

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Caroline Cazenove	Vice-Chairman
Vicky Reed	Councillor
Andy Swanston	Councillor
Peter Raine	{
Sylvia Raine	{Joint Parish Clerk

Members of the public 4

328. Apologies for Absence Gavin Park-Weir
Rose Taplin subsequently apologised for her absence.

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

Open Forum

PC Reid informed the meeting that there were no new crimes to report. The only problem in the village has been a large number of contractor's vehicles blocking the lanes outside a house undergoing renovation work. The clerk reported that earlier in the day, a resident had telephoned to ask whether planning permission had been obtained for this building work. It was discovered that building regulations approval has been granted, and it is assumed therefore, that planning consent is not necessary.

Councillor Reed thanked PC Reid for a very informative Crime Prevention evening on October 11th at Herriard. She suggested that it might be useful for the representative from Trading Standards to present similar information for the residents of Ellisfield.

Steven Gould asked why a planning application for the communications mast was not being considered by the Council. The Chairman reported that there had not been a formal complaint about the mast but that Councillor Park-Weir had spoken to Redraw with reference to the issue of planning consent. Councillor Swanston explained that as a result of discussions, it had been decided to put in a retrospective application. However, this has not yet been received by the Parish Council or advertised on Basingstoke and Deane's website.

Ray Reed informed the meeting that preparations are well under way for the End of the First World War Anniversary celebrations to be held in the Memorial Hall on November 10th and 11th.

He also asked for an update on the situation regarding the possible purchase of a defibrillator. The issues were discussed:

- Would it be a good use of money and who will fund the cost of approximately £2,000? Ray Reed has been unable to source a suitable grant giving body but undertook to come to some financial arrangement with the Parish Council if the project goes ahead.
- It would need a minimum of 2 committed people to be responsible for its maintenance. How much support for its installation is there in the village?
- There would need to be some training in CPR etc.

Ray agreed to pursue the issues around necessary maintenance and training in order to move the project forward.

330.To receive and approve minutes of meeting held on September 17th 2018

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

331. Matters arising from the minutes

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

332. To consider planning applications

None

333. To receive a report on financial matters.

Finance report:

Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 12.10.18:	£11,493.36
Add NS&I Savings Account:	£10,281.58 (as at 19 th Jan 2018)
Total	£21,774.94
Less un-cashed cheques:	£ 0.00
Balance	£21,774.94

Cheques paid since last meeting:

None

Standing Orders & Direct Debits paid this year:

Litter picking, Garage rental **£699.45**

Income since last meeting: £228.34 HMRC refund re
Income Tax

Invoices issued since last meeting: £1,500.00 Candovers PC
re Lengthsmans work

Main Account Payments for Approval:

Payee	Chq No Details	Amount
Brabbin Building Services	000805	£1,800.00 Lengthsmans work

The Clerk has requested a statement from HMRC to establish how a surplus has arisen. He is awaiting a response from HMRC.

Councillors were reminded to check their information on the Register of Members' Interests and to include relevant details of family members.

All councillors were asked to consider items that they wish to be included in next year's budget in time for the December meeting.

Some items to consider: Refurbishing 6 seats/benches
 Repaint red telephone box
 Posts around Lower Allotments
 Contribution to Burial Ground fence
 Contribution to defibrillator.

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

a Localism / HALC / Local business Liaison

Noise from Solar Array

Susie Deane had reported by e mail that John Laing has appointed a new company to maintain the solar installation site. The problem of noise has not been addressed and Anna McNair Scott's recommendation is that the problem should now be reported to Basingstoke and Deane Planning Department as non-conforming to planning conditions i.e. to be virtually silent. The Chairman agreed to try and establish a dialogue with the new maintenance company to address the situation.

Veolia – Planning Conditions

EVA has requested that the Parish Council write to HCC to ask whether Veolia has submitted a full decommissioning and restoration plan for their site, which should have been completed by October 2018. It was decided that Veolia should fulfil their obligations and the Clerk agreed to write to Veolia requesting sight of the plan and include a copy to HCC.

Financial Contributions from Local Businesses

The Chairman agreed to approach local businesses concerning possible financial contributions for the parish.

b Flood resilience project

- The Clerk reported that when the lengthsman cleared the ground opposite the play area, he discovered a catch pit which is currently covered by a piece of concrete. The Clerk will contact Dan Beasant at Hampshire Highways to request that a proper grille is fitted for safety.
- The Chairman has not yet succeeded in contacting a contractor to deal with trees that need attention, but will continue to investigate the matter.

c Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Reed reported that HCC have agreed to improve the surface of Kit Lane in the next 2 or 3 weeks. She will try to discover the exact timing of the work so that local landowners can be informed.

d Highways

- The Clerk informed the meeting that he had met with Dan Beasant from Hampshire Highways to confirm the clearance work necessary in order for the drainage improvements on Axford Road to be carried out next spring. Councillor Swanston has arranged with EVG to clear saplings and vegetation on both sides of the road.
- The Clerk also said that he had reported several road signs that need repairing. Vice Chairman Cazenove had noticed that the signpost at the T junction outside Fordham House needs adjusting. The Clerk agreed to look at it.
- The 2 draft speed surveys were discussed and it was decided that the shorter version should be adopted, The Clerk agreed to finalise the survey and distribute to the village, when the final draft is confirmed by all councillors.

- EPC has received an e mail from Minnie Loftus raising concerns about the speed of traffic travelling round the bends on Bell Lane and requesting permission to put up speed limit signs outside her house. This was discussed and the Clerk agreed to reply to her e mail, to the effect that the councillors are looking into the legalities of the matter.
- The Chairman suggested that since we have developed a working relationship with Dan Beasant at Hampshire Highways, we should now proceed with considering traffic calming measures on Axford Road and also improving drainage on College Lane. He suggested that all councillors should bring ideas about traffic calming to the next meeting so that a plan can be developed.

e Memorial Hall

First World War Centenary Celebrations –Saturday 10th November

See Open Forum.

It was decided that no publicity was necessary, other than asking Jacqui Matthews to report the celebrations in her regular report for the Basingstoke Gazette.

Defibrillator

See Open Forum

f Broadband

Councillor Swanston informed the meeting that although the order was still not placed, the process was progressing steadily.

g Burial Ground

New Seat

Vice-Chairman Cazenove reported that communication with the representative of Sally Adams' estate has resumed and that the seat should be delivered in the next few weeks.

Extra land for Burial ground

The Chairman has informed Marcus Rule of the situation concerning travellers and has offered to send a first draft of the transfer document for the land. He is awaiting a reply.

h Land and Property

Register of property

The Chairman and Clerk reported that they had reviewed the register of property. It was decided that a hard copy should be distributed to all councillors for perusal and agreed and signed at the next meeting.

Rubbish behind the bus shelter at the bottom of Green Lane

Councillor Swanston volunteered to put up a sign asking that only grass cuttings should be left on this site, and the suggestion was approved.

I BDAPTC

The next meeting is on 20th November. Councillor Reed will attend.

j Welcome Packs

There were none to deliver since the last meeting.

335. NHT Public Satisfaction Survey

The Chairman has completed the survey and his comments were approved by all councillors. His report emphasised the need for repair of potholes, methods of dealing with speeding traffic through the village, and more flexible use of the lengthsman scheme to deal with the maintenance of flood defences.

336. Co-option of a New Councillor

The Clerk reported that Councillor Swanston has now completed all necessary paperwork. He was welcomed to the meeting.

337. CAA decision on TAG ACP

After investigation, it was discovered that it is not possible for EPC to contribute towards Lasham Gliding Society's legal costs involved with challenging the CAA's decision. The Chairman has received an e mail from the Chairman of the Society, expressing his appreciation of the Council's desire to offer support.

338. Ellisfield Official Website

The Clerk encouraged the councillors to suggest items for inclusion on the website.

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

Vice Chairman Cazenove raised concerns about the maintenance of Hill Farm Pond, which is one of her areas of responsibility. There was some discussion about who should help to keep it tidy and the equipment necessary to keep the pond clear. It was decided that the pond should definitely be kept and that the vegetation should be cut down. Possibilities of the practicalities should be discussed later.

340. To agree dates for future meetings

The meeting planned for 11th December is now rescheduled for Monday 10th December in St Martin's Church.

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm

Next Meetings:

10th December	St Martin's Church	EPC
21 st January, 18 th March, 15 th July, 16 th September		EPC
17 th May	APM	
20 th May	EPC Annual Meeting	

Chairman

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