

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in St Martin's Church on Monday December 10th 2018 at 8pm

Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Caroline Cazenove	Vice-Chairman
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Vicky Reed	Councillor
Andy Swanston	Councillor
Rose Taplin	Councillor
Peter Raine	{
Sylvia Raine	{Joint Parish Clerk
Members of the public	4

341. Apologies for Absence None

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

Open Forum

PC Reid informed the meeting that there were 3 recent incidents to report: 2 suspected poaching offences and 1 false burglar alarm activation. During 2018, 5 crimes have been committed as opposed to 9 in 2017: 2 incidents of criminal damage; 1 burglary in a dwelling, which was detected; 1 attempted theft of a vehicle; and 1 other.

Councillor Reed reported that recently poachers had apparently been seen in the fields behind Lower Common Cottage.

Ray Reed raised several issues:

1. He had been unable to find the dates of EPC meetings on the website. The clerk assured him that the dates of future meetings are advertised on the website and explained how to access the information.
2. He would like to involve more residents in the running of the Memorial Hall and to that end asked if he could have e mail addresses of residents so that they could be contacted. The clerk agreed that addresses of those residents who had given permission for their details to be shared across the village associations, could be forwarded to the Memorial Hall Committee. It was suggested that he could also place an advertisement in Hill and Dale.
3. He reported that the Memorial Hall Committee had decided to go ahead with the purchase of a defibrillator since a grant had now been received. The Memorial Hall Committee will take responsibility for maintenance and upkeep and Sylvia Raine will provide details of those residents who demonstrated an interest in helping with this on the recent speed survey.
4. He asked for an update on the installation of broadband for the south of the village. Councillors Swanston and Park-Weir reported that EBAG has been waiting for approval from BD UK (Department of Culture and Sport .) They now have verbal assurance that approval has been granted and once this is received in writing, Open Reach can proceed. They reminded the meeting that it had been estimated that it would be up to a year from placing the order before broadband would be up and running.

Steven Gould asked whether the erection of the mast behind Tanglewood on Green Lane would have any adverse effect on HCC following through with their

contribution to broadband. It was confirmed that when negotiations began, EBAG had received assurance that this would not be the case.

The Chairman added that there is an issue with an intermittent broadband service on Green Lane. There are 2 faults: one underground and one caused by trees rubbing on the wires. Peter Raine has established a working relationship with Open Reach and is reliably informed that they are waiting for a road closure before the work can be done. The landowner has given permission for the trees to be cut back.

Patricia Pegg raised concerns about the recent planning application from Veolia BA103. She asked whether anyone had heard from Anna McNair Scott, our HCC Councillor and confirmed that David Smith, the case officer had contacted her regarding her concerns that planning procedures had not been properly followed in the past. There was some discussion about the application, EPC's response, and also the terrible smell, which is offensive to some residents. The Chairman suggested that the main argument should be that no reason had been given as to why the site should not be returned to its original state, as the original planning conditions required.

The question was also raised as to how many objections were needed before an application had to go to committee for a decision. Sylvia Raine agreed to find out.

343. To receive and approve minutes of meeting held on October 15th 2018

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

344. Matters arising from the minutes

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

345. To consider planning applications

Mulberry House, College Lane, Ellisfield RG25 2QE

B&D 18/03360/HSE Erection of a single storey rear extension.

B&D T/00463/18/TCA Yew fell; Holly fell.

The Council had no objection to these applications.

Erection of mast behind Tanglewood, Green Lane, Ellisfield

B&D 18/02978/RET

The Council agreed by e mail in between meetings to support this application because the mast facilitates a much needed broadband service to the south of the village and this decision was ratified in the meeting.

The Council has now been informed that the decision is to be decided by committee. Although, no councillor is available to attend the committee, it was agreed to write to the planning officer supporting her condition that the mast should be removed once it ceases to be used for rural internet services.

A question was raised about how the mast had been erected so suddenly. Councillor Park-Weir explained that originally Redraw had the intention of placing several masts in the village to provide a broadband service, and that these masts would be much shorter than this one and would therefore not need planning permission. There had been little consultation from Redraw before the mast was erected.

Veolia Composting Facility

HCC PLAN/DS/BA103

It was agreed by email in between meetings that the council should object to the latest applications on the following grounds and a response was sent to this effect:

- The original planning condition to provide a plan to restore the site had not been met.
- No reason had been given as to why this was no longer necessary.
- The smell from the site is increasingly intrusive.

- Veolia has not shown a lot of consideration for the village community and their lorries still obstruct the lane.
- Veolia hardly ever attends the local liaison group meetings.

346. To receive a report on financial matters.

Finance report:

Finance Report

Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 10.12.18:	£12,262.55
Add NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,281.58</u> (as at 19 th Jan2018)
Total	£22,544.13
Less un-cashed cheques:	£ 0.00
Balance	£22,544.13

Cheques paid since last meeting:

None

Standing Orders & Direct Debits paid this year:

Litter picking, Garage rental **£917.59**

Income since last meeting:

£1,500.00 Candovers P.C. re
Lengthsman's work
62.00 Lloyds Bank re error
225.33 EVG re garage rental
1,000.00 Herriard Bio Power
£2,787.33

Invoices issued since last meeting:

£225.33 EVG Garage rental

Main Account Payments for Approval:

Payee	Chq No Details	Amount
Information Commissioner's Office	000806	£40.00 Data Protection Fee
Sylvia Raine	000807	£349.08 Clerks Salary
Peter Raine	000808	£349.08 Clerks Salary
HMRC	000809	£166.80 Tax on salaries
The Parish of Farleigh	000810	£18.00 Rent for meeting 10.12.18

Other Items

The councillors agreed to consider items that they wish to be included in next years budget in time for the January meeting.

Some items to consider:	Refurbishing 7 seats/benches	Budget £170.00 each say £1,200
	Repaint red telephone box	Budget £250
	Posts around Lower Allotments	Budget £1,500

HMRC Update

Following the latest telephone conversation with HMRC, a statement should arrive before December 25th.

Register of member's interests

Peter Raine agreed to check with the Monitoring Officer whether the following councillor interests need to be declared:

- Rose Taplin re Trustee of Village Memorial Hall
- Vicky Reed re Spouse Chairman of Village Memorial Hall

A contribution to the commemoration of the end of WW1 held in the Ellisfield Memorial Hall of £508.62 to be paid against the budget head 'other', which included £500.00 for this item, was approved.

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

a Localism / HALC / Local business Liaison

Noise from Solar Array

The Chairman will attempt to liaise with the maintenance company to investigate how to reduce the noise.

Veolia – Planning Conditions

As agreed at the last meeting, a letter was sent to Veolia, asking for a copy of the restoration plan which should have been completed in order to meet planning condition 14 of the 2003 planning permission.

A reply was received from Mr Mark Grey, General Manager (Hampshire), which states that "it would be premature, and could result in potentially abortive work, to address the restoration now when the site will be required to meet the requirements of project Integra until the end of the contract period in 2030."

After some discussion, the following was agreed:

- EPC to reply to Mr Grey reiterating the view that planning conditions should be met and also to re emphasise the issue of the smell.
- Our concerns should be brought to the attention of Anna McNair Scott.

Financial Contributions from Local Businesses

The Council has received a grant of £1,000.00 from Barfoots.

b Flood resilience project

- Peter Raine reported that he has contacted Hampshire Highways again to arrange an inspection of the catch pit and is waiting for a contractor to contact him.
- EVG has set a date of 9th February to clear the vegetation on Axford Road.

c Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Reed had nothing to report.

d Highways

- The signpost at the T junction outside Fordham house has been readjusted by Peter Raine.
- Various signs have been reported for repair and another was noted at the junction of Church Lane and College Lane, which will be added to the list.
- The speed survey was distributed to residents in November and the results were discussed. It seems as though the majority of residents in Green Lane would like a 30mph speed limit and those in Church Lane, Bell Lane and College Lane do not. Peter Raine has invited a representative from Hampshire Highways to visit and discuss the issue in order to investigate the best way to proceed. He is awaiting a response.
- The results of the survey will be publicised on the website and noticeboards.
- The clerk has discovered that it is illegal to erect road signs without permission.
- Chairman thanked Councillor Reed for sending pictures of a traffic calming scheme. He urged all councillors to look out for examples of schemes which might be helpful in deciding what is most appropriate for Ellisfield.

e Memorial Hall

First World War Centenary Celebrations –Saturday 10th November

- It was agreed that the evening had been a success.
- There is a meeting of the Memorial Hall Committee next month.

Defibrillator

The survey showed that 51 residents thought a defibrillator should be installed, 28 would be willing to check it and 35 residents would be interested in CPR training. See also Open Forum.

f Broadband

See Open Forum

g Burial Ground

New Seat

- The new seat has arrived and will be taken to the gravel pits on December 11th.
- The seat from the gravel pits will replace the seat in the burial ground.

Extra land for Burial ground

- The Chairman and the Clerk have drawn up a plan of the burial ground showing the dimensions of the new strip of land to be added.
- The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation for £7,000.00 for building a new soft wood fence and taking down the old one. The councillors requested an additional quotation for the fence to be made of oak like the original. The Clerk agreed to investigate whether any grants are available to contribute to the cost of the fence.
- The Clerk will contact Marcus Rule to decide the details of the fence and the proposed fence line.

h Land and Property

Register of property

This was approved as at the date of the meeting.

Rubbish behind the bus shelter at the bottom of Green Lane

It was confirmed that Glen Horgan will continue to compost the rubbish behind the bus shelter and a sign is not necessary.

Overhanging trees adjacent to Green Lane

See Open Forum

Maintenance of Hill Farm Pond

A working party made up of nearby residents and EVG members did an excellent job of clearing the area recently.

I BDAPTC

Councillor Reed attended the meeting on November 20th. 30 people were in attendance and there were presentations about how money is spent in the borough. The injunction re travellers was discussed and the problem of there being no resting place for travellers in Hampshire is being addressed.

j Welcome Packs

There were none to deliver since the last meeting.

348. CAA decision on TAG ACP

The council agreed that a copy of the latest update should be circulated in the village.

349. New Councillor responsibilities.

	Primary interests	Related Accountabilities
Cllr Andy Swanston Oak Hill, Green Lane, Ellisfield, Hants RG25 2QJ 01256 381171	Broadband (joint with Cllr Park-Weir EVG (joint with Cllr Guinness) Highway Property Gravel Pits	Running of EBAG Liaison with EVG Pothole reporting/liaison Assistance with various maintenance issues concerning village road signs, wooden benches and other village property as needed Monitoring condition

This was approved by all councillors.

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

There is a vacancy in Farrier's Field.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm

Future Meetings:

21st January, 18th March, 15th July, 16th September

EPC

EPC 10.12.18

17th May APM
20th May EPC Annual Meeting

Chairman

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