

# ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 8pm

### Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Vicky Reed	Councillor
Peter Raine	{
Sylvia Raine	{Joint Parish Clerk

4 members of the public

### 289. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Cazenove, Rose Taplin

290. To receive declarations of interest in any matter on the agenda – None

### Open Forum

PC Reid reported that there was only one incident to report since the last meeting, which was a fallen tree in Green Lane on 31<sup>st</sup> May. This had been dealt with by the occupants of a van, who happened to have a saw. The van, registration number beginning LX15, and sign written “Horndean Window Cleaning”, is of interest in connection with poaching offences.

3 crimes reported to date in 2018: criminal damage at The Fox, firearms offences and a burglary at Laurel House.

Stephen Gould asked about progress with **traffic calming** measures on Axford Road. The Chairman reported that a letter had not yet been written to Hampshire Highways because he had been in communication with them about digging out the drains on Axford Road so that the water runs off the road. He has now proved highway’s responsibility for this section of the road and they have agreed to do the work if the village can clear the vegetation. EVG will be approached to see if they are able to do this and once this work is completed, the dialogue with Highways can proceed to traffic calming.

Steven Gould asked if he could **creosote the soffit on the bus shelter** that has recently been repaired. His offer was gratefully received. He also agreed to trim around the noticeboard at the bottom of Green Lane.

Steven Gould asked, on behalf of June Pluckrose, if a **handrail** could be erected to enable access to the post box at the bottom of Green Lane. It was agreed that this should not be a problem. The clerk will investigate.

There was discussion with Steve Brabbin about a programme of **lengthsman’s work**. It might be possible for him to survey the village with the Chairman and Peter Raine. Steve will not be able to work for about 12 weeks from the end of September, after an operation.

Ray Reed explained that when the Memorial Hall applied for a grant for improvements, it was thought that it would be beneficial to install a

**defibrillator**, especially as the village is on a popular route for runners. He has spoken to the A&E Consultant at Basingstoke Hospital who strongly advised to get one. It is unclear where to site it – the Hall or the pub being the 2 proposals. This seems to be a parish rather than a hall issue, so as the money from the grant will not stretch to covering the whole cost, would the EPC be able to make a financial contribution. The cost would be approx. £1,500 plus VAT with insurance for 8 years. It was thought that the EPC could match fund, if some of the cost could be found elsewhere. A decision would be made at the next meeting after further research and discussion.

Councillor Park-Weir reported that a resident on Green Lane had complained that the erection of a **communications mast** in the de Ferranti's field, is intrusive in that it blocks his view from the garden. The mast has had to be made higher because once the trees came into leaf, it became ineffective. Although this is providing a valuable service to many residents, it was recognised that it was not an attractive addition to the village. There was some discussion about whether planning permission should have been sought, but Councillor Park Weir said that he had originally raised this issue with Redraw who advised that it was not necessary. It was agreed that the views of other residents should be sought and the council should investigate whether the mast could be camouflaged in some way.

### **291. To receive and approve minutes of meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

These were agreed and approved by all councillors and signed by the Chairman.

### **292. Matters arising from the minutes**

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

### **293. To consider planning applications**

#### **T/00172/18/TPO Laurel House, College Lane, Ellisfield**

Remove 1 stem on beech tree leaning towards garage. Remove previous failed stem in top of canopy. Remove crossing limbs in both trees, crown lift over neighbour's drive to 5 metres. GRANTED  
There had been no objections to this application.

#### **Installation of Biogas Upgrader, Gas Storage Container, Biomethane off - take Vehicle Bays and Ancillary Equipment at Anaerobic Digester Installation, Bushywarren Lane, Ellisfield RG25 2NS** **HCC/2018/0435 REF PLAN/WJA/ BA173**

The plans were considered and it was thought that the proposal would not intrude much more than the present construction. However, the Chairman will talk to EVA and other residents who live closer to the development to see if they have any strong views.

## 294. To receive a report on financial matters.

### • Finance report:

Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 25.06.18:	£11,752.05
Add NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,281.58</u> (as at 19.01.18)
Total	£22,033.63
Less uncashed cheques:	£ 129.92
Balance	£21,903.71
Less future liabilities:	
Steve Brabbin (Re notice boards)	£ 282.00
Clerks salaries and expenses	£ 698.16
HMRC re Clerks salaries	£ 166.80
<b>Current cash assets</b>	<b>£20,756.75</b>

### Main Account Payments for Approval:

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Details
Steve Brabbin:	000792	£282.00	Erect new noticeboards and remove old.
Peter Raine	000793	£349.08	Clerks salary, allowances and expenses
Sylvia Raine	000794	£349.08	Clerks salary and allowances
HMRC	000795	£166.80	HMRC re clerks salaries

### Standing Orders & Direct Debits Paid this year:

Litter picking, Garage rental                    £ 295.17

<b>Cheques paid since last meeting:</b>	£1,450.00	Ellisfield Volunteer Group
	£76.75	Beverley Guinness (APM expenses)
	£53.17	Caroline Cazenove (APM expenses)

### Income since last meeting:

6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Burial Ground Fees	£60.00	Stephan Bialik
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Basingstoke & Deane B C	£1,166.98	Litter picking grant

**Approval of:** Website domain renewal at £150.00 for two years.  
Peter Raine was thanked for his work.

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

### a Localism / HALC / Local business Liaison

#### Noise from Solar Array

The council considered the correspondence with Anesco and although a detailed response has not yet been received, there does seem to be the intention to solve the problem. It was decided to leave this to EVA for the moment.

#### b Flood resilience project

The chairman and clerk will liaise with Steve Brabbin about the lengthsman's work which needs to be carried out.

#### c Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Reed reported that she was still negotiating with Andy Aitken from HCC about improvements to Kit Lane.

She also informed the meeting that she had received a complaint from a resident about the state of the footpaths. When she investigated further, it seemed that the complaint was mostly unfounded, although, in response she strimmed the path behind the church. The chairman thanked her for the good job that she is doing.

## **d Highways**

- **Traffic Speed Analysis on Axford Road:**

The chairman reported that he was initially liaising with Hampshire Highways about clearing the drains on Axford Road before entering into dialogue about traffic calming. (See open forum). The councillors were pleased to receive a letter from Roy Frankham thanking them for all their recent achievements, particularly addressing the problem of speeding.

- It is the council's intention to survey the village about speeding in general.

## **e Memorial Hall**

- **First World War Centenary Celebrations – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Councillor Cazenove sent a written report indicating that plans for this event were proceeding well.

- **Memorial Hall**

There was no discussion other than that relating to a buying a defibrillator. ( See Open Forum)

## **f Broadband**

Councillor Park-Weir reported on progress so far:

The next step is to order fibre to the premises from Open Reach. Although the contract issued by HCC is not considered to be well worded, a member of EBAG is willing to sign it once all contributors have read and checked it. Also, EBAG has been informed that the quotation price is not fixed, so they are awaiting a fixed price, expected to be issued on 28<sup>th</sup> June with no change. BT has committed to clear the culvert under Lower Common if it is blocked. Councillor Park-Weir was thanked for EBAG's achievement.

## **g Burial Ground**

The council had approved, by e mail in between meetings, the interment of Stephan Bialik's body in a double grave with his mother, in accordance with the family's wishes.

There was discussion about the fact that the undertakers, Alexander and Dry had left the newly dug grave without a mound on top. This has now been rectified but the Chairman indicated that it would be beneficial to receive some assurance from the undertakers that this will not happen in the future.

## **h Land and Property**

- **Noticeboards**

The Council was pleased with the purchase and erection of the 3 new noticeboards. The clerk is working to find a resident willing to strim around each one so that they are more accessible. The clerks will make a decision about how residents can access the boards.

- **Balancing Beams**

Steve Brabbin is going to take away the balancing beams and investigate how best to repair them, make them safe, and reinstate them.

## **I BDAPTC**

The AGM & Parish Conference was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, during which a new chairman was appointed, so the organisation will continue.

The next meetings are set for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**j Welcome Packs**

Councillor Reed reported that she has taken a cake to the new residents of The Old Manor. New welcome packs have been made.

**296. Data Protection**

The draft privacy was approved by the council and will be posted on the village website.

**297. Co-option of a New Councillor**

The Chairman continues to be in discussion with a resident about becoming a councillor.

**298. Farnborough Airspace**

The latest e mail communications were considered by the councillors and it was agreed that no action was necessary at the moment.

**299. Newsletter**

The draft newsletter was considered by the councillors and a few alterations were suggested. The clerks will make amendments and recirculate before issuing to the village.

**300. To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the agenda and that the Chairman considers urgent. - None**

**301. To agree dates of future meetings:**

The following dates were agreed:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairman ..... Date.....