

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOYATT WOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2024 AT 7.00 PM AT ST PETERS CHURCH, BOYATT WOOD. SO50 4FZ.

Councillor	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Crosher (Chair)	✓		
Cllr Payne (Vice Chair)	✓		
Cllr Ellys	✓		
Cllr Robinson	✓		
Cllr Lee	✓		
Cllr Slawson		✓	
Cllr Hunter	✓		
Cllr O'Neill	✓		
Cllr Phillips	✓		
Cllr Jutsum	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Parish Clerk/RFO – Marcia Phillibert

One member of the public

189/23 APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies received from Councillors Slawson

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Slawson are approved.

190/23 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interests declared.

191/23 DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No dispensations received.

192/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public has started own business named Perfectly Imperfect which supports Individual wellbeing. They have links to schools and local groups supporting a variety of community activities based on community spirit and feedback. In supporting the Greening Campaign have planted many areas and cleared Eastleigh alleyways and footpaths.

193/23 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIONS

No reports received

194/23 CLERKS REPORT AND UPDATES.

Training opportunities circulated to members.

The Clerk Report was noted.

Precept and VAT received into account

195/23 CHAIRS UPDATE

Chair and Clerk attended HALC Annual Conference – Partnership in Action, a variety of presentations and workshops. Presentations available to council.

Next months Annual meeting of the Council will include election of Chair, any councillors interested to advise Clerk.

196/23 APPROVE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 February 2024 are approved as an accurate record.

197/23 APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, PAYMENTS REPORTS AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure, Payments Reports and payment list as of 29 February 2024 is approved

198/23 CONFIRM ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP

Councillor Hunter is aware of BDO LLP via his employment but has no dealings with Audit Sector.

RESOLVED: That there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP external auditors of the Council.

199/23 PROPOSED LOCATION OF DIGITAL NOTICE BOARD

Following site visit the proposed location by the shops was not accepted by owner. The owner proposed alternate location. Clerk to arrange follow up site visit to establish feasible alternate location.

RESOLVED: That a further site visit is undertaken with a view to proposing an alternate location close to the shops to owner of land for consideration

1938hrs Councillor Ellys arrives

200/23 AGREE DATES OF COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Councillor surgeries to be held in Reginal Mitchell Court community space. The surgeries will be held every other month on the first Saturday of the month between 10.00 and 12.00 midday. Subject to feedback the timings may change.

RESOLVED: That the Councillor Surgeries will be held at Reginal Mitchell Court community space on the first Saturday of alternate months, commencing
Saturday 1 June 2024 – Councillors Crosher and Ellys
Saturday 3 August 2024 – Councillors Lee and O’Neill
Saturday 5 October and Saturday 7 December – Councillors to be confirmed.

201/23 AGREE DATE FOR ANNUAL LITTERPICK

RESOLVED: That the Annual Litter pick will be held on Saturday May 11 2024 between 10.00 and midday meeting outside St Peters Church.

202/23 CONSIDER THURSDAY 30 MAY 2024 10AM TO 12 MIDDAY TO HOST A TOOL MARKING EVENT AT LAWN ROAD GREEN.

At the Annual Community meeting held in March the police offered to support a bicycle and tool marking event. This enables the police to identify items recovered and return to their rightful owners.

RESOLVED: That the Bicycle and Tool marking event is held jointly with the Police at Lawn Road Recreation Ground on Thursday 30 May 2024 between 10.00 and 12.00 midday

203/23 REVIEW AND APPROVE CYBER INSURANCE RENEWAL

Members considered four quotations.

RESOLVED: That Company D – Coalition at a premium cover value £161.28 is approved

204/23 APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NOTICE BOARD AND SIGNAGE FOR THE ALLOTMENT GARDENS

Members considered three external notice board quotes and selected company B

RESOLVED: That Company B – Creative Solutions external notice boards are purchased, one for each end of the allotments at £333.12 including VAT each is approved.

205/23 CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE ALLOTMENT POLICY

Eastleigh Borough Council no longer manage the allotments and the land management was officially transferred on 1 April 2024. BWPC approved the allotment policy in September 2023 and has been publicly available, having consulted with site representatives. Eastleigh and District Allotments Cooperative Association Ltd were invited in January 2024 to engage with BWPC to consider future joint working and this is expected to take place soon. Tenants were notified that the management would be transferred to BWPC by Eastleigh Borough Council. BWPC received a written complaint concerning the allotments and policy requesting aspects are reconsidered namely Rent Charges, Rent Charges for older people, the Rent Chargeable Period, Bonfires, Greenhouse Size and Hedge Cutting safely.

Rent Charges, Rent charges for older people – The charges are as per Eastleigh Borough Council except BWPC do not offer 50% discount to over 60. Following a lengthy debate, it was agreed that the rent charges are reasonable and disproportionate to the cost of managing the site. BWPC maintain in the interest of fairness, that all tenants are treated equally and make a small contribution to the management of the site.

Rent chargeable period – The annual rent charge period changed from October to April. To maintain efficient running of the council, particularly its financial administration processes and end of year processes. The Rent Chargeable Period will be maintained to commence in April.

Bonfires – St Catherines Road site is in a residential area, taking into consideration health and safety, risk mitigation and public liability, bonfires are not allowed.

Greenhouse size – The current policy states 8 x 6 x 7'6 for buildings. This does not mean that existing buildings in situ must be replaced, but any new building must comply with policy if permission granted by BWPC.

Hedge Cutting – BWPC cannot comment on previous practices but has not flailed hedges, the last cut was completed by hand.

The grandfather rights section of the current policy was created to provide comfort to existing tenants that do not reside in Boyatt Wood and have more than one plot that they will not be evicted from their plots. Amendments will be made to the current policy for clarity.

a. **RESOLVED: That the below policy amendments are approved for clarity Grandfather rights – Tenants on EBC Tenancy Agreement to exclude section 3.1 – Rent, 3.2 – Rent Review and 3.19 – Bonfires.**

Annual Rent – To be described as half plot or full plot.

Sub-letting and Transfer – Insert - Tenants must request in writing the transfer to a relative jointly working the plot, providing the reason for transfer and the new tenant must reside in the parish of Boyatt Wood.

Waste Management – Insert - It is expected that garden waste that cannot be composted is removed from the site by the tenant.

b. **RESOLVED: That site representatives are offered one full garden plot free of charge in recognition of the services they provide to council.**

206/23 UPDATE REGARDING ST CATHERINES ROAD ALLOTMENTS

- The communal pathways and communal areas are to be cut
- To consider the installation of three bays at St Catherines Road end of site for manure, chippings and logs. Consider bays at Twyford Road
- To decommission plot 58b due to mares tail
- Plot 30 and 54b to be decommissioned due to shade and grass seeded to create communal area.
- Plot 52 to be cleared.

207/23 Application No: H/24/97067

Address: 71 RUSKIN ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4JW

Description: Replacement wooden single garage with brick double garages

COMMENT: No objections

209/23 PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF AGENDA

Application No: H/24/97221

Address: 27 DARWIN ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4GZ

Description: Erection of outbuilding

COMMENT: No objections

The meeting concluded at 21.15 hours.

Date of next meeting will be 21 May 2024, commencing at 19:00 hours.

Chair:

Date: