

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in
Ellisfield Memorial Hall on
Monday July 23rd 2018 at 8pm**

Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Caroline Cazenove	Vice-Chairman
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Peter Raine	{
Sylvia Raine	{Joint Parish Clerk

302. Apologies for Absence Vicky Reed, Rose Taplin

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

The Chairman declared an interest in the planning application T/00263/18/TCA under item 5 of the agenda.

Open Forum

PC Reid reported a nasty dog attack on Furzen Lane on 8th July, during which 2 dogs died. Enquiries into the ownership of the attacking dog are still ongoing. On the same date, 4 men suspected of being involved with poaching were seen in a silver hatchback.

304. To receive and approve minutes of meeting held on 14th May 2018

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

305. Matters arising from the minutes

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

306. To consider planning applications

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

Following the last EPC meeting, the chairman consulted with other residents who supported the council's view that the proposed construction would be well hidden from view. A reply was sent to HCC to this effect, with the added comments that Hampshire Highways should give more priority to the maintenance of Bushywarren Lane than at present.

Construction of new Motorway Service Area – Land adjacent to Junction 6 M3
Planning Consultation 17/03487/FUL

This was discussed by e mail in between meetings and a response was agreed and sent, to the effect that the re-submitted application did not include any information which caused EPC to change its objection to the proposal.

The Chairman left the meeting

**Application for work to trees growing in a conservation area –
Guillemot Cottage, College Lane, Ellisfield T/00263/18/TCA**

The details had been circulated by e mail beforehand with no objections raised. It was discussed at the meeting and the response of "no objection" to this application was ratified.

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

307. To receive a report on financial matters.

• **Finance report:**

Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 16.07.18:	£10,398.10	
Add NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,281.58</u>	(as at 19 th Jan 2018)
Total	£20,679.68	
Less un-cashed cheques:	£ 0.00	
Balance	£20,679.68	
Less future liabilities: Datacenta invoice	£ 150.00	
Current cash assets	£20,529.68	

Main Account Payment made and cheque signed

Payee	Chq No	Amount	Details
Datacenta	000796	£150.00	

Standing Orders & Direct Debits paid this year:

Litter picking, Garage rental £372.24

Cheques paid since last meeting: None

Income since last meeting: None

Request approval of:

Quotation for: Re-varnishing Bell Lane/College Lane noticeboard:	£105.00	}
Post and handrail for post-box at the bottom of Green Lane:	£120.00	
These were approved.		

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

a Localism / HALC / Local business Liaison

Noise from Solar Array

A written report from EVA stated that communication with Anesco is ongoing and progress is being made in trying to alleviate the problem of the noise.

Also the lagoons at Veolia are being cleaned out in order to alleviate the smell emanating from the composting process.

b Flood resilience project

The Chairman, Peter Raine and Steve Brabbin drove around the village to assess the work which needs to be addressed. Steve agreed to do the work as he saw the need and submit bills when necessary.

c Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Reed had sent a written report saying that there were no problems with the footpaths.

d Highways

- **Communication with Hampshire Highways**

The chairman reported that EVG would provide some support to clear the vegetation from the area around the gravel pits on Axford Road, so that Highways can proceed with work to the drains. He had also spoken to Nick Batchelor from Berrydown Lane, who seemed keen to help, and the Chairman of Preston Candover PC who seemed to be in agreement with the proposed works.

- **Village Survey re Speeding**

The Chairman and the Clerk will look for previous speeding surveys to use as a basis for producing a new one.

e Memorial Hall

- **First World War Centenary Celebrations – Saturday 10th November**

Vice-chairman Cazenove reported that all is going well with arrangements for the evening. The only worry was that there might be many more people wishing to attend than could be catered for with the current arrangements. Various contingency plans are being considered.

- **Defibrillator**

The pros and cons of having a defibrillator in the village were discussed. The Chairman had discussed the issue with a resident in Cliddesden who is responsible for checking the defibrillator there. Conflicting views were expressed about whether this was a better use of the council's funds than contributing to other life saving schemes. It was also noted that it would be necessary for someone to be responsible for checking the equipment. It was decided that EPC should investigate further before making a decision about whether to help with funding. Vice-chairman Cazenove will ask her daughter for information about the defibrillator in her village.

f Broadband

- **EBAG:**

Councillor Park-Weir reported that an e mail with a copy of the contract was being sent to all contributors this week and the contract will be signed on 26th July, when HCC will be transferring funds. The Chairman congratulated EBAG on their achievements with this, and noted that Redraw now seemed to be working well in the village.

- **Telecoms Mast**

Councillor Park-Weir agreed to talk to Dave Waters about the mast. There are 2 views; one that it is good for Axford Road residents who can now receive a much better signal, and the other that it is not attractive. It was thought that the mast would possibly be removed once fibre is connected, depending on whether residents stayed with Redraw or not.

g Burial Ground

Vice-Chairman Cazenove reported that she had been in touch with the undertakers concerning the state of the graves. An apology has been given and the soil has been moved. In future, she will check with the undertakers that everything is in order before a burial. Otherwise, the graveyard is looking very neat at the moment.

h Land and Property

- **Noticeboards**

Each of the new noticeboards now has a key hanging at the back.

- **Balancing Beams**

Steve Brabbin has repaired the balancing beams but unfortunately they have not been put back exactly as they were, which affects their effectiveness. Peter Raine will talk to Steve to see if this can be rectified.

- **Rubbish behind the bus shelter at the bottom of Green Lane**

It has been reported that garden rubbish has been dumped in this area. The Clerks will talk to residents who live nearby to try and establish how it got there.

i BDAPTC

Minutes from the recent meeting of BDAPTC have been circulated to all councillors. It is hoped that Councillor Reed will be able to attend the next meeting on 13th September.

j Welcome Packs

No new residents have moved into the village recently.

309. Co-option of a New Councillor

The Chairman continues to be in discussion with a resident about becoming a councillor and is hoping that a definite answer will be given by September.

310. HCC Consultation on further changes to public transport.

The council decided that a response to HCC was required in order to try and maintain the current bus service. The clerk agreed to ask Charlie Hellewell to complete the questionnaire and also to ask Ted Dowson for his input, particularly regarding who else should be made aware of the consultation.

311. Newsletter

The newsletter was approved by the councillors and will be delivered as soon as possible.

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

- **Bench in memory of Sally Adams**

Vice-Chairman Cazenove reported that she had now received final confirmation about the bench to be donated in memory of Sally Adams. The Council approved the wording of a plaque to be attached to the bench, and noted that some expenditure would be necessary for fixing the bench in the ground. The bench is to be situated in the gravel pits area and the bench from there removed to the burial ground.

- **Letter from Marcus Rule**

The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from Marcus Rule relating to the possibility of the burial ground needing more land. He will contact Marcus to discuss the matter further.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

Future Meetings

Monday 17 th September	EPC
Monday 15 th October	EPC

Chairman

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