

**A MEETING OF ALLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2011
AT OTTERBOURNE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM**

Subject to Approval

PRESENT: Councillor Wall (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Calder, Councillor Mrs Symonds and Councillor Mrs Cossey

66. APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting were received on behalf of Councillor Hawes and Councillor Mrs Evans.

67. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Symonds declared an interest in item 9 – Police Community Support Officers.

68. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised in this session:

Mr. D Prior – increasing public participation at Parish Council meetings: Mr Prior wished to persuade more people to attend Parish Council Meetings, especially if they had concerns/issues about the Parish. He believed that Parish Councils were extremely important in the community and as such requested that the Parish Council advertise themselves more. Mr Prior was concerned that there did not seem particular cohesion in the Parish and that the Parish Council could do more to foster this. Councillor Wall replied that cohesion in a Parish is easier when there is a set community to begin with. Allbrook and North Boyatt did not have this. The Parish Council was working from nil and progressing in fostering a Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish community. The Parish Clerk has secured notices in both Church Parish magazines (St Peter's and St Matthew's), is progressing with a Parish website, hoped to purchase more notice boards and hopes to have notices in the Borough Newsletter.

Mr. D Prior – addressed issues from last meeting: At the last meeting Mr Prior requested that the Council address three issues:

1. change the name of the Parish Council to include North Boyatt;
2. purchase more notice boards, especially in North Boyatt; and
3. hold some of the Parish Council meetings in Crestwood School.

In response to Mr Prior's requests, Councillor Wall was happy to inform the Council that Eastleigh Borough Council approved the change of name at their full Council meeting on 16th December 2010. There was an item on the agenda to discuss purchasing more notice boards and to hold meetings at Crestwood School.

Pitmore Housing Development: Concern was raised by a number of residents at the meeting, and previously to the Parish Clerk, regarding the Housing Association housing development in Pitmore Close. Problems cited were the increase in density of the people in the close, the removal of the over 55 year olds provision, increase in children, lack of parking and facilities for families (i.e. shops, bus stops etc). Councillor Wall understood the residents concerns, but noted that Allbrook Parish Council had no planning powers, as these were the jurisdiction of Eastleigh Borough Council (EBC). He encouraged residents who had concerns to contact the development control department at EBC.

Allotments: Councillor Wall had heard concerns by allotment holders that Allbrook Parish Council was not purchasing the two allotments. Councillor Wall wished to reassure residents and allotment holders that the Parish Council was still in the process of acquiring these sites and still wished to reduce the running price.

69. MINUTES OF ALLBROOK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH NOVEMBER 2010

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

70. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

71. CHANGE OF NAME OF PARISH COUNCIL

Members considered a report by the Parish Clerk on the change of name of the Parish Council. Members were advised that at Eastleigh Borough Council's Full Council meeting on 16th December 2010 the change of name was approved. The Parish Council's name has been changed to 'Allbrook and North Boyatt Parish Council'.

RESOLVED: the report was noted.

72. DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTIONS

Consideration was given to a report by the Parish Clerk on developers' contributions. The Parish Clerk distributed the summary of developers' contribution for the Allbrook Parish Area (see appendix 1 of attached to these minutes).

Otterbourne Parish Council Joint Project: The Parish Clerk was currently in the process of organising a meeting with Otterbourne Parish Council to discuss joint projects between the two councils in respect of developers' contributions. Councillors present all expressed an interest in attending this meeting. Otterbourne Cricket Club was also mentioned as a project which could be examined, as many children from Allbrook Parish were part of the club. The Parish Clerk agreed to organise the meeting.

Children's play area: Allbrook Parish Council had £23,025.09 of available developer contributions to spend on children's play areas. Councillors expressed the difficulty in choosing sites for play areas. It was decided that an analysis of open spaces would be circulated to all Councillors. Councillors would discuss options with local residents. Potential areas were to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Traffic Warning Signs: Councillors agreed that traffic warning signs were a good idea in principle, especially as they could be funded through developers' contributions. However concern was raised over the potential maintenance cost of the signs and ineffectiveness over time. Potential sites for the signs were: Twyford Road, Allbrook Hill and Broadlands Avenue. Councillors agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact Guy Riddoch and determine whether there was the possibility of sharing signs with EBC or other Parish Councils and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Notice Boards: Two additional notice boards were agreed by the Council. One at the junction of Penhurst Way and Broadlanes and the second in Bosville, near to the junction

with Highcliffe Drive. This would be funded by unallocated community infrastructure developers contributions.

RESOLVED: That,

- a) the Parish Clerk would organise a meeting with Otterbourne Parish Council regarding joint projects;
- b) the analysis on open spaces would be distributed to all Councillors and discussed at the next meeting;
- c) the Parish Clerk would investigate whether traffic warning signs could be bought in partnership with other councils; and
- d) two notice boards to be purchased.

73. PARISH WEBSITE

Members discussed the report by the Parish Clerk on the content of the Parish Council Website. The suggestions made by the Parish Clerk were approved. The inclusion of photographs of the Parish and a list of 'top' issues of the Parish, were also suggested.

RESOLVED: That that Parish Clerk includes the content suggested in the report to the website.

74. POLICE COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER (PCSO) PRESENTATION

Members welcomed Eastleigh West Safer Neighbourhood Police Sergeant Phil Callard to the Parish Council meeting. Sgt. Callard gave a small presentation in which he outlined the importance of PCSO's to policing and crime prevention in communities. Sgt. Callard regarded PCSO's as the face of the police force and important in the prevention of crime. PCSO's came into existence through the last government and have been in the Eastleigh area for 4 years. Chandlers Ford and Allbrook and North Boyatt would share 2 PCSO's. Allbrook and North Boyatt would part fund a third of one. This would amount to approximately 12 hours per week spent in the Allbrook and North Boyatt area, except in the case of an emergency. PCSO's differ from Police officers in a number of ways; they have a slightly different uniform, they spend at least 80% of their time on visible patrol, they do not have the power to arrest, but can fine people and withhold them for up to 30 minutes. Sgt Callard encouraged the funding of PCSO's and saw them as vital in the deterring, detecting and solving crimes.

Councillor Calder asked residents present whether they had seen PCSO's in the past. The majority of residents present had rarely seen a PCSO. Sgt. Callard responded that most people do not look for PCSO's and therefore do not see them. Patrols were based on intelligence received. He encouraged those present to always report crime/ disorder so that patrols can be based in appropriate places.

The Council thanked Sgt. Callard for attending the meeting.

75. FUNDING A POLICE COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER

Members considered a report by the Parish Clerk on the Parish Council part funding a PCSO officer.

Councillor Wall reminded the Council that at the last meeting it was agreed that a third of a PCSO officer could be funded by the Council without raising the Parish precept. Councillors agreed that part funding a PCSO for one year could be a good indication as to whether a PCSO is required in the Parish or not. It would be useful to access the log kept by the

PCSO to see where they patrolled in the Parish.

Councillors approved unanimously to part fund a PCSO for one year. It was agreed to reassess the funding when the contract expires. Councillor Mrs Symonds declared an interest this item and did not take any part in the voting.

RESOLVED: That, Allbrook Parish Council would part fund a PCSO officer for one year.

76. ADVERSE WINTER WEATHER

Members considered a report by the Parish Clerk which advised the Council on the adverse winter weather experienced over the last few months. The Parish Clerk circulated a map of the Parish with dots as to where residents had requested grit bins (see appendix 2 attached to these minutes). It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would produce a second map outlining where the current bins are as well as requested bins. This would be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

RESOLVED: That, the Parish Clerk would produce a second map outlining where the current bins are as well as request bins.

77. DATES AND VENUES FOR 2011/12 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members considered a report by the Parish Clerk on dates and venue for the 2011/12 Parish Council meetings.

RESOLVED: That, the suggested dates were approved and that Parish Meetings would alternate between Otterbourne Village Hall and Crestwood School.

78. CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered a report by the Parish Clerk on correspondence received since the last meeting. The Parish Clerk circulated more recent correspondence which was not circulated with the agenda (see appendix 3 which is attached to these minutes).

New Planning Policy Consultation with Eastleigh Borough Council: The new government is to introduce changes to the planning system that, amongst other things, could develop more planning powers and responsibilities to local communities. EBC have requested a consultation with all Parish Councils to discuss this. The Parish Clerk will organise a meeting between Councillors and EBC to discuss the changes in planning.

79. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) *Budget Monitoring to 19th January 2011*

RESOLVED: the report was noted.

b) *Expenditure*

RESOLVED: the Council approved chq 13 – 15.

c) *Clerks Salary and expenditure*

RESOLVED: the report was noted.

80. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in Crestwood School.

The meeting ended at 8.35p.m.

CHAIRMAN