

**Minutes of the Ellisfield Annual Parish Meeting
held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 18th May 2018 at 8.00 pm**

Present

Tim Guinness (Chairman of Ellisfield Parish Council and Chairman of the Meeting)

34 members of the public

(including Parish Councillors Caroline Cazenove, Rose Taplin & Vicky Reed)

Minutes

Taken by Sylvia Raine

In Attendance

Anna McNair Scott Hampshire County Councillor

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

PC Andrew Reid, Local Beat Officer, Hampshire Constabulary

289 Apologies for Absence. Steve Brabbin, Sheila Brown, Claire Cooke, Jane Hannah, Gavin Park-Weir, Neil Popkin, Debbie Scholey, Andy Swanston, Theresa Webb, Julian Wright,

290 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5th May 2017. The Minutes had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting but time was allowed for reading before it was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes for the records.

291 Matters Arising from the Minutes. (None.)

292 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Chairman presented his report which included receipts and payments for year ended 31st March 2018 vs previous year, and precept forecast. (**Appendix 1**),

293 To receive a report from the Trustees of Ellisfield Educational Trust.

Ellisfield Educational Trust: Report For Year Ending 31st December 2017

Bernard Cazenove presented a report from the Trustees

Bernard Cazenove gave details of the Ellisfield Educational Trust and made comments about the activity in 2017. The income has risen to £2,689 (£2,539 in 2016) and the capital value has gone up to £ 66,005 (£61,834). During the year £ 2,181 was spent on 7 grants to individuals, £305 was donated to Cliddesden School and £250 given to the Farleigh PCC to help set up the "toddler school."

He concluded his presentation by reminding those present at the meeting that the trustees welcomed applications from all members of the village and that the trustees would support all educational activity by any age of person. In the past the trustees have assisted with piano and driving lessons as well as language and first aid courses.

294 Any other Village Matters.

Julian Evans asked if the Parish Council has a policy dealing with the treatment of ivy on roadside trees, his concern being that he had noticed it had been cut quite zealously on roadside trees. He expressed the opinion that ivy provides cover for small birds and is a late winter source of nectar for bees. The Chairman confirmed that there is no formal policy and that different landowners have different views about this issue.

Jane Park-Weir expressed her concern about the speed of traffic in the village, particularly on Green Lane where there is a blind corner near the junction with Furzen Lane. The Chairman explained that this had been considered at the last meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council during which it was mentioned that historically there had been two schools of thought in the village: one being the need for speed limits to ensure the safety of pedestrians, as opposed to the view that

speed limits do not necessarily slow down traffic and the road signs are not aesthetically pleasing. He informed the meeting that surveys had been completed in the past, the most recent having resulted in the 30 mph speed limit being introduced on Axford Road. He agreed that another survey could be undertaken and urged the meeting to consider other possible ways to reduce traffic speed.

Richard Haas raised the issue of Bushywarren Lane where there are various problems including potholes, which need attention, and also parked lorries, which restrict the view for other road users and cause difficulties with access on to the main road. The Chairman assured the meeting that the Parish Council is vigorously on the case: Hampshire Highways are aware of the problem of potholes but do not have the budget to complete the work at the moment. Dee Haas commented that since the liaison group was set up by Councillor McNair Scott, communication with Veolia was better and the situation had improved. She suggested that the issue of planning permission would be reviewed in approximately 2 years time and then EVA will try to use their influence to improve matters further.

The meeting closed at 8-37pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

The formal meeting was then followed by presentations from PC Andy Reid, Local Beat Officer, Anna McNair Scott, Hampshire County Cllr, Mark Ruffell, Basingstoke and Deane Cllr, and representatives of Ellisfield Village Organisations. **(Appendix 2)**