pressures will arise from both increases in demand and complexity of clients and from care costs.... Non recurring IBCF (Integration and Better Care Funding) and the Adult Social Care Support Grant will cease. This will require close monitoring and corporate support.'

Councillor Clarke took the view that the Government needed to step up its support for Health and Social Care because the local cuts were just leading to more pressure on the NHS.

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He was now a Governor at Crestwood School and was looking forward to doing what he could for the school in this role. He had attended a range of community events since the last Parish Council meeting including the Community Showcase and the AWCA awards evening.

He advised that he was making the case to Hampshire County Council officers for Woodside Avenue to be resurfaced.

The devolved budget scheme for 2017/18 would close on 28 February 2018 and he had ensured all funds in his budget would be distributed and had endeavoured to ensure the budget had been spread amongst as wide a range of groups as possible.

Councillor Betts asked whether there would be charges for bus passes? Councillor Clarke suggested that there would be at some point but subsidies are made locally and the debate would continue.

Eileen Marks asked whether the residents of John Darling Mall would be able to move back in as they were promised when they were moved out? Councillor Clarke advised that all residents had been consulted as widely as possible and in fact some residents were happier to stay in their new homes.

55. PRESENTATION FROM JOHN LAUWERYS OF AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT (ADD)

The Chair introduced John Lauwerys from ADD who explained that it started as a loose group of people which had now drawn thousands of supporters from across Eastleigh and Winchester. The group formed after the consultation document was released by the Borough Council on 23 December 2015. The reason given for this publication by Keith House was that people could read it over the festive period. Mr Lauwerys was regretful that local people had not been more involved in the Local Plan process.

He advised that the Plan was really about how Eastleigh could deliver housing. He suggested that 6500 homes were needed and that the 3500 were yet to be identified. In July 2017, the Borough Councillors received reports that the Council wanted to develop one of two sites. ADD say that the plan should be evidence based and that the Council should look at both sites and work out which one works best. Allington Lane had been earmarked for development for some time. He read a statement out that was issued by the Borough Council in 2002 "There will be no development on green field land except for Allington Lane". The Solent Metro Link, Junction 6 of the M27, Allington Station that Solent LEP were still investigating were all options that had been discussed. ADD had been in touch with Highways England who were willing to have the conversations with the Borough Council.

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He was unhappy that 800 people had been ignored at the Borough Council's Meeting on 11 December 2017 and he thanked those notable votes against the decision Eastleigh Borough had made.

He advised that he had spent 2 years working on the ADD campaign and that the real test would be the Planning Inspectors adjudication and Examination in Public of the plan, where the Inspector would examine the Local Plan from a planning perspective. At the meeting on 11 December the Borough Council reported on a draft plan with 38 studies listed, 14 of which were not attached including the transport and ecology studies. He advised that the road under the bridge was 10 feet lower than the water level of the river Itchen one of the finest chalk streams in the country. The Borough Council had decided to build 5200 houses disrupting the ecology and environment which is an option that delivers 2000 more houses than are needed.

He confirmed that ADD were not against building houses as they recognise the need, however they felt that Eastleigh Borough Council should choose the right area to build them with evidence. He advised that a 4 bedroom property in the area they had chosen to develop would cost approximately £490,000. The Developers were normally set a 35% affordable housing target, which usually got negotiated to a lower level by way of making contributions to other projects for example open space, infrastructure etc. The Borough Council had suggested the road would cost £41M ADD think it would cost at least £50-60M. He advised that ADD were appointing a Planning Barrister, Planning Consultant and Transport Consultant to help pursue the case to change the Local Plan. £100,000 was needed to be raised to pay the experts and he concluded his presentation with thanks for inviting him to speak and that ADD were happy to receive any donations to help their cause.

The Chair opened the floor to Members and residents to ask questions of Mr Lauwerys.

Mark Housby asked what would happen if Winchester City Council refused their part of the road. Mr Lauwerys advised that the road was an essential pre-requisite of the development starting in Highbridge and a new road going across countryside. Hampshire County Council would be responsible for those decisions with the co-operation of Eastleigh Borough Council, Winchester City Council and South Downs National Park, who all have the duty to co-operate. Winchester City Council felt that Eastleigh had not co-operated, but if there was no road there would be no development.

Eileen Marks asked whether the Borough Council had considered the brown field site at the old railway works for development. She advised that there was some contaminated land at Campbell Road which could be fixed. She felt this would have been a boost to the Town's economy.

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Mr Prior reported that there were some serious issues in the town with air pollution and that Eastleigh was one of nine places in the country where pollution charges could be made as it comes under the Southampton area that had been identified as one of the worst polluters. He suggested that the Impact Assessment Regulations would destroy Eastleigh Borough Council's case for putting the road through Allbrook and the large development in option B&C. Mr Lauwerys confirmed that he had made some valid points and the extra homes would bring in the region of 26,000 extra car journeys to the area thus creating far more pollution.

56. EASTLEIGH BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN

This was covered in the previous discussion around the ADD Campaign so was not discussed further at this point.

57. REQUEST FOR DONATION TO ADD CAMPAIGN

Members were asked if they wanted to support the ADD campaign by donating to help with the legal and expert witness fees. Members were advised that other local Parish Councils; Twyford and Colden Common had donated and that the Parish Council were welcome to contact those Council's for further information. Some Councillors also requested to see the finances of the campaign before donating.

The Chair advised that she had sought legal advice from the Borough Council Legal Team and that the Parish were entitled to donate if it was to the benefit of the Allbrook and North Boyatt residents. She asked Members to think about the amount and whether they wanted to donate and it would be decided at the next meeting. The Clerk advised that she would contact the other Parish Councils who had donated and report back at the next meeting.

(NOTE: Councillor Betts declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and would not vote thereon.)

58. BUDGET AND PRECEPT REPORT

Members considered the report of the Parish Clerk that gave details of the proposed budget for 2018/19 and the proposed precept charge. Although the residents in the Parish may see an increase in their Council tax this would be due to the increases proposed by Hampshire County Council and other precepting Authorities. The Parish Council agreed to keep the precept the same for its residents therefore recommended a 0% increase.

Members discussed the budget and were advised that the figures in the draft budget were necessarily provisional and this would be an evolving budget. Due to the potential donation to ADD the budget was amended to incorporate this.

RESOLVED –

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- (1) That the Budget for 2018/19 be agreed; and**
- (2) That the Parish precept be set at 0% increase.**

59. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

Councillor Sollitt tabled a document that included the Community Investment Programme (CIP) Priorities for the Parish area. Members were asked to have a look at the priorities and their ranking and give their thoughts as to what the priorities are in the Parish and how they want to allocate the funds available. Members were advised that this was a Borough Council function but obviously required input from the Parish Council. Councillor Sollitt would advise the Eastleigh Local Area Manager that all Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council Members require a copy of the document and this could be discussed at the next meeting once Members had received the document.

60. CLERK'S REPORT

Members considered the report of the Parish Clerk which gave details of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR); new Noticeboard designs and proposed meeting dates for next year.

The Clerk advised that she would be attending some courses on the new data protection regulations as the Council would have to formally appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO). The Clerk would update Members at the next meeting after attending the training.

The Clerk distributed some designs and prices for some new noticeboards for Members to peruse and agreed this would be discussed at the next Meeting.

Members agreed that the meeting dates for the year 2018/19 would be as follows:

- 16 May 2018 (AGM)
- 25 July 2018
- 26 September 2018
- 28 November 2018
- 30 January 2019
- 27 March 2019

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the changes in the General Data Protection regulations were noted;**

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- (2) That consideration be given to the options for purchasing new noticeboards in the Parish and a decision be made at a future meeting; and
- (3) That the meeting dates for 2018/19 were noted.

61. FINANCE MATTERS

The Parish Council considered the papers on expenditure which detailed cheques to be issued, BACS payments to be made and budget monitoring. Members agreed to endorse all cheques presented and BACS payments in the report as listed below:

	Payee	Details	Amount £
100420	HMRC	INCOME TAX	132.40
100422	D Ward	BH Allotment Expenses	81.00
100421	L Greenslade	Nov Salary & Travel Subsistence	411.11
100423	A Thorne		
100425	HCC	Crestwood Room Hire	92.50
100429	Alderwood Consulting Ltd	Tree Survey BH Allotments	354.00
STO	A Thorne	December Salaries	370.61
STO	L Greenslade		
STO	HMRC	Dec Income Tax	66.20
STO	J Humphry Associates	Dec Payroll	24.00
STO	Hampshire Pension Fund	Pension Cont Dec	90.60
STO	Mobile Mini Uk Ltd	Container Hire BH Allotment	41.45
100430	Eastleigh Borough Council	Rat Treatment BH Allotment	65.00
100431	Police & Crime Commissioner	PCSO Instalment 2	1,231.47
100432	Community First Trading	Insurance IPT	54.36
100433	L Greenslade	Petty Cash	200.00
100424	Hampshire Pension Fund	Employer Pension Contributions	90.60
100434	Fox Bishops Waltham Ltd	LR Mower	425.00
100435	D Ward	Mower Annual Services	502.20

RESOLVED –

- (1) That authority be given for the payment of cheques 100420 – 100435 and the listed monthly BACS payments; and

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

62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 28 March 2018 at 7pm at Crestwood School.

63. EXEMPT BUSINESS

RESOLVED –

- (1) That, in pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and**

- (2) That, in pursuance of the public interest test, the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the following item of business was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.**

64. STAFFING MATTERS

Due to Councillor Bain leading the item and not being present the item was deferred to the next meeting.