

Appendix 2

Local Beat Officer; PC Andy Reid, Hampshire Constabulary:

Report to the Ellisfield Annual Parish Meeting

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A slight decrease of one reported crime in this parish compared with those of 2016. Ten crimes were reported with eleven in 2016. These crimes consisted of four assault allegations; three were by way of threats, including a delivery driver involved in a road rage with another driver, and a local resident receiving threatening text messages from a former partner. The fourth was a historical assault allegation. We also had criminal damage caused to a car parked in a beauty spot and threats made to cause criminal damage, we also had ten pheasant poulters shot by poachers, a non dwelling burglary to sheds at Ellisfield allotments, and a man reported missing from Basingstoke was found, and when searched was found to be carrying an illegal knife, so was arrested.

Other events in the parish thankfully did not involve flooding as in 2016, but in December we did have heavy rain and the Ellisfield flood defence work undertaken worked extremely well, and no flooding to homes took place. We did have two damage only traffic incidents (accidents), two concern for welfare for two individual residents, both of whom were in order, a tree across a road, two false burglar alarm activations, a report of property stolen from a house but after inquiries it was found to have been taken by a member of the family, a report of youths on motorcycles at Northgate causing a nuisance, known poachers seen in the village, a suspicious vehicle with poaching links seen, the milk tanker skidded on the ice and when the driver got out of the vehicle he too slipped and was injured, having to be taken to hospital and another driver sent out to remove the tanker and collect the milk, and gravel sellers at two homes. We also had unscrupulous men call and offer to cut down trees for a resident. However, he was fully aware of their scam and when they returned he declined their offer but again I received some excellent intelligence of the men and their vehicle.

And in May, a safe which had been cut open and stolen from a public house in Oakley, was found on a byway in Ellisfield. We also had a report of an HGV knocking down branches on Axford Road, a report of deer stalking taking place and some bones found when a house was being renovated, thankfully they were animal bones.

2018 – Crime reported so far this year:

Three crimes reported in the village to date, criminal damage to a vehicle at The Fox, which was detected and action taken against the person responsible. Firearms offences were reported and again enforcement action taken, and a burglary to Laurel House.

Other incidents in 2018 include a suspicious incident where there was a knock on the door of a house at 02.48 in Green Lane but no sign of anyone. A domestic dispute, problems with the snow and blocked roads, a concern for the welfare of a man who we found was in hospital, thanks to Dave our local milkman who does an excellent job and really looks out for people in our area. And an abandoned 999 call, which was found to be in order.

Grateful thanks to the clerk and members of the Parish Council for their continued support and to Jane and the NHW who do an excellent job.

Dee Haas expressed the village's thanks to PC Reid for all his hard work on our behalf.

Ray Reed asked PC Reid how easy it was to prosecute for fly tipping. PC Reid replied that if any identification was available to let him know and he would be able to follow up, with prosecution more likely.

Anna McNair Scott, Hampshire County Councillor

Councillor McNair Scott was pleased to see so many people at the meeting and delighted that the problems of flooding had been improved. She offered her congratulations to the village for leading the way in obtaining fibre optic broadband for the whole village.

Having listened to earlier comments about Bushywarren Lane, she committed to follow this up again with Veolia.

She also mentioned the following:

- because there has been a huge reduction in government funding, the council tax has increased, for the first time in many years, by 5.99%.

- more has to be saved over the next 2 years and in addition, the National Living Wage has been introduced and more people are living longer, both of which will increase spending.

HCC has done a good job financially:

Savings have been made by:

Sharing service arrangements with Oxfordshire County Council, and now with Westminster City Council, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

Energy saving measures have been introduced, including going paper free, with the result that carbon levels have been reduced by 40% ahead of time.

An extra £1,000,000 has been saved on traffic lights, which has been used to improve household waste recycling.

Mark Ruffell, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor for Upton Grey and Candovers

Councillor Ruffell reported that although Council Tax in Basingstoke & Deane has increased, it remains the lowest in Hampshire. It is the 7th lowest in the country whilst maintaining the 7th highest spend in the country. He reported on a number of on-going projects in the borough:

- The Borough Council has negotiated a deal, and planning application has been passed, to build a new business hotel in Basing View, which will set the standard for investing in Basingstoke.
- A deal has been signed with a private sector partner to redevelop the leisure park and create a retail outlet centre on the old site. This will not rival festival Place, which is now the 20th most popular shopping destination in the country, with vacancies in outlets at an all time low.
- There are 2 proposals for new motorway service stations, in particular the application to build south of the M3 at Junction 6. This has not been completed satisfactorily and more detail is needed to satisfy Hampshire Highways. In his opinion, the junction is not designed to have a southern spur and as this is likely to slow down traffic on the M3, he will oppose the application. Sue Self asked for the acreage of the service station. Cllr Ruffell did not have the exact figure but confirmed that it would not come right up to the road.
- As Cabinet Minister for Planning, he mentioned that the government has recalculated the methodology for assessing the number of houses to be built, which has caused the total for this area to rise to 960 per annum.
- Dee Haas asked if he had heard about the plan to make a rail link between Basingstoke and Heathrow. He agreed that this has been mentioned as well as the possibility of extending 4 lanes on the M3 down to Junction 6.

Representatives of Ellisfield Village Organisations

St Martin's Church and District Church Council

Revd. Stephen Mourant, Associate Rector reported:

- He and Revd. David Chattell serve the whole benefice between them, although most of his time is spent in Ellisfield, Cliddesden, Dummer and Farleigh. Ellisfield is well served with organists, particularly Caroline Cazenove who plays regularly and Christina Veasey.
- Much work continues behind the scenes: last year there were 8 baptisms, 7 weddings and 9 funerals in Farleigh Parish. David and Stephen invest in marriage by running marriage preparation courses where couples come for a day of teaching, questionnaires, video clips, and some humour. This year we have run the course twice, and have 17 weddings booked across the benefice.
- There was a break in at Cliddesden Church in June 2017, in which all the church silver and the wedding registers were stolen. We are currently raising funds to pay for installing a WC and kitchen area in the church, and move a few pews, which will enhance our worship and work.
- Stephen runs a fellowship group on Wednesday evenings for those wanting to go deeper in their Christian faith, and also runs Exploring Faith courses leading to confirmation, which have been well enjoyed, and if anyone is interested in knowing more please ask for details.
- Messy Church meets monthly in Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall.
- This year a parish playgroup has started. Meetings are held on Friday mornings at Cliddesden Millennium Village Hall and already 25 families are involved.

Belles of St Martin's Choir

Theresa Webb, Choir Leader sent a written report:

2017 was a busy year for the choir. We started with the Easter Service and then went onto rehearse for our concert at Queen Mary's College with The Heritage Light Orchestra, which was very well received.

After the concert in July, the choir was back in the church for the Harvest Festival service and at Christmas were performing again with The Heritage Light Orchestra, to help raise money for 'Zacky's Dare to Dream' fund. This was performed at The Cliddesden Millennium Hall on the 16th December, and was followed by the 9 lessons and carol service on the 17th. The end of another busy year.

The choir has a good membership, currently consisting of 17 members. We have welcomed two new members to the choir this year, Louise Gould from Gravelins at the bottom of College Lane and Amelia Prosser from Keepers Cottage, Farleigh.

So far this year, in March, we sang at Lord Lymington's baby daughters Baptism. The Choir were on top form singing John Rutter's – The Lord Bless you and Keep You. Paul Wright accompanied the choir on this occasion.

We sang at the Easter Praise Service (I even donned a pink wig kindly donated by Jacqui Matthews) as we sang the sister Act classic 'I Will Follow Him', and repeated– The Lord Bless you and Keep you as the blessing.

We are now currently in rehearsal for The Basingstoke Festival of Choirs Concert, which is going to be performed at The Anvil once again on September 30th. This will be followed by the Harvest Festival Service and the 9 Lessons and Carols.

The choir are very excited to be performing at the WW1 celebrations in the village hall on November 10th, rehearsals for this will start immediately after The Anvil Concert, and the choir will be accompanied by Caroline Cazenove.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking the church for the rehearsal venue, and to Caroline, who always plays so beautifully for The Belles at rehearsals and during the services.

Ellisfield Allotment Gardener's Association

Vicky Reed reported:

We held an on-site meeting of allotment holders in October last to discuss plans, the first for some years.

Veolia donated a load of Pro Gro which was collected and delivered thanks to Chris Allen.

Chris Allen also donated and delivered a load of ripe manure.

I will meet Chris Allen soon to discuss improving the track to the Allotments using his new digger (toy!)

We are holding a "Grow a spud in a bag" competition this year.

There will be plots available to rent in October.

Ellisfield Ladies

Diane Sandeman, Chairwoman, reported on behalf of the recently re-elected Ellisfield Ladies Club committee, along with Sue Self, Kim Evans and April Carroll. (This is our third year!)

It's been another enjoyable year in the Ellisfield Ladies, where we have taken a more relaxed approach to organizing events, after it was suggested at last year's AGM that we don't need to put ourselves under pressure to organize an event every single month.

In total we've put on nine events since last March, (as opposed to 11 the year before) and so here's a quick reminder of what we got up to:

Early on in March we had another pottery painting evening in Cliddesden

Apart from the AGM mid-March, the final event of the month was the Spring Flower arranging workshop, on Saturday 25th March when fourteen of us assembled here with an abundance of foliage from our gardens and hedgerows, and a myriad of weird and wonderful props, which with our expert guide, Jean, led us through the joys of making three floral arrangements each: a Spring trug basket, a balloon shaped tulip table decoration and a small posey.

At the Eco Workshop on 6th May 2017, seven of us ventured out to the Old Stables at Dummer Down Farm to participate in a workshop run by Tony, who, amongst other things, teaches people how to upcycle their furniture. We were shown how to apply paint and wax, just practising on pieces of wood to start with before

being let loose on our own flowerpots! Tony has an admirable ethos for his Eco Workshop business – to help the environment by repurposing things you might have otherwise thrown away. Equally, teaching people some new skills which they can use for life – brilliant!

A very lucky thirteen of us made our way to the Whitchurch Silk Mill on Sunday 6th August and it was a delightful afternoon out! It is the oldest silk mill in the UK still in its original building. A gem of industrial heritage in beautiful, rural Hampshire, the Whitchurch Silk Mill is a Georgian water mill that weaves silk using 19th century machinery.

On Sunday 3rd September we took part in a wine tasting event at Hattingley with a trip to The Sun at Bentworth afterwards for a late lunch. 20 people went and 14 of us went to the pub. Very professional tour, despite the rain! We learned about harvesting the grapes, pressing, fermentation, blending, tirage and bottling, second fermentation, ageing, riddling, disgorging, labelling.....and finally selling for us to buy and thoroughly enjoy! English sparkling wine at its best, for which Hattingley receives plenty of awards.

A cooking demonstration took place on Saturday 11th November organised by Jayne Nason and her catering friend Sarah Garwood. 20 people attended and it was, once again, a tremendous success with absolutely tons of food, hints and tips as well as marvellous anecdotes! Sarah has been to visit us before and impressed us tremendously with her culinary expertise, and once again we were stunned by everything she did. Once her demo was completed, we were then invited to consume her creations for our lunch! It was a tough job....

Winchester Cathedral Roof Tour – 6 people went on Sat 9th December, , and it felt a privilege to see how the cathedral was built, as well as to enjoy the spectacular views over Winchester of the Christmas Market and Ice Rink from the outside balcony around the Cathedral roof. We also walked inside across the top of the stone vaulted ceiling above the Nave and marvelled at the 900 year-old roof beams, before visiting the Cathedral's impressive bell ringing chamber with 16 bells, at the heart of the Cathedral Tower.!

We held another Ellisfield Quiz, on 24th February 2018 with Howard posing some more challenging questions! It was particularly tricky identifying the 'famous' faces, although one local gal was easy to spot!! The smallest team of 4 people won the day – not that they were being competitive or anything! Happily the fish n chips turned up in good time and were duly consumed with relish/ketchup before tucking into some lovely desserts. Not necessarily the most healthy of meals, but HIGHLY necessary to feed our brain cells! It was, as usual, a win-win all round with £125 raised for Zacky's campaign, plus the 2nd place team contributed their £20 winnings too.

With 42 members last year, down by half a dozen or so from our first year, there is still a hard core of 30 members who will typically support events. We have tried to be inclusive with most of the events inviting partners, and families where it is appropriate.

The finances remain very healthy. We have been nibbling away at this by eg. paying for the hire of the hall for all of the hall-based events, to help in keeping costs down for members. We have reduced the annual sub to £5 for 2018-19.

I'd like to once again say a very big THANK YOU to my fellow committee members April, Kim and Sue. It has been a real pleasure working with them again, their commitment and enthusiasm ensuring that we make a great team.

Ellisfield Memorial Hall Committee

Ray Reed, Chairman, Ellisfield Memorial Hall Management Committee reported:

We recently held the AGM which attracted 3 members of the public, a threefold increase on the 2017 meeting!

As can be seen, significant improvements have recently been made thanks to a generous grant from the Basingstoke and Dean Council.

We plan to finish this phase of work by repainting the dark green woodwork in a lighter colour; by installing a "Dado" rail and by cleaning the outside of the building.

The committee is considering improvements to the car park. This could be a significant and costly project.

More research needs to be done to assess the options.

Saturday 10th November is a significant date which will be marked by a Dinner in the Hall.

Later in November there will be the Christmas Fayre.

Our thanks to Tony Mathews who will step down as Hall Bookings Manager this Summer. He has provided great support for a long time

Ellisfield Village Association (EVA)

Chair, Dee Haas reported:

The idea behind EVA has always been to hold expertise on planning issues and to campaign when needed. Our mission is To Protect, Appreciate and Enhance Ellisfield and its Surrounding Landscape.

2017 was a relatively quiet year for EVA-which is a good thing, as we mainly exist to fight any unwanted development proposals affecting our village and its surrounding landscape.

We continue to be represented on the Bushywarren Liaison Group chaired by Cllr Anna McNair-Scott, which monitors the operations of the businesses on Bushywarren Lane. This has allowed us to tackle problems as diverse as potholes in the road, noise from the solar farm and the impact of the various operations on the wildlife population, particularly dormice which are an indicator species.

A planning application for 40 dwellings in Cliddesden; EVA wrote to object to this application as we felt it was out of proportion to the size of the village and would set a precedent in other parts of the area south of the M3.

Motorway service stations: as a result of the relaxing of a previous rule determining the frequency of service stations along major roads, there have been two proposals for new stations on the M3, either side of Basingstoke at Junctions 6 and 7. A number of us joined a demonstration organised by Maria Miller recently and a good amount of publicity was generated. The planning applications are due to go in soon and Maria Miller has presented a petition to the House of Commons.

High Speed Broadband: As chair of EVA, I wrote to Roy Perry, leader of HCC to ask that they consider Ellisfield as a whole village rather than bringing High Speed fibre cable in at different times. We have made a contribution towards the EBAG fund and are pleased that they have reached their target.

Ellisfield Volunteer Group

Andy Swanston, Chairman sent a written report:

During 2017, the turnout for volunteers was again excellent. We made some changes to last years schedule to recognize peoples abilities and hopefully this worked out for all concerned and will be reflected again in the 2018 schedule.

In terms of new volunteers we have had two new people come forward – Gordon Dunse and Sean Wheatley - who will appear on the 2018 schedule – I've buddied them up with some of you to help show them the ropes. I'd also like to welcome Janette Bacon to her first AGM who has taken over as secretary from Hannah who stepped down last year. With respect to the rest of the committee, there are no other changes to report.

In addition to the volunteers, I'm conscious that we also rely on a few people to store our equipment without which it would complicate storage and collection of the equipment. At Lower Common it is relatively easy since we have a garage. However, for the Burial Ground all the equipment is stored at the Old Manor and for the Gravel Pits at Nightingales. I'd like to thank Marcus and Lucinda Rule and Julian and Margaret Evans for letting us use their premises. Marcus and Lucinda have not been able to join tonight's AGM but have indicated they would like to join future events.

Following the floods of 2016, the defences at the back of Lower Common were upgraded during 2017. Although we haven't had the floods on the same scale as 2016, the run off from the road to the plain does seem to be working. I would also like to acknowledge that many volunteers put themselves forward to help with this activity and I'd like to express my thanks for this.

Last year I reported that many of you had been concerned with the build-up of detritus at the entrance to the burial ground. In early 2017 Paul, Graham and I installed a grass compound at the burial ground with direct access from the ground itself making it easier for you as volunteers to maintain as well as ensuring the area around the burial ground is kept tidier.

On the equipment side we replaced the hand mower at Lower Common with a donation of a used Harrier mower (but excellent condition) from Jacqui and Tony Matthews (thankyou). We also replaced the mower at the Gravel pits with a new one. This means the majority of mowers are generally in good condition or around 2 years old. In terms of 2018, we do not anticipate any major expenditure but it is likely that we will want to

replace some of the smaller equipment such as strimmers.

And finally, I would also like to thank the EVG committee for their support in the day to day running of the organization. I'm very grateful to have such an excellent team to support me.

The Horticultural Society

Claire Cooke sent a written report:

The horticultural society encompasses the villages of Ellisfield, Cliddesden and Farleigh Wallop, and has been in existence since 1947. We are classified as a charitable society, and our activities are funded solely by membership fees, entry fees & donations, and funds raised at our annual plant sale.

At present our membership is 63 households spread across the 3 villages.

Throughout the year we hold 5 evening meetings, with speakers on very varied subjects. These meetings are either held in Ellisfield MH, or Cliddesden Millenium Hall. This year, so far, we have had talks on the botanic gardens of Jerusalem, and a coast-to-coast walk across Southern Ireland.

Coming this month:

23rd May at Ellisfield VH -Steve Peach from Queen Elizabeth Country Park returns: this time to talk about the connection between QECP and a community in Uganda.

Entry to meetings is £1 for members, £2 for non-members.

For a list of future meetings & events, refer to the Ellisfield newsletter under groups.

Our biannual shows are held in Cliddesden MH.

As well as flowers, fruit, and veg members can show their skills in a diverse range of classes, from domestic and handicraft in the spring show, to photography and flower arranging in the summer show.

New members are always welcome, membership is £8 per year, per household.

I am frequently asked, while rushing around preparing entries, for the Spring, or Summer Show – 'Why?'

Why is it every year, twice a year, do I put myself through the stress of entering the show?

For me it's about keeping things alive.

Whether it's the cookery skills, the challenge of growing and showing a beautiful daffodil or rose, or putting your creative brain into gear to make a flower arrangement, it's the bringing together of ages, backgrounds and interests, across the community, which is most important.

This is why we welcome new members, whether they have green fingers, or are all thumbs in the garden.

Because it's not just about the fruit & flowers, it's about keeping the community together and celebrating our different talents and interests.

I hope to see you at the next meeting

Neighbourhood Watch:

see PC Reid's report above.

Oil Syndicate:

Ted Dowson reported:

The Ellisfield Oil Syndicate is a community-based project which exists to allow its members to purchase domestic heating oil at a reduced price. The syndicate is non-profit making and run on a purely voluntary basis. It serves all four villages in the Benefice and has been running for 11 years. During that time we have processed orders totalling over 700,000 litres and saved the 46 members over £23,000.

Negotiations with the supplier are carried out by Richard Haas and administration is managed by Ted Dowson. Currently the suppliers that we negotiate with are Certas, Rawlings Fuels and suppliers chosen by Boilerjuice, the price comparison website.

At the beginning of ordering months an email is sent to all members asking for orders and a deadline of approximately one week is set in which orders must be received.

Our preferred method of communication is by email, but where necessary members are contacted by telephone.

It is not possible to put a precise figure on actual savings as it depends upon the price at the time of ordering and the volume of oil involved, however, a saving of 2 to 3p per litre is realistic. The current market rate for an order placed through a syndicate is 50ppl.

For a member's first order, the supplier will ask new customers to pay at the time of ordering. Subsequent orders are invoiced. All payments are made direct to the supplier by the member.

Our delivery months are January, March, June, September, November.

Reports and Presentation Session ended at 9.26pm