

Ellisfield Parish Council
Minutes of meeting of held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall
at 8.00pm on Monday 23rd January 2017

Present:	Tim Guinness	Chairman
	Caroline Cazenove	Vice-Chairman
	David Richards	Counsellor
	Gavin Park-Weir	Counsellor
	Rose Taplin	Counsellor
	Vicky Reed	Counsellor
	Jacqui Matthews (JM)	Taking notes
	PC Andy Reid	Local Beat Officer
	4 members of public	

The meeting started with one minute's silence in memory of Parish Clerk, Mick Walker, who sadly died on Friday 06 January 2017.

194. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were none.

196. Finding a replacement for Mick Walker, Clerk following his sad death on 06 January 2017

Chairman explained advice received from HALC and options going forward:

- a. Consider the proposal that the Chairman be appointed unpaid Clerk until the next meeting or until a more permanent replacement for Mick Walker can be found, whichever is the sooner.

This was discussed and agreed; proposal from Cllr Cazenove, seconded by Cllr Park-Weir, unanimous agreement.

- b. Consider the proposal that a working party of all parish councillors wishing to be on it be appointed to consider and approve any action needed to surface replacement Clerk inc;
 - i. Advertisement of vacancy and analysis of responses;
 - ii. Pro-active identification of Ellisfield candidates;
 - iii. Pro-active identification of interim Clerk solutions.

It was agreed that a newsletter be prepared and delivered electronically and by hand to all Ellisfield residents;

Action: Jacqui Matthews and Councillors

- c. Discussions regarding Pro-active identification of candidates and interim solutions were postponed to a closed session at the end of the meeting.

Chairman confirmed the date and time of Mick Walkers funeral; Thursday 11 February at Basingstoke Crematorium. Also email and Royal Mail redirected to Jacqui Matthews in the interim.

Open Forum

PC Andy Reid, Local Beat officer, Hampshire Constabulary reported:

07.11.16	Abandoned 999 call; mobile in pocket
16.11.16	Concern for elderly resident
09.12.16	Bones found at house renovation in village – not found to be human
12.12.16	Speed enforcement Axford road; 2 warnings and 1 enforcement 42mph

Crime:

8 Non-dwelling Burglary – 7 garages, 2 garden shed/tackroom
Theft from motor vehicle (Sat Nav)
2 Assaults (domestic)

PC Reid also confirmed that Police are aware of crashed car in hedge on Bagmore Lane; it will be removed if owner delays further.

Items raised by the public in the Open Forum:

Joanne Thomas asked if Ellisfield parish Council was intending to oppose the proposed development of 40 houses in Cliddesden; Chairman confirmed it would be discussed under agenda item 6.

197. To receive and approve Minutes of a Meeting held on 7th November 2016.

Agreed and approved by all Councillors and Chairman signed all copies for records.

198. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Grants – Cllr Guinness confirmed he had contacted Richard Calderone and Laings (Solar Power) had paid £1,000 promised as contribution to community funds. (new noticeboards)

Flood plans – JM confirmed Clerk had interviewed Lengthsman candidates and it had been decided to ask Dave Salter to undertake 1 days' work with his digger in February at a rate agreed with MW (£250/day) with a view to returning in the summer if more work needed.

Request sandbags – Cllr Park Weir confirmed he had ordered 50 sandbags from BDBC but no response yet.

Broadband speed – Cllr Park Weir confirmed Redraw have delivered service to a number of adjacent communities; Wield, Lasham and Farleigh Wallop. A meeting planned week commencing 23/01/17 with Redraw to see how best they might serve different parts of Ellisfield. BT/Hampshire County Council: conversation with Glenn Peacey, who runs the Hampshire broadband program confirmed the latest situation; Ellisfield North is included in the Hampshire funded Wave 2 program and currently looks like BT should get to it during Q1

2018 but this could easily change. Ellisfield South is not included in the Hampshire program. There are two Hampshire run schemes that may benefit Ellisfield South; Broadband Wave 2 is receiving an additional £6.8m funding which will cover extra communities and might include Ellisfield South. Date to be announced. Also a soon to be launched programme of match funding (50% locally raised / 50% from Hampshire) to help the last few % with Superfast Broadband.

Bushywarren Liaison Group – Cllr Park-Weir confirmed he would be attending a meeting on Wednesday. Also established that under terms of planning permission for Veolia site; their lease expires in 2021 and planning conditions are for a temporary permissions which required site to be decommissioned and returned to wetland at the end of the lease; proposals and plans for decommissioning required to be submitted and agreed by end 2017.

Consultation – review of Statement Community Involvement (SCI) (2014) – nothing to report.

Risk Assessment – JM has started this – to be ready for next meeting.

Playground – replacement parts ordered(MW) and fitted by Tony Matthews; installation approved by BDBC playgrounds inspector.

Bus Shelter – Cllr Richards confirmed need and agreed to organise repairs.

Lower allotments – Cllr Guinness confirmed he had visited tenant (Mrs Rose Gray) to investigate felling of trees, and established that under the terms of her tenancy agreement, she had been coppicing.

Burial Ground – Cllr Cazenove confirmed she had not yet visited Burial Ground with Ray Reed to review potential to make EVG's task of maintaining the burial ground easier.

199. Planning Applications; Councillors considered the following applications:

Kandahar Cottage, The Green. Status: Registered/Pending T/00020/17/TCA, Application Type - Works to Trees - Conservation Areas, TREE 1 - Thuja - crown raise by 5m. TREE 2 - ash - repollard. To remove approx 4m from height to leave 6m from ground level. No Objection

Orchard House Church Lane. Status: Registered/Pending Proposal: 17/00002/HSE Erection of two storey side/rear extension No Objection

Proposal 16/04690/FUL, Land at Farleigh Road Cliddesden Hampshire. Erection of 40 dwellings to include 24 private homes and 16 affordable homes, associated parking, landscaping, amenity space and highway alterations . Applicant Thakeham Homes Ltd Thakeham House Summers Place Stane Street Billingshurst West Sussex RH14 9GN.

It was discussed and agreed that whilst outside the parish of Ellisfield, there was sufficient

cause for concern and from Ellisfield residents that this development was not only proposed for a Flood Plain in a Conservation Area, it was contrary to The Local Plan, was unacceptable urban development in a village setting and would have a negative impact on the village, increasing overall size by 30%. Ellisfield Parish Council to object.

200. To receive a report on Financial Matters, review accounts and agree 2017/18 Precept

Councillors reviewed a draft copy of 2015/16 Accounts based on bank statements and income/expenditure. It was proposed and agreed that no increase was needed for 2017/18 precept which remains at £5,521.

201. To receive a report and approve any action needed on:

Localism/HALC/Local business liaison

See Section 198 above

Flood Resilience Project

Cllr Guinness confirmed that despite frustratingly long delays in getting any response/action from Hampshire Highways with regard to flood alleviation work; they had eventually come back with an offer of £50,000 to excavate the drainage ditch on the east side of Green Lane, the flood pits behind Lower Common and flood pits on east side of Furzen Lane. It had been agreed that volunteers from Ellisfield and Preston Candover would undertake much preparation work, removing trees and vegetation. Cllr Guinness also reported that he had completed an application form to apply for a grant to hire a 'Chipper' councillors approved this application.

Property

Cllr Richards reported that the roof of the bus shelter at the bottom of Green Lane is in very poor condition and needs to be replaced. Cllr Richards to look at what is involved and if too much work for volunteer labour to obtain 3 quotes.

Cllr Park-Weir provided quotations for replacement noticeboards and it was agreed to replace noticeboard at Lower Common with a three pane cabinet while those on bus shelter need only two panes.

It was noted that village resident, April Carroll had offered to take responsibility for care of Phone Box Library. It was discussed and agreed that this offer would be accepted.

Highways

It was noted that the Cango Bus contract is to be reviewed/renewed in April 2017

Allotments

A plan of the Upper Allotments was reviewed, there is one vacant plot, and it was agreed that Cllr Reed take responsibility for organising a meeting of EAGA, Ellisfield Allotment Gardeners Association.

Memorial Hall

Cllr Taplin reported that the Memorial Hall Committee were due to meet the following day and that a £17,100 grant had been awarded by BDBC for new heating, kitchen and electric circuit board and to install a defibrillator.

Footpaths

Cllr Reed reported that Andrew Aitken, HCC Footpaths, had been in touch and would contact the landowner regarding footpaths that had been ploughed and not reinstated. Also no news on Kit Lane, there are currently six BOATS under review in Hampshire.

Next meeting – Monday 20 March 2017 at 8pm
in Ellisfield Memorial Hall

Forthcoming dates for 2017:

Fri 19 May – Annual Parish Meeting
Mon 22 May - EPC and EPC AGM
Mon 17 July - EPC
Mon 18 Sep - EPC
Mon 20 Nov - EPC