

**ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Date:** Monday 19 September **Time:** 8:00pm

**Venue:** Memorial Hall, Ellisfield

<b>Present:</b>	Tim Guinness	Chairman
	Vicky Reed	Councillor
	Rose Taplin	Councillor
	Mick Walker	Clerk

Five members of the public

**173 Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cazenove, Park Weir and Richards.

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

There were none.

**175 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting.**

The Chairman asked the Councillors to confirm that they had read and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2016. They were **agreed** and the Chairman signed a copy for the records.

**176 To receive a report from PC Andrew Reid**

Several minor incidents had occurred since the last meeting.

Andy reported that he had **contacted Barry Ford**, Senior Engineer at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to ask if they would be willing to put a speed recording device up to monitor the speeds being driven in the 30 mph limit along Axford Road. Andy had carried out speed enforcement here on a number of occasions and always issues at least one ticket for over 40 mph, plus numerous verbal warnings for over 35 mph.

A reply had been received from Adrian Morgan, another Senior Engineer, to say that Barry Ford had retired in May but offering to act as the point of contact. Adrian stated, however, that BDBC's remit for traffic management is quite defined and generally limited to parking issues. They do not have the equipment or funding to undertake a speed/volume type traffic survey and it was suggested that Hampshire Highways might be able to assist.

It was suggested that one way that BDBC might be able to assist is through the short term deployment of a Speed Limit Reminder sign. This is activated by a vehicle exceeding a set speed, displaying a 30 roundel and the message 'SLOW DOWN'. The sign records the number of times it is activated however, it can be activated several times by the same vehicle and is

not therefore a true reflection of the number of 'speeding' vehicles. The sign requires a lamp column or sign post to be mounted on which may also be a problem.

## 177 **Matters Arising.**

**New Notice Boards** - Cllr Park Weir has yet to receive any response to his queries about man-made notice boards that look like wood so he **suggests that we proceed** with a traditional wooden one. The notice board that we are proposing to replace is the 3 bay board on the corner of Furzen Lane and Green Lane opposite Lower Common.

Cllr Park Weir reported by letter that there are two suppliers from whom he had received quotes and which he thought would do a good job: Both quotes were in the region of £2000 including installation.

The Clerk was tasked with looking closer at the 2 quotes.

The Clerk reported that both Laings (Solar Power) and Barfoots (Herriard Bio Power) had each donated £1000 (as last year) towards replacement notice boards.

**Flood Plans** - The Chairman **had contacted Lasham Gliding Centre** about rainfall data collection. A reply had been received from David Masson who does soaring forecasts for Lasham and also looks after the weather station. As well as suggesting two websites which supply historical and ongoing local weather information David also recommends looking at online data supplied by the Environment Agency. They monitor rainfall and water levels constantly and further information is released when the flood risk is higher. The EA appears to encourage and support parish/local flood action groups and allow people to register for notification when the flooding risks are raised.

**Lengthsman Scheme** – Three possible candidates **have been identified** and the Clerk **will contact** each with an invitation to tender for the work.

**Sandbags** – Cllr Park Weir had not provided an update on this subject. The Chairman has supplied the Clerk with copies of last year's emails for reference.

**Planning Applications** – There have been no new planning applications.

**Broadband Speed** – Cllr Park Weir reported by letter that there was **no new update** from Hampshire / BT for Ellisfield.

He also reported that Redraw have now delivered their fibre service to Farley Wallop and a wireless connection to Lasham Airfield covering a large number of users which appears to be working well. They should be in a position to bring service to parts of Ellisfield using these two sites as bases. Redraw are a small organisation and can probably reach a number of other villages and businesses more easily than Ellisfield where getting paying clients contracted will be their focus. Cllr Park Weir **will continue to follow up** with them.

**Speed Data Collection** – Cllr Park Weir reported by letter that the alternatives are:

- a. Metro Count could sell us some equipment at a cost of £981 plus a cost of consumables of about £40 per survey.
- b. Metro Count could run a week long survey for us for £300 to £350 per week.
- c. Vehicle Counts is in the US and will sell survey equipment which is guaranteed for a 10 year lifespan. \$610 plus shipping plus import tax then £30-£40 for consumables.

**178 Financial Update.**

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

The Clerk **agreed to check** with HALC that the donation of £250 to the appeal for the new Candover Valley Community Store in Preston Candover was acceptable and legal since, of the five Councillors present, two voted for the donation and three abstained.

**179 Bushywarren Liaison Group.**

The next meeting of the Bushywarren Liaison Group will be at 3pm on Friday 23 September. Unfortunately, no one from the Council is able to attend.

**180 New Residents.**

No new residents have joined the village.

**181 Any Other Business.**

There was no other business raised.

**182 Date of next meeting**

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2016 are:

- Monday 7 November
- Monday 19 December

**Matters discussed at Open Forum**

Items raised by the public in the Open Forum:

A statement by Julian Wright of Bell Lane about broadband at Lasham, about BT's timescale for installing fibre to the top of the village and about what will possibly happen regarding the lower half of the village.

Mr Wright also reported that a local landowner and, on a separate occasion, the landowner's gamekeeper had both stopped him when walking on a village Right of Way and had insisted that his dog be put on a lead. Mr Wright wanted the council to note that the law states that a dog has to be "under control" and that the law does not say that the dog has to be on a lead.

Ray Reed of Green Lane informed the Council that, in his opinion, the Burial Ground was "a mess" and was very difficult to maintain. He asked the Council to inspect the Burial Ground.