

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 11th April 2016.

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Memorial Hall, Ellisfield

Present: Tim Guinness Chairman
Caroline Cazenove Vice-Chair
Rose Taplin
Victoria Reed
David Richards
Wendy Simson Clerk
PC Reid
Mick Walker Prospective new Clerk
Two members of the public

Apologise: Gavin Park-Weir

86 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Park Weir sent his apologies via the Vice Chair.

87 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chairman asked the Councillor to confirm that they had read and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 29th February 2016. The Chairman asked that under minute 78 that the “parking of lorries waiting to go into the site” be recorded as not causing an issue. Under minute 82, the minute should read Park View Cottages and not Church Cottages. They were agreed and the Chairman signed the copy for the records.

88 Matters arising

Notice Board at Bell Lane – the action for the Chairman to speak to Ed Fellows is outstanding.

Action: Chairman to chase up before next meeting

Missing Minutes – The Council are struggling to identify someone who could help with the missing minutes

Action – Chairman to speak to Julian Wright

Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations – The Vice Chair informed that Council that there were 36 children expected at the celebrations planned for June, it was therefore agreed that 60 of the commemorative coins be ordered, one for each child, and any remaining could be sold.

Speed guns – The Chairman showed the Councillors information about a small handheld device which could be purchased to record the speed of vehicles in the village. The data could then be passed onto PC Reid in the same way as through the “Speed Watch” project.

New notice boards – Councillor Park Weir was not at the meeting

Action: Prices to be presented at the next meeting

Contact details – The Clerk is in the process of collecting the information for the notice boards.

Action: completed contact sheet to be presented at the next meeting

89 Police Update (reported as part of Public Forum to allow PC Reid to continue is rounds)

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been four incidents since the 29th February meeting, these were:-

- 5/3 – false burglar alarm activation on Green Lane
- 17/3 – a suspicious man seen in a garden on College Lane
- 18/3 – a non dwelling burglary to garages and a garden shed in Canon Close & Green Lane
- 28/3 – PC Reid conducted a general patrol after the heavy rain and found all was in order

The spate of burglaries in the area has continued with 10 non dwelling buildings being broken into on the night of the 5th/6th April, 3 in Northington and 5 in Herriard. The Chairman asked if the police were aware of who was carrying out the crimes, PC Reid confirmed they had good leads but were yet to make an arrest.

90 Flooding issues

Councillor Richards updated the Council on the work carried out by the Highways Team, this was:-

- Axford Road is now clear of debris
- Chased up about pot holes as those which have been patched are now breaking up again
- A devise to clear the gullies has been requested
- Fuzzen Lane work is due to start w/b 11/4 and it is estimated that it will t5ake 5 days to repair.

A meeting is planned for Thursday 14th April with the following attendees:-

- Paul Prowting - Flood and Water Investigations Officer
- Steve Pellatt - Highway Manager - North
- Daniel Beasant
- Simon Cramp - Environmental Initiatives Manager
- Julie James - Senior Emergency Planning Officer
- Jessica Rowlatt - Emergency Planning & Resilience Officer
- Tim Guinness – Chairman Ellisfield Parish Council
- Charles Bradshaw – Vice Chair Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council
- Rob Marks – Councillor for Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council
- Jonathan Mosley – Chairman of Candovers Parish Council

The agenda is as follows:-

- Introductions
- Profile of area
- Triggers
- Cascade of contacts
- Vulnerabilities
- Riparian Land Owners

- Plan for clearing of ditches and grips
- Plan for clearing of drains and culverts
- Flood pits
- Changing to farming practises and the effect of this on flood water
- Any local response arrangements

It was agreed that Councillor Richards would also attend the meeting.

Action: The Chairman agreed to join the meeting and report back.

The flood water at the bus shelter was flagged as a hazard and concerns raised about traffic moving into the centre of the road to avoid the water and into the path of oncoming vehicles.

Action: Chairman to raise at meeting on 14th April and report at next meeting

91 Introduction of prospective new Clerk

The Chairman introduced Mick Walker who had responded to the Newsletter inviting members of the public who might be interested in becoming the new Clerk to get in contact. The Chairman asked Mick to give a brief summary of his history, which he provided along with a short CV. It was agreed that the Chairman would make contact after the meeting and confirm that Mick was still interested so a handover could be planned.

The Clerk confirmed that the process for passing on the role could be structured to meet the needs of the new Clerk.

92 Allotments

The vacant allotment has not yet been rented but it is hoped that in the spring someone will step forward to take it on.

93 Financial update

The Clerk presented three invoices for payment, they were:-

- £142.00 – HALC subscription
- £16.00 – HALC Levy
- £42.00 – HALC Training class for minute taking attending in June 2015.

All payments were approved and the cheques signed by the Vice Chair and Councillor Taplin. A cheque has been received for the burial ground for the internment of Mrs Frances Wilson at £60.00.

Action: Clerk to bank payment

94 Planning

Sylven Lea, Green Lane – discharge of section 52 agreement which restricts the occupation of the dwelling and prevents subdivision of the land. The Councillors had no objections.

95 Burial Ground

No new memorials have been applied for at this time.

96 Localism/HALC/Local Business Liaison

Discussed under Matters Arising.

Action: Clerk to “nudge” Herriard Bio Power and Solar Park about donations

97 Highways

Nothing further to report

98 Broadband Speed

The Chairman informed the Councillors that under the “Universal Rights” that all properties should have access to good broadband speeds, however this may some years away.

99 Land and Property

Nothing further to report

100 Footpaths & Rights of Way

Councillor Reed has found some information from 1972 about the access routes which has been passed onto Andy Atkins.

There has been no progress with footpath 7.

101 Memorial Hall

Councillor Taplin and the Vice Chair had attended a meeting about the Queen’s birthday celebrations for June, these include:-

- Wine Walk (Friday evening)
- Children’s Party (Saturday afternoon)
- Church Service including dedication of new flag pole (Sunday morning)
- Street Party/Big Lunch (Sunday afternoon)

102 Welcome Packs

All welcome packs have been delivered.

103 Any Other Business

The Clerk had spoken to Ashley Neat at Basingstoke & Deane who asked permission for a photographer, David Hogg of Horizon Imaging, to take some photos of the village for the Council’s photo library. The Councillors agreed and suggested that 1st week of May would be a good time as the bluebells would be in bloom.

104 Date of next meeting

Friday 20th May at 8pm in Memorial Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 23rd May for the next Parish Council meeting

Meeting dates for 2016:-

- Monday 4th July
- Monday 26th September
- Monday 7th November
- Monday 19th December

Matters discussed at Open Forum

The issue of the floods and work carried out by the Highways Department was discussed. The remedial work which the residents in a private capacity did to put right what had been done had

been shown to be a success as the flood water at Easter had not been as much of an issue in Ellisfield.

Paul Turner stated that the work the Highways Team had done was nothing short of vandalism and had made the situation worse.

The Chairman thanked The Ellisfield residents for the work carried out in the village.

Following the meeting Paul Turner requested that the council carefully analyse the efficacy of each and every one of Green Lane's road verge drainage channels. Then, to arrange the filling in of those that either serve no purpose or (worse) actually exacerbate the situation by allowing mud and stones to be carried away down Green Lane by flood water.

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