

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on January 15th 2018 at 8pm

Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Caroline Cazenove	Vice Chairman
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Vicky Reed	Councillor
David Richards	Councillor
Rose Taplin	Councillor
Peter Raine	
Sylvia Raine	Joint Parish Clerk
PC Andy Reid	Local Beat Officer
1 member of the public	

257. Apologies for Absence

None

258. To receive declarations of interest in any matter on the agenda –

The Chairman declared an interest in the planning application 17/04015/HSE – item 5

Open Forum

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

12.12.17	A milk tanker was stuck on the ice at Northgate Lane. The driver slipped and had to be taken to hospital.
23.12.17	A man missing from Basingstoke was found on Bushywarren Lane and arrested because he was carrying a lock knife.
01.01.18	Criminal damage at The Fox Public House.
03.01.18	Firearms offences.

In 2016 there were 11 crimes. In 2017 there were 9 crimes.

259. To receive and approve minutes of meeting held on 28th November 2017

These were agreed and approved by all councillors

260. Matters arising from the minutes

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

261. To consider planning applications

17/04015/HSE Widmoor Farm, College Lane – conversion of an existing outbuilding to provide an office with a bedroom and bathroom and retained garden store.

The council agreed between meetings via e mail that there was no objection to the application and that was ratified. (Note the Chairman did not participate in this.)

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

Veolia Composting Facility, Bushywarren Lane.

The Chairman reported that EVA did not raise any issues about a threat to wildlife so it was agreed that no objection would be made.

262. To receive a report on financial matters.

- Finance report:

Bank balances -Treasurers Account	£14,511.67
Allotment Account	£ 1,840.52

The current balance for the NS&I investment account should be available for the next meeting after receipt of the annual statement.

Reimbursement to Peter Raine for data protection payment was approved and cheque signed. Cheque number 000773 £35.00

- The claim from HMRC is in the process of being sorted out.
- Peter Raine presented the precept forecast for 2018/9, which was accepted, and the request to B&DBC approved and signed.

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

a Localism / HALC / Local business Liaison

- The potholes in Bushywarren Lane have still not been dealt with.
- The Chairman has written to Veolia to inform them of the latest EBAG developments to encourage them to financially support the introduction of superfast broadband. The Local Business Liaison Committee will meet on 25th January at 2.30pm. Councillor Park-Weir will be unable to attend. Either Councillor Richards or Peter Raine will try to attend.
- C41 Bus service:
the last bus is now 15.25 from Basingstoke. Ted Dowson reported via e mail that the service is well used by a small group of people but that the reduction in service makes it only really useful for shopping.

b Flood resilience project

- The Chairman produced an Agreement for Contract for Services of a Lengthsman. This was approved by all councillors and the Chairman will arrange a meeting with Steve Brabbin to go through the document

with him and also ask if he would be willing to do work for any other parishes.

- The Chairman produced an Agreement between The Parish Council of Candovers and the Parish Council of Ellisfield for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme which was approved by all councillors. The clerk will arrange copies for signature by both parties.
- The clerk reported that lengthsman's work needs to be reported electronically.

c Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Reed reported that she has made many requests to HCC for the surface of Kit Lane to be improved, without success. She will continue to pursue this matter, which seems reasonable, as we do not call on HCC for cutting rights of way.

d Highways

- Speeding measurement:
Simone Surveys have been informed that the Parish Council has approved the installation of 1 ATC for 7 days on Axford Road. The precise location of the installation needs to be chosen so that Basingstoke and Deane can be informed. The Chairman and the Clerk will write a letter to residents informing them of the decision and asking for their opinion as to the location.
- Poor road surface outside Hill Farm Cottage and at the bus stop:
There is still no evidence of work being carried out.
- Litter picker vacancy:
There were 2 volunteers for this post and Jackson Hellewell was chosen by the councillors. The clerk will inform both candidates and prepare all that is necessary for Jackson to begin as soon as possible.
- HCC Parish Autumn Briefing Report:
Peter Raine attended the meeting on December 13th 2017 and gave a brief report. Of particular note was the intention to build 100,000 dwellings in Hampshire over the next 10 years. This raises the issue of the effect on rural communities and the necessary infrastructure.
- It was noted that from 29th January, there will be a road closure on Bushywarren Lane, from the junction with Church Lane to the side of Widmoor Cottages.

e Allotments

- Councillor Reed reported that there has been another successful meeting of the allotment holders. They have received the free compost from Veolia and a mower has been purchased for £78. Another meeting is planned for March. There will be a potato growing competition in the summer, the winner being the person with the heaviest weight of potatoes. The Chairman thanked Councillor Reed for her sterling work with the allotment holders.

f Memorial Hall

- Councillor Taplin will contact the treasurer for the Memorial Hall rental payments for the use of the hall, which do not seem to have been invoiced.
- End of WW1 Celebration. This was discussed and the initial thoughts were that it should be an evening including slides, supper, a sing song and dancing. Councillors Cazenove, Taplin and Reed will form a working party to organise the details.

g Broadband

Councillor Park Weir confirmed that:

1. There are not enough telegraph poles on College Lane to deliver fibre to the south of the village therefore it has to come as was always expected from the Herriard cabinet.]
2. BT would still continue with the same provision if the village went ahead with Redraw, unless there were not enough people to pay for BT.
3. He will investigate whether there is any way that the Parish Council could financially support match funding, if that was thought to be the answer.
4. EBAG is waiting for a quote from Open reach and HCC for bringing fibre to the south of the village.

h Burial Ground

- Vice Chairman Cazenove continues to be in touch with the family of Sally Adams about arrangements for a new seat.
- The Council approved, via e-mail correspondence, the request from Mick Lunn's family for the interment of cremated remains in Ellisfield burial ground.

i Land and Property

Peter and Sylvia Raine presented 2 quotations for a wooden noticeboard to replace that on Lower Common, which is now falling apart. It was decided that more research was necessary to ensure that the board should be as long lasting as possible whilst also needing little maintenance.

A working party of Vice Chairman Cazenove, Councillor Reed and the Clerk will pursue this further.

j BDAPTC

The Clerk will investigate who receives the information about these meetings.

k Welcome Packs

Councillor Reed reported that she had taken a cake to the new residents of Cannon Close.

l. Data Protection

A draft letter was presented, asking for residents' permission to hold their e-mail/ telephone details and to establish whether we can share them with other village organisations. This was considered and approved. The clerk will distribute the letter.

m Rural Network Survey

The survey was presented, together with examples of the information which the Rural Services Network circulates. It was decided that the clerk should use discretion as to whether information was useful and send to appropriate councillors. The survey appeared to be too detailed to warrant completion.

264. Letter re TAG/GA Farnborough Airspace Change Proposal.

It was decided to write a letter similar to that written by Herriard PC. TG/SR to action.

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

None.

266. To agree dates of future meetings

Next Meeting	EPC Tuesday 6 th March
Forthcoming dates	Monday 23 rd April
	Monday 25 th June
	Monday 23 rd July
	Monday 17 th September
	Monday 15 th October

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Chairman

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