

**ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in  
Ellisfield Memorial Hall on  
Monday July 15th 2019 at 8pm**

**Present**

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Andy Swanston	Councillor

Peter Raine	{
Sylvia Raine	{Joint Parish Clerk

Members of the public	2
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**388. Apologies for Absence** Caroline Cazenove, Vicky Reed, Rose Taplin

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

None

**Open Forum**

PC Reid reported the following incidents:

03.06 An alarm activation in Berrydown Lane – all in order.

03.06 A suspicious van with Irish registration seen on Ellisfield allotments.

21.06 False burglar alarm activation in the village.

There have been 6 incidents of crime in the village from January to June this year as opposed to 3 in the same period last year:

Non dwelling burglary	2
Criminal damage to crops	3
Criminal damage to fencing	1
Theft of 6 sheep	1

Ray Reed asked PC Reid whether fly tipping was a crime as he had noticed some rubbish at the top of the footpath (BOAT No 14), and in other areas locally. He replied to the effect that B&DBC will prosecute fly tippers but it is necessary to identify the culprits or their transport.

**390. To receive and approve minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the EPC meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

Both sets of minutes were agreed and approved by all Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

**391. Matters arising from the minutes**

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

**392. To consider planning applications**

**19/01325/HSE Blencathra, The Green, Ellisfield RG25 2QS**  
**The erection of a side extension with dormer windows and roof lights to the east and west elevations, pitched roof to existing flat roofed dormer window, and erection of rear porch.**

This was discussed by email in-between meetings and no objection was raised.

**PLAN/WJA/BA103 19/01418/CMA**  
**Little Bushywarren Compost Site, Bushywarren Lane RG25 2NS**  
**Erection of site cabins to provide office and welfare facilities.**

This was discussed by email in between meetings and a reply was sent to HCC expressing the view that this application confirmed the picture being presented, that application to extend the life of the site is a complete formality. The response also reiterated EPC's view that there should be an explanation as to why such an extension will not cause more damage to the environment than was believed acceptable at the outset. Otherwise, there were no objections.

**Herriard Bio Power**  
**Application for change of conditions concerning road transport of maize.**

It was decided to wait until a formal consultation regarding the application has been received from HCC before discussing a possible response.

**393. To receive a report on financial matters.**

Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 11.07.19	£12,809.35
<b>Less un-cashed cheques:</b>	£ 240.35
Total	£12,569.00
Add NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,356.14</u> (as at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2019)
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£22,925.14</b>

**Cheques paid since last meeting:**

1 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	Zurich Insurance		412.11
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Sylvia Raine	Joint clerks salary	355.85
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Peter Raine	Joint clerks salary	355.85
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	HMRC	Tax re Joint clerks salary	170.00
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Peter Raine	Clerks expenses	<u>18.95</u>
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,312.76</b>

**Standing Orders & Direct Debits paid this financial year:**

Litter picking, Garage rental	<b>£387.99</b>
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**Income since last meeting:**

Dignity Funerals Ltd – inscription re Jean Dyson	<b>£27.00</b>
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<b>Invoices issued since last meeting:</b>	<b>None</b>
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**Main Account Payments for Approval:**

Payee	Chq No Details	Amount
EVG Invoice for year 2019 Grounds maintenance.	000828	£1,650.00
Farleigh PCC Fee for use of St Martins for May EPC meeting	000829	£18.00

**HMRC:** Peter Raine reported that he had continued to communicate with HMRC and is now waiting until September for reimbursement of the balance due to EPC.

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

**a Localism / HALC / Local business Liaison**

**Veolia – Planning Application 18/03069/CMA**

- Gordon Dunse represented EPC at the meeting of the Regulatory Committee in Winchester on June 19<sup>th</sup> expressing EPC's reservations about the applications. Although permission was granted for the site to be used until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2030, a restoration scheme should be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023, which is in accordance with EPC's request.
- As a result of this process, EPC should make every effort to engage with Veolia at the meetings of the Business Liaison Panel meetings.

**Noise from Solar Array**

EPC is awaiting a response about the noise from John Jervoise, before considering further action. He undertook to consult with John Lang Environmental Assets Trust / Amber Solar at the last liaison meeting. The response will be communicated to EPC via the Business Liaison Group.

**b Flood resilience project**

- The catchpit at the bottom of Furzen Lane is believed to be the responsibility of EPC. Peter Raine reported that the fitting of concrete slabs to secure the pit would be expensive and would not facilitate good drainage. The Council decided that he should investigate the cost of fitting a sheet of steel with a hole in the top for a drainage grating.
- Dan Beasant has confirmed that the work on the drainage on Axford Road is on order and it is now out of his hands. Peter Raine agreed to contact Hampshire Highways in the next few weeks to try and discover when work might begin. Stephen Gould informed the meeting that HCC had trimmed vegetation along the road in the last few weeks, which may have been in preparation for work to commence.

**c Footpaths / Rights of way**

- Councillor Reed previously reported that rubble has been used to fill in some holes in the footpath on Winslade Lane (BOAT no.14). Andy Aiken from HCC has agreed that a suitable topping will be laid over the rubble sometime in late August.
- The gates for footpath 5 have arrived and will be fitted by Chris Allen after the harvest.
- Councillor Reed is monitoring footpath 6 which has temporary gates where sheep are grazing.

**d Highways**

Councillor Swanston has contacted Hampshire Highways to discuss both the issues around traffic calming on the Axford Road and the introduction of an extended speed limit along Green Lane. He is waiting to speak to an engineer.

**Traffic calming on Axford Road**

The Chairman has taken photographs of a chicane style of traffic calming in Dogmersfield. EPC might consider a similar scheme which would probably cost around £2,000 - £5,000. Peter Raine agreed to investigate approximate costs.

## **Extension of Speed Limits on Green Lane**

It seems as though HCC's policy is that this is not a high priority area. There was some discussion about whether repeater signs were necessary if the whole village was designated a 20mph zone. PC Reid suggested asking the Parish Council in Dummer how they managed to introduce a 20mph limit there.

## **Response to Ranil Jayawardena's article in Hill and Dale – Better Roads.**

The article entitled "Better Roads" invited residents to contact our MP to join his local highways action team. It was decided that this was not a priority for the Council at the moment and no action would be taken.

## **Use of Audio Cameras to tackle motoring noise on A339**

The Council's attention was drawn to Ranil Jayawardena's petition for audio cameras to be trialed on the A339 to try and tackle motoring noise, particularly that caused by motorbikes. PC Reid stated his support for this initiative. Information about the petition has been sent to residents.

### **e Memorial Hall**

There was nothing to report.

### **f. EBAG - Broadband**

At the last meeting there was some discussion about whether fibre to the premises was now being introduced to some neighbouring villages. Some residents have been upset by these rumours. Councillor Park-Weir reported that he had spoken to residents in Preston Candover who had confirmed that there is no fibre to the premises in the village and there does not seem to be any substance to the rumours. Now that the trees have been cut down on Green Lane, all has been done to facilitate the broadband project proceeding to the next stage, with an estimated completion date of November 2019

### **g Burial Ground**

#### **Extra land for Burial Ground**

- Marcus Rule has kindly offered to extend the area of land donated to the burial ground, after an electric cable was found to be buried under the original piece of land, rendering that area unsuitable for graves.
- Peter Raine has obtained 4 quotations for taking out the rest of the original fencing and installing a new fence 6 feet 6 inches high, with concrete posts. He agreed to ask for photographs of proposed fence panels from the 3 lowest quotations.
- The Council approved a quotation of £85.00 from Adrian Cooke for clearing the land and cutting back the vegetation.
- The Hoare Family Trust has agreed to provide a grant for the fence, since members of the family are buried in the burial ground.
- Peter Raine agreed to contact HALC to provide legal services in connection with the contract for transfer of ownership and registration of land. The cost is estimated at £180.00
- Approval was granted for an added inscription for Jean Dyson.
- EPC is waiting for information from Alexander and Dry in connection with approval for the interment of ashes.

**h**     Land and Property

**Overhanging trees adjacent to Green Lane**

Work on the overhanging trees on Green Lane has begun.

**Replacement of post on Lower Common**

Steve Brabbin has agreed to replace a broken post on Lower Common and his price of £75.00 plus VAT was approved by email in between meetings.

**I**     BDAPTC

There was nothing to report.

**j**     Welcome Packs

Councillor Reed reported that she has delivered a welcome pack to the following:  
Sean Freeman at Farrier’s Field.  
Jane and John Holmes at Fir Tree Cottage, College Lane  
New residents at Acorns, Axford Road  
New residents at Copper Beeches, Axford Road

Next week she will deliver packs to new residents at:  
Montrose Cottage, College Lane  
The Firs, Green Lane

**395. Newsletter**

Sylvia Raine presented a draft copy of a newsletter for the village. Councillors agreed to read it and suggest any alterations or additions. It is hoped to distribute it by the end of July.

**396. Dates for Future Meetings**

The following dates for future meetings were agreed:  
Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**397. Gift for Ted Dowson**

The Chairman circulated 2 aerial photographs of Ted Dowson’s house which he suggested to use as a farewell gift. Sylvia Raine agreed to print and frame the photos.

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

The Chairman reported that he had received an email from Councillor Reed stating her intention to resign from the Council after the meeting in September. Councillors were urged to consider candidates to be approached for co-option onto the Council

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Next meetings: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

Signed ..... Date.....