

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council

held on Zoom to comply with government regulations to prevent the spread of Covid 19,
on Thursday 6th May 2021 immediately following the
Annual Parish Meeting

Present

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| 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 |

3 members of the public

569. Apologies for absence None

570. To elect a Chairman

The incumbent Chairman, Tim Guinness, indicated that he would not be prepared to stand as Chairman for another year and nominated Councillor Haas. This nomination was seconded by Councillor Cazenove and EPC voted unanimously to elect Councillor Haas as Chairman for the year 2021/22.

571. Chairman to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be signed by the Chairman and witnessed by Peter Raine as soon as possible.

Richard Haas chaired the meeting as the new Chairman and thanked EPC for the faith which had been placed in him. He stated his intention to try and fill the incredibly big boots which had been left by Tim Guinness who had done an amazing job as chairman for 16 years.

In the next few weeks, he will find opportunities to meet each councillor to discover their views about the way forward for EPC. If possible, he would like EPC to consider adopting a process of expecting a chairman to remain in post for only 3 years.

Councillor Cazenove expressed EPC's very grateful thanks to Tim Guinness for his commitment to EPC over so many years. She praised his ability to think problems through before making decisions and said that under his

leadership it had been fun to serve and to know that much had been achieved.

Councillor Park-Weir also expressed his appreciation of Tim’s ability to establish thoughtful relationships across the community.

Tim Guinness will write a formal letter of resignation from the council. He will also continue his work with Edna Chilton to publish the book, “A History of Ellisfield.”

572.To elect a Vice-Chairman

The incumbent Vice-Chair, Councillor Cazenove, indicated that she would be prepared to stand as Vice-Chair for another year. The Chairman nominated her and Councillor Dunse seconded the proposal. Councillor Cazenove was unanimously elected as Vice Chair of the council for the year 2021/22.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.

Chairman

Date