

**Minutes of the Ellisfield Annual Parish Meeting
held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 10th May 2019 at 8.00 pm**

Present

Tim Guinness (Chairman of Ellisfield Parish Council and Chairman of the Meeting)

27 members of the public

(including Parish Councillors Caroline Cazenove & Rose Taplin)

Minutes

Taken by Sylvia Raine

In Attendance

Mark Ruffell, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Councillor for Upton Grey and Candovers
PC Andrew Reid, Local Beat Officer, Hampshire Constabulary

- 295 Apologies for Absence.** HCC Councillor Anna McNair Scott.
Paul Brown, Kevin Caldicott, April Carroll, Claire Cooke, Ted Dowson, Jacqui & Tony Matthews, Nicki Palmer, Denis Paravacini, Vicky Reed, Sue Self, Andy Swanston, Joanne & Mark Thomas, Theresa Webb,
- 296 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2018.** The Minutes had been posted on the parish website and circulated at the beginning of the meeting but time was allowed for reading before it was agreed that they were a true record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes for the records.
- 297 Matters Arising from the Minutes.** (None.)
- 298 To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council.**
The Chairman presented his report, which included receipts and payments for year ended 31st March 2019 vs previous year, and precept forecast for 2019/2020. (**Appendix 1**),
- 299 To receive a report from the Trustees of Ellisfield Educational Trust.**
Ellisfield Educational Trust: Report For Year Ending 31st December 2018
Bernard Cazenove presented a report from the Trustees
The income has risen from £2,689 to £2,839.
Expenditure has gone up from £2,180 to £2,882.
In 2017 we underspent by £508.
In 2018 we overspent by £42.
During the year, we paid £1,680 to 7 individuals. We paid £1,000 to EBAG and £201 was donated to Cliddesden School.
We ended the past year with £6,600 in the bank and £58,296 in investments with M&G, Charifund (£47) and Blackrock Income (£2,500).
Capital was down from £61,800.
Accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission.
He encouraged us to use the money to support the village.
- 300 Any other Village Matters.**
Diane Sandeman asked about the latest news on the defibrillator project. The Chairman and Ray Reed, Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee, explained that the project has now been taken on by the Memorial Hall Committee. The defibrillator has been delivered. Prices have been obtained from 2 electricians and 1 has been chosen to connect the defibrillator. A list of people who expressed interest in checking the defibrillator on the Parish Council speed survey, has been passed to the Memorial Hall Committee in preparation for when the defibrillator is up and running.

Richard Haas asked whether there was any update on repairing potholes in the village, particularly those on Bushywarren Lane opposite the Veolia site and outside Widmoor Farm, where contractors worked to install fibre optic broadband. The Chairman again assured the meeting that the Parish Council is vigorously on the case: Hampshire Highways are aware of the problem of potholes but do not have the budget to complete the work at the moment. Peter Raine, Joint Parish Clerk, commented on the difficulties in communicating with Hampshire Highways because they are so under-resourced and have to prioritise work. It was suggested that it might help if everyone complains about the potholes.

Steven Gould asked for an update on the situation concerning Veolia’s planning application for an extension of time for use of the site and also a decrease in the length of time in which a restoration plan needs to be completed. The Chairman outlined the history of the use of the site, which was originally deemed unsuitable for permanent development. The Parish Council has written several letters to HCC expressing concern about the fact that planning process seems to be abused because conditions do not seem to be enforced and that extensions were granted in 2003 without following proper procedure. The Parish Council is waiting for a definite date on which the matter will be decided by HCC’s regulatory committee and the Council intends to send a representative to speak. Pat Pegg has invested much time and energy in researching the matter and raising objections to the application in order to protect wildlife. Dee Haas commented that there is a conflict of interest for HCC because Veolia is working on their behalf. Councillor Mark Ruffell confirmed that he has also written a strong letter of objection to the application.

Graham Simpson commented that the red telephone box is looking rather drab. Peter Raine confirmed that there is a price in the budget for re-painting it.

The meeting closed at 8-35pm

Chairman.....

Date.....

The formal meeting was then followed by presentations from PC Andy Reid, Local Beat Officer, Mark Ruffell, Basingstoke and Deane Cllr, and representatives of Ellisfield Village Organisations. **(Appendix 2)**