

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOYATT WOOD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM AT ST PETERS CHURCH, BOYATT WOOD. SO50 4FZ.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Parish Clerk/RFO – Marcia Phillibert
Councillor Steve Beer

091/24 APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies received from Councillors Jutsum, Slawson and Philips

RESOLVED: That the apologies received from Councillors Jutsum, Slawson and Philips are approved.

092/24 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interests declared.

093/24 DISPENSATIONS FOR DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No dispensations received.

094/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments made

095/24 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIONS

The Clerk read report received from Councillor Tanya Payne

- HCC will not have a balanced budget within the next two years without government intervention
- HCC have removed revenue funding totalling £587,000; this will impact Bus Route 61. Not known if the operators will continue the service
- Household Waste Recycling Centres – Some sites that were proposed for closure will now remain open.
- Grants – Withdrawal of grant schemes for community groups and organisations, Leaders Community Grant, Rural Communities Fund and Parish and Town Council Investment Fund. The County Councillor grants are still available application via link

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Councillor Reynolds advised of the Christmas Event on 5 December where the mayor will attend Boyatt Wood Shopping Centre.

Councillor Beer was thanked for his attendance and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the type, format, topic of future communications with BWPC.

1925hrs Councillor Gavin Ellys arrives

1935hrs Councillor Carl Hunter leaves the meeting

1940hrs Councillor Kathy O'Neill leaves the meeting

096/24 APPROVE MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2024

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 15 October 2024 are approved as an accurate record.

097/24 CLERKS REPORT AND UPDATES.

The Clerk Report was noted

- Member of the public requested to form an action group regarding traffic on Twyford Road
- The Internal Audit will be held on 13 December 2024
- Hampshire Football Association workshop will be held on 11 December 2024
- In relation to the Internal Controls, the DATTO report confirms all backups are active and operational.

098/24 CHAIRS UPDATE

- The Chair and Clerk attended the HALC AGM on Saturday 19 October 2024, the fees are to be increased by 10%
- The Local Plan briefing will be held on 26 November 2024 and will be attended by Chair and Councillor Lee.
- The Chair attended Eastleigh Remembrance Service and laid Council wreath. Thanked Councillor Lee for attending St Peters Church service and laying the Council wreath.

099/24 APPROVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, PAYMENTS REPORTS AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2024

RESOLVED: That the Income and Expenditure, Payments Reports and Payment Lists as of 31 October 2024 is approved

100/24 APPROVE PURCHASE OF SECURE CABINET FOR COUNCIL OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Various options of secure fireproof and waterproof cabinets were presented

RESOLVED: That the Yale large waterproof Fire Chest is purchased for the purpose of securing and retaining Council official documents, value £132.49 excluding VAT.

101/24 REVIEW RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/26

The draft budget was reviewed in detail and increase in precept considered.

Updated document to be presented at next meeting

102/24 RECEIVE AND APPROVE VOLUNTEERS POLICY

To include amendment - 4.15 BWPC where appropriate may request a volunteer to consent to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check

RESOLVED: That the Volunteers Policy subject to amendment to include 4.15 BWPC where appropriate may request a volunteer to consent to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check is approved.

103/24 APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS COUNTY FORUM

RESOLVED: That Councillor Crosher represent Boyatt Wood Parish Council at the Hampshire Association of Local Councils Forums

104/24 APPROVE SITES FOR TREE PLANTING INCREASING BIODIVERSITY IN THE PARISH

Locations across the parish were discussed and for them to be visited for suitability.

RESOLVED: That the land adjacent to the M3 motorway, which is already a wooded area is put forward to Eastleigh Borough Council as a suitable area.

105/24 REVIEW AND APPROVE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AT SHED ST CATHERINES ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Options to change supplier were consider at a reduced rate.

RESOLVED: That due to the low consumption of energy used the electric supply is removed and disconnected.

106/24 REVIEW OPTIONS TO PURCHASE MACHINERY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LAND AT ST CATHERINES ROAD ALLOTMENTS

A variety of machines were considered

RESOLVED: That expert advice is obtained and suitable commercial machinery, with warranty, together with safety equipment is purchased up to the value of £2500 excluding VAT.

107/24 CONSIDER AND APPROVE QUOTES FOR HEDGE CUT AT ST CATHERINES ALLOTMENT

Two quotes received and presented all have visited the site. Option B selected.

RESOLVED: That Quote B - HW Tree Works cuts both sides of the hedge and remove self-set saplings at St Catherines Road Allotment at a cost of £2450.00 plus VAT

108/24 APPLICATION NO: H/24/98413

Address: 22 BROADLANDS AVENUE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4PA

Description: Construction of glass conservatory with Edwardian roof.

COMMENT: No objection

109/24 APPLICATION NO: T/24/98436

Address: 15 BOSVILLE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4QA

Description: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduction by 2m, back to suitable growth points, leaving the tree in a natural balanced shape. Ongoing maintenance plan for this tree, located in front garden in close proximity to the property.

COMMENT: Refer to tree officer for expert opinion

110/24 APPLICATION NO: T/24/98394

Address: 15 HARLAXTON CLOSE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4QX

Description: 1no. Twin Stem Birch (rear garden) - Fell left-hand stem due to decline in health. Right-hand stem crown height reduction would be approx 3m with canopy reduction to rebalance canopy by no more than 1m. To mark area & reshape canopy.

COMMENT: Refer to tree officer for expert opinion

110/24 PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF AGENDA

No applications received

112/24 EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That the public are excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

113/24 NOTE CLERK SALARY INCREASE AS AGREED BY NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

NOTED: The salary increase of 2.5%

The Meeting closed at 2128 hours

Date of next meeting will be 10 December 2024, commencing at 19:00 hours.

Chair:

Date: