

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Wednesday 22 June 2016.

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Memorial Hall, Ellisfield

Present:	Tim Guinness	Chairman
	Caroline Cazenove	Vice-Chair
	Gavin Park Weir	Councillor
	David Richards	Councillor
	Wendy Simson	Interim Clerk
	Mick Walker	Clerk
	PC Andy Reid	Local Beat Officer

2 members of the public

142 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Taplin and Reed sent their apologies via the Clerk.

143 To receive Declarations of Interest in any matter on this Agenda.

There were none.

144 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Council.

The Chairman asked the Councillors to confirm that they had read and approved the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Council both held on 23 May 2016. They were **agreed** and the Chairman signed copies for the records.

145 Matters Arising.

- **New Notice Boards** - Cllr Park Weir has contacted 2 companies who manufacture these boards and to date has not received replies.
- **Play Area** - Tony Matthews has replaced the wobbly balance beam in the play area.

146 Police Update.

PC Reid informed the Parish Council that there had been no reported crime since April although a road rage incident between cyclists and motorists in College Lane had been dealt with by the traffic department.

147 Flooding Issues.

The Chairman reported that he was now part of a working group alongside Cllrs Charles Bradshaw and Rob Marks from Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council. Their action points include meetings with local landowners and visits to affected sites.

It is asserted by Hampshire Highways that they are responsible only for drains and culverts while ditches etc on private land are the responsibility of the landowners. This is not accepted by the landowners nor is it necessarily agreed where the private land boundaries are.

The Chairman had contacted Steve Pellatt, Basingstoke Highway Manager, on behalf of Julian Evans to report that the culverts at the bottom of Green Lane under the Axford Road remain blocked. This resulted in a visit from a highways officer to look at the culverts. He found that some culverts and drains were not on their maps. They will clean them out by power jetting and may check other culverts in the village too.

Shortly, it is hoped to employ a Lengthsman to maintain grips and ditches. He will report to Highways on which drains and culverts need cleaning. Jonathan Mosley (Preston Candover) is the head of the Lengthsman Scheme. We might team up with Cliddesden and Herriard also so that the work would be done under one contract. Each of the councils has been granted £1000.

Cllr Park Weir had previously enquired about obtaining a reserve of sandbags. He will write again to Richard Wareham, BDBC Community Design and Regeneration Officer, to request a supply of sandbags that can be stored for use in case of another flooding incident.

148 Allotments.

John Murray, the internal auditor, had recommended that the separate bank account for the Allotments be closed and combined with the main bank account. This has subsequently been found to be illegal because of the Trust status of the Allotment Fund.

We have still not been approached about the vacant plot.

149 Financial Update.

Wendy Simson presented the Year End Accounts explaining the anomalies. It was noted that the Clerk's salary for Wendy will now be paid in this financial year so this item in FY16/17 will be higher than normal. The Chairman signed off the Year End Accounts.

The Clerk presented two cheques for payment:

- £1200 Clerk salary September 2015-June 2016 (10 months) at £200 less 40%tax.
- £800 to HMRC for Clerk PAYE (40% of £1200).

The payments were **approved** and the cheques signed by the Chairman and Cllr Park Weir.

The timing of the grant of £1450 to the Ellisfield Volunteer Group was discussed and the Chairman **agreed** to speak to Zani Robinson (Treasurer).

The Clerk presented a Statement from DataCenta showing an unpaid invoice for £288 dated 26 January 2016 which was addressed to Christina Veasey. A duplicate invoice has been requested to find out what the invoice relates to.

A request has been received from Richard Walker, Chairman of Candover Valley Community Store, appealing for donations towards the £10,000 cost of building the extension to Preston Candover Village Hall that will accommodate the store. Councillors will consider the appeal and give their views at the next meeting.

The Clerk has received an initial summary of spending on the Children's Party marking the Queen's 90th birthday. Confirmation of the amount to be reimbursed will be confirmed at the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to contact Herriard Bio Power (AD) and Carscreugh Renewables (Solar Farm) in the hope of a further grant this year.

150 Burial Ground.

No new memorials have been applied for at this time.

151 Planning Applications.

Blencathra – This is an application to renew existing planning permission for a small porch extension at the rear and a full height side extension (approx. 5m) and internal alterations to create an additional bedroom and bathroom. A single storey double garage is to be attached to the above extension. Permission was first granted in 1989 and has been renewed 5 times since. The council have **no objection**.

Montrose Cottage - The Clerk has been advised of an application for proposed works to trees by Roger Graham. It was considered unlikely to be an issue; however the Clerk undertook to forward the details to the Councillors for comments.

152 Localism/HALC/Local Business Liaison.

Nothing to report

153 Highways.

Since the last meeting there has been no action on the potholes.

154 Broadband Speed.

Cllr Park Weir reported that there was no further news from Hampshire County Council. RedRaw internet service to Wield is waiting for fibre to Farleigh on 27 June. We will find out how good it is in Wield although it is not known which parts of Ellisfield it might reach.

155 Land and Property.

Speed Data collection was discussed during the open forum which is reported later in these minutes.

156 Footpaths & Rights of Way.

Cllr Reed has received an email from Andy Aiken to say he was getting in touch with Adrien de Ferranti about footpath 7. Adrien is away so Andy will contact Cllr Reed when there is some news.

157 Memorial Hall.

Nothing to report

158 Welcome Packs.

No new residents have joined the village

159 Any Other Business.

There was no other business raised.

160 Date of next meeting

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2016 are:

- Monday 18 July
- Monday 19 September
- Monday 7 November
- Monday 19 December

Matters discussed at Open Forum

Cliddesden have purchased a Speed Watch device at a cost of £1800. It is understood that a grant of £100 towards this was received from the Police. PC Reid advised that this was part of a Community Speed Watch Programme. To operate the system 6 volunteers are required. It is known that Bradley was quoted a cost in excess of £3000 for a similar system. The Police will check the roads to establish the best position and vet the volunteers. Registration number and speed will be recorded, checked with PNC and offenders will be warned by a police visit.

The Chairman then asked Cllr Park Weir for an update on buying our own simpler speed data collection equipment, which will be provided for the next meeting.

PC Reid undertook to contact Barry Ford, the Borough Council Highways Engineer, with regard to this matter.

Open Forum closed at 2025.