

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 18 July 2016. **Time:** 8:00pm

Venue: Memorial Hall, Ellisfield

Present:	Tim Guinness	Chairman
	Caroline Cazenove	Vice-Chair
	Gavin Park Weir	Councillor
	Vicky Reed	Councillor
	David Richards	Councillor
	Mick Walker	Clerk

Two members of the public

161 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Taplin sent her apologies via the Clerk.

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

There were none.

165 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman asked the Councillor to confirm that they had read and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016. They were **agreed** and the Chairman signed a copy for the records.

166 Matters Arising.

New Notice Boards – Cllr Park Weir has followed up his previous two contacts by email but has still not received replies.

There was discussion about the different types of finish that would be appropriate and whether two or three bays were needed.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Park Weir would **forward details of the various options** to the Councillors by email and that a decision would be taken at the next meeting.

The Chairman has emailed Richard Caldarone, Contracts Manager at Laings (Solar Power) with a request for a further grant of £1000 (as last year) towards replacement notice boards. A similar **request will be made** to Barfoots (Herriard Bio Power).

Flood Plans - The Chairman, together with Cllrs Charles Bradshaw and Rob Marks from Preston Candover & Nutley Parish Council, has had meetings with local landowners and visits to affected sites. A **meeting** with Charles Bradshaw is **planned for 23 July**. The Chairman has also exchanged a number of emails with Jessica Rowlett, Emergency Planning and Resilience Officer at Hampshire County Council. We really need help and technical advice about flood pit maintenance but Jessica insists that this is a Highways issue and has

copied them in to the email trail. **A meeting has been suggested for late August/early September.**

It is understood that a Lengthsman grant of £6000 is to be made available to the 'cluster' of six local parishes including Ellisfield. Jonathan Mosley (Preston Candover) is the head of the Lengthsman Scheme and Candover are the lead parish. Their intention is to employ one Lengthsman to cover all six parishes in the interests of economy and efficiency. The interested contactors, however, are not equipped for the sort of heavy work that Ellisfield needs ie maintenance of grips, ditches and flood pits. It has therefore been suggested that if Ellisfield wish to use their proportion of the grant to employ 'Digger Dave' for the first year then this would be acceptable.

Sandbags – Cllr Park Weir has repeated his request to BDBC Community Design and Regeneration Department for a supply of sandbags with no result. The Chairman undertook to reference last year's emails on the subject.

Planning Applications – There have been **no objections** to the planning applications for Blencathra or Montrose cottage.

Broadband Speed – There has been no progress on this item.

Speed Data Collection – PC Reid had been due to contact Barry Ford, the Borough Council Highways Engineer, but no information has been received.

Cllr Park Weir **agreed to circulate the background information** to the Councillors.

Footpath 7 - Two kissing gates have been installed to replace the existing stiles. Andrew Aitken (Hampshire Countryside Service) had arranged the supply of the gates. It is understood that the Parish Council had previously received a grant for the provision of gates and it was discussed how the money would now be used.

Cllr Reed requested that the minutes record that Ashley Turberfield be thanked for clearing the steps leading to the footpath that runs from The Fox to St Martin's Church.

167 Financial Update.

The Clerk presented three cheques for signature:

- £288 – DataCenta for email provision and website hosting.
- £1450 – Grant to Ellisfield Volunteer Group.
- £134.92 – Children's Party expenses.

All payments were approved and the cheques signed by the Chairman and Vice Chair.

The 2015/16 accounts have been sent to BDO, the external auditors.

It was proposed by the Chairman that the Parish Council would donate £250 to the appeal for the new Candover Valley Community Store in Preston Candover. Of the five Councillors present, two voted for the £250 donation and three abstained.

A request has been received from Tracey Gilvear for the Council to consider helping to fund a defibrillator for the village. Ray Reed, Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee, who was in attendance, informed the Council that this matter had also been discussed by the Memorial Hall Committee. Following discussion about possible costs and siting of the equipment Ray undertook to look at the feasibility of the proposal.

168 Highways.

It was noted that work has begun on the pot holes in Axford Road.

169 Memorial Hall.

The Memorial Hall Committee is applying for a Local Infrastructure Fund grant. This comes from the Government but is handled locally by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council. The application will cover:

Upgrade of electrics, lighting and heaters.

Renewal of fire safety exit door.

Renewal of glass panes between kitchen and hall. (to be safety glass but will look very similar)

Kitchen upgrade.

Defibrillator.

The Parish Council are happy to **support the application.**

170 New Residents.

No new residents have joined the village.

171 Any Other Business.

There was no other business raised.

172 Date of next meeting

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2016 are:

- Monday 19 September
- Monday 7 November
- Monday 19 December

Matters discussed at Open Forum

There was nothing to report from the open forum.