

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on November 28th 2017

Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Caroline Cazenove	Vice Chairman
Gavin Park – Weir	Councillor
David Richards	Councillor
Rose Taplin	Councillor

Peter and Sylvia Raine	Clerk
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PC Andy Reid	Local Beat Officer
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1 member of the public

248. Apologies for absence	Vicky Reed
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249. To receive declarations of interest in any matter on this agenda
None.

Open Forum

PC Andy Reid reported the following incidents in the village since the last meeting:

20.09.17	An altercation between 2 drivers at the junction of College Lane and Church Lane.
30.09.17	Nuisance youths on motor bikes at Northgate.
05.10.17	Poachers at Northgate.
22.10.17	False burglar alarm activation in the village.
26.10.17	A suspicious car in Furzen Lane suspected of being involved with poaching.
08.11.17	Road traffic incident in Berrydown Lane in which a car hit a BT pole.

PC Reid highlighted the incidents relating to poaching, referring to B&DBC Councillor Mark Ruffell's letter to Michael Lane, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the IOW. The letter expresses concern about the rise in rural crime, which could be addressed more efficiently if the locally based policeman was properly supported to respond quickly to such incidents in rural areas.

Items raised by the public in the Open Forum:

Alix Taylor, a member of Ellisfield Broadband Action Group, (EBAG) informed the meeting of her discussion with BT and HCC concerning broadband for the south of the village. Further updates on the various potential solutions will be forthcoming in the coming months.

There was some discussion about this issue:

EBAG is working with HCC to discover what funds are available and to explore potential options. It is likely that some funds will have to be raised by the village to bring a solution to Ellisifeld South.

The following questions were raised:

Are there enough telegraph poles down College Lane, to deliver to the south of the village?

If the village went ahead with Redraw, would BT still continue with the same provision?

If match funding was thought to be the answer, it seems that the Parish Council is not allowed to support it financially. Can we challenge this opinion?

250. To receive and approve minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2017.

These were approved by all and signed by the Chairman.

251. Matters arising from the Minutes.

None.

252. To consider planning applications.

17/03487/FUL Land adjacent to Junction 6 M3 Basingstoke Hants.

The OS map was consulted to consider the villages which would be most affected in more detail.

Following discussion between meetings, the Parish Council has commented in writing to the planning department, finding no merit in this proposal. It is thought that it would threaten the policy of protecting the countryside south of the M3, and there does not seem to be a need for another service area. In addition, traffic at the Black Dam roundabout would be adversely affected.

17/03431/CONS – Application no HCC/ 2017/0692 –

Veolia Composting Facility, Bushywarren lane.

The Chairman read an e mail from a resident expressing concern about the effect of the proposal on wildlife. The council decided that it was not sufficiently informed of the potential threat to wildlife, and would therefore take advice from EVA, which has been informed of the application.

253. To receive a report on financial matters.

- The current bank balance is £14,662.33

- Allotment account balance is £1816.52
- The meeting agreed that Peter Raine should be authorised to access the NS&I bank account.
- The meeting approved the payments made between meetings to :
 1. The Internal Auditor (£120)
 2. Preston Candover and Nutley Flood resilience (£450).
- Payment of £35 to the Information Commissioner re data protection was approved.
- It was agreed that there needs to be an agreement with Preston Candover re the Lengthsman scheme.
- The EPC does not seem to have received an invoice for the use of the hall for meetings. Councillor Taplin will investigate.
- The Chairman presented forecast receipts and payments for the year ending 31.03.18 vs the previous year, and also precept figures for 2017/18 and precept forecast 2018/19. These are to be considered so that, at the next meeting the figures for the precept can be approved.

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

1. Localism / HALC / local business Liaison:

- Potholes in Bushywarren Lane – no meeting or communication since the last EPC.
- The Chairman is pursuing Veolia to encourage them to financially support the introduction of superfast broadband, and also Laings for an annual contribution of £1,000.
- Reduction in bus service from 6 days a week to 3

Councillor Park –Weir, together with other Ellisfield residents, attended a meeting in Brown Candover on 25th September. As a result of the meeting, alterations have been made to the new bus timetable, which include the provision of a published stop in Ellisfield. However, it is still inadequate for Ellisfield as the service is so irregular and it is unlikely to be well used.

2. Flood resilience project:

The Chairman has asked Steve Brabbin to dig ditches where necessary. The meeting approved the development of a schedule of work for him for the sum of £1,000 per annum. The Chairman and Peter Raine to action this.

3. Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Reed provided a written report confirming that all footpaths were in good repair except for Kit Lane. She continues to work towards getting this repaired.

4. Highways:

- Speeding measurement on Axford Road:

Since the last meeting, the Chairman has located a firm which would be willing to provide a traffic survey on Axford Road for a reasonable cost. It was agreed that Simone Surveys Ltd should be asked to install 1 ATC for 7 days at a cost of £200 plus VAT. A report would be produced detailing the speed and volume of traffic and also the classification of the vehicles every 15 minutes. B&D and HCC will

need to be informed. This means that the previous decision to write to residents to assess enthusiasm for pursuing this matter, is no longer necessary.

- Poor road surface outside Hill farm Cottage – complaint received from resident:

Councillor Park –Weir stated that this had been reported twice in the past 2 years. Councillor Richards has reported this again in the last few weeks, and as the road has now been sprayed with white paint markings, it looks as though action will be taken soon. Councillor Richards has also reported the big pothole at the bus stop on Ellisfield Green where there is often flooding.

- Litter picking vacancy:

Harry Rumpus has decided that he no longer wants to be a litter picker and the job has been advertised. Alex Hellewell would like to do the job but isn't old enough yet, and Harry Frankham has offered to do 2 litter picking rounds. It was agreed that, if no one else applied for this role, then Harry Frankham should be allowed to do 2 rounds until Alex is old enough, as long as this did not result in him working too many hours.

5. Allotments:

- Charity Commission Annual return has been completed.
- A written report from Councillor Reed:

The Pro Gro which Veolia are kindly providing, will be collected in the week beginning 4th December. Chris Allen will also provide some manure. A successful meeting was held in October with all allotment holders attending except one, and a work party will take place in December.

- Rent payments are all paid.

6. Memorial Hall.

- Annual Christmas Fayre held on November 25th raised £2,398.00

7. Broadband:

- The meeting ratified the development of the EBAG group which has uncovered lots of options worth pursuing, and has harnessed people's energy. The Chairman commended Councillor Park Weir for his efforts in setting up the group.

8. Burial ground.

- Vice Chairman Cazenove is liaising with the family of Sally Adams concerning the gift of a new seat for the burial ground.

9. Land and Property.

- Quotes for noticeboards:

It was decided that the priority was to obtain a new notice board for Lower Common. This should be a wooden structure which can be oiled rather than varnished for ease of maintenance. Councillor Park –Weir will forward relevant information to the Clerk so that an up to date quotation can be obtained.

10. BDAPTC Nothing to report

11. Welcome Packs

Councillor Reed will take a welcome pack to the new resident in 5 Cannon Close.

255. To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the agenda and that the Chairman considers urgent.

- The Chairman proposed that in 2018 there should be some kind of village celebration to commemorate the end of WW1. Theresa Lunn was keen to prepare songs from the period. It was thought that this would be well received by the village.
- Peter Raine reported that he had received a notice from HMRC requesting £1,700 payment for PAYE and NI. This is incorrect and he will pursue this matter with HMRC.

256. To agree dates of future meetings:

Next Meeting Monday 15th January 2018

The Chairman proposed dates for 2018, to be confirmed at the next meeting:

05.03.18
23.04.18
25.06.18
23.07.18
10.09.18
15.10.18
26.11.18

The Meeting closed at 9.55pm

Chairman Date.....