

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held virtually on Zoom, due to government regulations introduced to control the spread of Covid 19, on Monday March 29th 2021 at 8pm

Present

Tim Guinness	Chairman
Caroline Cazenove	Vice Chair
Gordon Dunse	Councillor
Richard Haas	Councillor
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Andy Swanston	Councillor
Peter Raine }	
Sylvia Raine }	Joint Parish Clerk

Members of the public 0

552. **Apologies for Absence** None

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

Open Forum

PC Reid reported the following incidents which have occurred in the village since the last meeting:

13th February – a suspicious Land Rover was stopped on Green Lane. The same vehicle had been observed in the village on a previous occasion.

16th February – a breach of Covid regulations was reported. On investigation, all was found to be in order.

5th March – a family dispute was reported and there was a complaint of criminal damage as a result.

The owner of the van outside 3 Cannon Close has moved it off the road, into his drive.

554. **To receive and approve minutes of the EPC meeting held remotely on 25th January 2021.**

The minutes were agreed and approved by all councillors and will be signed and dated by the chairman after the meeting.

555. **Matters arising from the minutes**

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

556. **To consider planning applications –
PLAN/SD/BA173 Anaerobic Digester Installation, Bushywarren Lane, Herriard RG25 2NS**

Installation of Biogas Upgrader, Gas Storage Container, Biomethane Off Take Vehicle Bays and Ancillary Equipment (including repositioning of two digester tanks approved under reference BDB/76332) and works, installation of a CO2 recovery unit and subdivision and covering of existing lagoon for odour control and erection of office/welfare and classroom block.
Modification of condition 3 of permission 14/03351/CMA to allow feedstock to be delivered on the two bank holidays following Christmas and Easter.

EPC had a constructive discussion about this application with Darren Cartwright from Herriard BioPower Ltd on March 9th on Zoom. Following this, EPC submitted a written response supporting the application overall, but requesting that some concerns about traffic volume, light pollution and trailer movements be taken into account in the decision making process. EPC also requested that the conditions of planning permission already granted should be kept.

Councillor Park-Weir asked if any decision had been made on the application 20/02977/OUT Land to North of Oakdene, Axford Road, Ellisfield. Sylvia Raine reported that this was still undecided.

557.	To receive a report on financial matters.	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 18.03.2021	£10,865.68
	Less un-cashed cheques:	0.00
	Total	£10,865.68
	Add NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,514.15</u> (01.01. 21)
	Balance	£21,379.83
	Monies paid by BACS since last meeting:	
	Datacenta Invoice	£288.00
	Plants etc. for Burial Ground	£410.00
	Total	£698.00
	Standing Orders & Direct Debits paid this financial year:	
	Litter picking, Garage rental	£1,329.36
	Income since last meeting:	
	Amber Solar Park - Grant	£1,000.00
	Total	£1,000.00
	Invoices issued since last meeting:	
	Amber Solar Parks Ltd - Grant	£1,000.00
	Main Account Payments for Approval:	
	Brabbin Building Services (Lengthsman's work)	£787.50
	Sylvia Raine (Clerks salary)	£355.65
	Peter Raine (Clerk's salary)	£355.65
	HMRC (Tax re Joint Clerk's salary)	£170.40
	Clerk's expenses	£16.41
	Adrien Cooke (Burial Ground hedge planting)	<u>£200.00</u>
	Total	£1,885.61

EPC approved payment of £200 to Adrien Cooke due to underestimation of labour costs.
 EPC approved the budget for 2021/2022
 EPC approved the appointment of John Murray as auditor for 20/21
 EPC gave approval for Steve Brabbin to replace a post on Lower Common at an approximate cost of £60 (See 558 g page 5)

<p>558.</p>	<p>To receive a report and approve any action needed on:</p> <p>a <u>Localism / HALC / Local Business Liaison</u></p> <p>Peter Raine reported that Amber Solar Parks Ltd had contributed an annual donation of £1,000 towards village projects. Councillors Haas and Park-Weir reported back from the virtual business liaison meeting held on 8th March. This was considered to have been a productive meeting and the discussions seem to influence the thinking of the businesses involved. Points of interest are as follows: Anna McNair Scott is retiring and so will no longer attend the meetings. Tim Felstead, HCC Monitoring Officer, will make contact with the highways department about concern over extra HGVs on Bushywarren Lane and the resulting problems with potholes. Councillor Haas raised the issue of Veolia becoming bigger and bigger which means that there is a need to ensure that the interests and concerns of our community are taken into account in any decisions that are made.</p> <p>b <u>Flood resilience project</u></p> <p>Contract with Candovers Parish Council for Lengthsman’s Work</p> <p>EPC approved the contract and Peter Raine will sign it and return it to Candovers Parish Council.</p> <p>Lengthsman’s work</p> <p>Peter Raine reported that Steve Brabbin has made a very neat job of clearing the ditches at the bottom of College Lane to prevent silt from running down the lane and blocking the drains. Work on flood defences along Green Lane is nearly complete. Steve Brabbin is recovering from an operation on his shoulder and therefore will not be able to work for a few weeks.</p> <p>Work to improve flood defences along Alley lane</p> <p>The work to improve flood defences on Alley Lane has not yet begun due to the restrictions of Covid. Peter Raine will maintain contact with Savills.</p> <p>Water running down Furzen Lane.</p> <p>Peter Raine informed EPC that during heavy rainfall, water seems to run off the fields owned by Adrian Ferranti, onto Furzen Lane. He volunteered to approach the landowner with a view to suggesting that he might contribute to the cost of clearing the resulting silt out of the flood pits at the bottom of the lane. This proposition was accepted by the council.</p> <p>c <u>Footpaths / Rights of way</u></p> <p>Councillor Dunse informed the meeting that most of the footpaths have been inspected since the last meeting and that there is nothing of note to report.</p> <p>d <u>Highways</u> Update on SID project</p> <p>Stephen Gould has moved the SID to try and gauge the speed of traffic travelling through the middle section of the 30mph restricted area of Axford Road. Councillor Swanston will present some statistics to EPC at the next meeting.</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>PR</p> <p>PR</p> <p>AS</p>
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Clearing of drains at the bottom of College Lane

Stephen Gould emailed the clerk to report that he had seen the contractor from Hampshire Highways (HH) working on the drains under Axford Road. He noticed that the drains at the bottom of College Lane and opposite the gravel pits were ignored. The problem of drainage at the bottom of College Lane has been ongoing for some time, so Peter Raine has contacted HH and asked for a meeting with an engineer to try and resolve the issue satisfactorily. Stephen Gould, who lives nearby, has been informed and is happy to attend the meeting when it is arranged.

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e Memorial Hall

Councillor Dunse reported that the hall remains closed due to Covid restrictions. It is hoped to reopen TCC outside from 14th April.

f. Burial Ground

Landscaping of new area.

Adrien Cooke has made a good, neat job of planting the beech hedge. The work was overseen by Councillor Cazenove and Peter Raine. Permission has been obtained from Marcus and Lucinda Rule to use their water supply to water the saplings. Churchill Landscapes are scheduled to lay the path in May.

Update on registration of land.

We are still waiting for documents to be returned from the Land Registry Office.

Approval of the Burial Ground Rules and Regulations.

These were approved by all councillors.

g. Land and Property

Registration of Hill Farm Pond.

The process of registration is underway and the documents are with the Land Registry Office.

Overhanging trees adjacent to the gravel pits

We are still waiting for Hampshire Highways to undertake work to trees at the gravel pits and near Hill Farm Pond.

Charge for playground inspections.

Following negotiations with B&DBC, the new charge for playground inspections will be based on the number of properties in each parish. EPC decided to enter into a new arrangement with the council from June 2021. The fee will be calculated on a pro rata basis covering the period from June 2021 to March 2022 and will amount to £208 pa plus VAT. Sylvia Raine will inform B&DBC of the EPC's decision.

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Broken Post on Lower Common

One of the posts on Lower Common opposite Mayfield has broken. EPC approved the proposition that Peter Raine should issue instructions to Steve Brabbin to replace the post at a cost of approximately £60.

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	<p>h <u>BDAPTC</u></p> <p>See g above – charge for playground inspections.</p> <p>i. <u>Welcome Packs</u></p> <p>Several houses for sale in the village but no-one was aware of any new residents having moved in as yet.</p>	
<p>559.</p>	<p>Litter and Litter Wardens</p> <p>A resident has reported several broken bits of tree guards along the edge of Adrian Ferranti’s land at the bottom of College Lane. Councillor Dunse suggested that EPC engage in a litter picking exercise during the May Day Bank Holiday to clear these away and this was agreed. Sylvia Raine will organise this. When Peter Raine speaks to Adrian about the water on Furzen Lane, he will also request permission to litter pick on the edge of his fields.</p> <p>Sylvia Raine informed the council that the contracts for the 2 litter wardens will expire on 30th April and 31st July. She will advertise to see if anyone else would like a turn and if no-one else responds, she will offer the 2 current wardens a further year’s contract.</p> <p>Councillor Haas had previously commented on the amount of litter along Bushywarren Lane beyond Winslade Lane going towards the A339, which is not on a litter warden’s route. Having considered whether it would be worth employing a third litter warden making a third route to include this area, Councillor Dunse reported that he had recently been clearing the lane of litter and was happy to continue to do so. The council thanked Councillor Dunse for his commitment to the community in this respect.</p>	<p>PR/ GD</p> <p>SR</p> <p>GD</p>
<p>560.</p>	<p>Superfast Broadband for North Ellisfield.</p> <p>Councillor Dunse reported that 44 vouchers have been validated and Openreach is now moving the full fibre broadband project for North Ellisfield into delivery. EPC thanked Julian Wright and Councillor Dunse for all the hard work which went into achieving this result. The chairman agreed to purchase wine from Hattingley Valley as a thank you gift to Julian Wright.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>561.</p>	<p>Upper Swallick Concept Proposal</p> <p>Councillor Dunse reported that the petition was not presented to B&DBC as previously planned. At the meeting of B&DBC in March, Councillor Mark Ruffell proposed that the area between Crondall and Dummer should be designated as an AONB. However, it was decided that at present there is no clear strategy for allocation of land for building houses and as there are many other areas around the borough that would also want to reject plans for building, a plan needs to be in place before any further decisions can be made. The main line of attack against the Upper Swallick Concept Plan is to work towards designating the area as “special.” A traffic analysis is in progress. Suitable brown field sites in Basingstoke are also being investigated. EPC acknowledged Councillor Dunse’s hard work in supporting the community to oppose the Upper Swallick concept.</p>	
<p>562.</p>	<p>Future Meetings</p> <p>The Coronavirus regulations allowing meetings to take place virtually will not be extended beyond 6th May.</p>	

As face-to-face meetings would involve putting safety measures in place, it was decided to change the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council from 10th to 6th May. This will be a short meeting and will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting. Both meetings will be on Zoom. Dates for future meetings will be set in a few weeks' time when the lifting of lockdown should be further forward.

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There was some discussion about whether it would be beneficial to have a village social at some point in the near future to celebrate the end of lockdown. It was decided that this would be better organised by other village organisations.

563. To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the agenda.
None

The meeting closed at 9.21pm.

Dates for future meetings.

Thursday May 6th Annual Meeting @ 7.45pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting @ 8pm

Signed Chairman

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