

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Monday July 19th 2021 at 7.30pm

Present

Caroline Cazenove	Chair
Gordon Dunse	Councillor
Gavin Park-Weir	Councillor
Andy Swanston	Councillor

Peter Raine } Sylvia Raine}	Joint Parish Clerk
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Members of the public	0
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PCSO Andy Jones	In attendance for Open Forum
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590	Apologies for Absence	Richard Haas
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591	To receive declarations of interest in any matter on the agenda	None.
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Open Forum

PC SO Andy Jones introduced himself to EPC and presented his report about crime in the area as follows:

- 5 antisocial behaviour reports including 30 youths engaging in alcohol and possibly drug abuse in Middle Copse, Cliddesden.
- 2 burglaries reported:

Weston Corbett - petrol powered tools were targeted

Herriard Sports Pavillion – offenders scared off by alarm.

Non dwelling burglaries are more common than dwelling burglaries and so there seems to be a trend towards the purchase of electric rechargeable tools which can be stored in the home and reduce the risk of theft.

- A man was intercepted walking along the A339 near Hackwood Lane with visible injuries and drinking alcohol. No police involvement was found to be necessary.
- Between June 17th and June 21st a significant amount of wood was stolen from AVS woodyard at Herriard.

PCSO Jones commented that wood prices have increased over the last few months so this could be the beginning of a new trend.

- On 30th June 2 suspicious vehicles were reported at the entrance to a large house on Hackwood Lane. After investigation, no follow up action was required.

592	To receive and approve the minutes of the EPC meeting held on 7th June 2021.
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The minutes were agreed and approved by all councillors and signed and dated by the Chair.

593	Matters arising from the minutes
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None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

594	To consider planning applications:	
	21/01663/FUL Drumbeg, College Lane, Ellisfield RG25 2QE	
	Erection of single storey rear extension with mezzanine floor, single storey front extension and single storey side extension with extension to existing garage with first floor home office. Alterations to driveway. Change of use of land to residential land.	
	This was discussed by email in between meetings and no objections were raised.	
	20/03362/LBC and 21/00005/FUL The Old Manor, Church Lane, Ellisfield RG25 2QR	
	Amendments to original applications concerning revised edge of location plan.	
	This was discussed by email in between meetings and no objections were raised.	
	HCC 21/00578/CMA 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 at Anaerobic Digester Installation, Bushywarren Lane, Herriard RG25 2NS	
	Amendments to the original application.	
	This was discussed by email in between meetings and no objections were raised.	
595	To receive a report on financial matters.	
	Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 12.07.21	£13,797.29
	Less un-cashed cheques:	0.00
	Total	£13,797.29
	Add NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,514.15</u> (01.01.2021)
	Balance	£24,311.44
	Monies paid by BACS since last meeting:	
	Tim Guinness expenses re Julian Wright	£66.00
	Clerks salaries	£711.70
	Expenses	£81.23
	Inland Revenue re clerks income tax	<u>£170.00</u>
	Total	£1,028.93
	Standing Orders & Direct Debits paid this financial year:	
	Litter picking, Garage rental	£274.90
	Income since last meeting:	
	Bank apology	<u>£26.00</u>
	Total	£26.
	Invoices issued since last meeting:	Nil
	Main Account Payments for Approval:	Nil

596	<p>Approvals</p> <p>Payments of Clerks salaries, tax and clerk’s expenses plus Tim Guinness’ expenses were all agreed by email since last meeting and formally approved at the meeting.</p> <p>Comments/proposals re Lloyds Bank correspondence re FSCS eligibility.</p> <p>Peter Raine reported that a letter had been received from the bank stating that EPC may not be eligible for the FSCS. He has been unable to obtain any further details or assurance from the bank that the account is covered. He will continue to press for a satisfactory answer to his latest letter requesting a written answer to his questions.</p> <p>To receive a report and approve any action needed on:</p> <p>a <u>Localism / HALC / Local Business Liaison</u></p> <p>Councillors Park-Weir and Haas plan to attend the business liaison group meeting on 4th October. The Chairman will write to local businesses to ask if they are able to make another annual contribution to the village.</p> <p>b <u>Flood resilience project</u></p> <p> Lengthsman’s work</p> <p>There has been little necessity for lengthsman’s work recently. Peter Raine will meet with Steve Brabbin in the next few weeks to discuss work that needs to be done.</p> <p>A resident has reported seeing rats in the flood pits. The rat catcher has quoted £150 to deal with the rats. There was some discussion about whether the work was necessary as there will always be rats in the countryside and whether the poison would also be harmful to other creatures such as birds of prey. Sylvia Raine will find our more information and discuss with the resident whether the rats are still evident in that area.</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. Footpaths 1 and 5 have been reported as needing attention. Councillor Dunse will take the necessary action.</p> <p>d <u>Highways</u></p> <p> Update on SID project</p> <p>Councillor Swanston reported that the volunteer process seems to be working well. He will prepare a comparison with the speed check from a few years ago for the next meeting.</p> <p> Clearing of drains at the bottom of College Lane</p> <p>An email has been received from Hampshire Highways confirming that work needs to be done to the drains at the bottom of College Lane but no time scale has been given. Peter Raine has replied reiterating the fact that a discussion with an engineer would be useful to ensure that the whole situation is clarified and resolved satisfactorily.</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>RH</p> <p>PR</p> <p>SR</p> <p>GD</p> <p>AS</p> <p>PR</p>
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<p>e</p> <p>f.</p> <p>g.</p>	<p><u>Memorial Hall</u></p> <p>Councillor Dunse reported that there are no concerns about the Memorial Hall.</p> <p><u>Burial Ground</u></p> <p>Update on registration of land.</p> <p>We are still waiting for documents to be returned from the Land Registry Office. Hampshire Legal Services have sent an email to try and speed up the process so that the consecration of the land can proceed as planned.</p> <p>Consecration of the new area of burial ground.</p> <p>The consecration has been arranged for Monday 4th October at 9.30am. It was agreed that Peter Raine should sign the relevant documentation on behalf of EPC.</p> <p>Removal of trees</p> <p>Planning permission has been obtained to remove the 2 trees which are causing damage to the boundary wall. Peter Raine has contacted Yew Tree Landscapes and Valley Tree Care to obtain quotations for the work.</p> <p>Burial Ground Rules and Regulations</p> <p>There was some discussion about whether it is necessary to review the burial ground rules and regulations in order to encourage people to look after the graves more carefully with awareness of their responsibilities. Councillor Swanston agreed to work on an initial proposal.</p> <p>Construction of path</p> <p>Peter Raine reported that he has tried to contact Churchill Landscapes who agreed to construct a path over the electric cable without success. He will continue to try and discover if they are still willing to complete this work.</p> <p><u>Land and Property</u></p> <p>Registration of Hill Farm Pond.</p> <p>The process of registration is underway and the documents are with the Land Registry Office.</p> <p>Overhanging trees adjacent to the gravel pits</p> <p>We are still waiting for Hampshire Highways to undertake work to trees at the gravel pits and near Hill Farm Pond. Peter Raine has tried to contact the tree officer but she is on sick leave at the moment.</p> <p>Maintenance of benches and the bus shelter on Ellisfield Green</p> <p>There was some discussion as to the best method of maintenance of the benches. Councillor Cazenove used a product called “wet and forget” on one bench for EPC’s approval. It was decided that this should be used after the benches have been scrubbed and the worst of the lichen removed. Peter Raine will discuss the work with Johnathan Krauklis-Gould and Tom Frankham to see if they are still happy to undertake the work to all EPC benches at a rate of £6.56 per hour.</p>	<p>PR</p> <p>PR/CC</p> <p>AS</p> <p>PR</p> <p>PR</p> <p>PR</p> <p>PR</p>
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	<p>Peter Raine has spoken Steve Brabbin about the maintenance work that is required to the bus shelter. He will provide a quotation in the next few weeks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Broken Post on Lower Common</p> <p>Steve Brabbin has secured a new post and we are awaiting his invoice.</p> <p>h <u>BDAPTC</u></p> <p>There was nothing to report.</p> <p>i. <u>Welcome Packs</u></p> <p>Councillor Cazenove reported that she has tried to deliver welcome pack to the new residents at Highwood House but discovered that they have not yet moved in. Also, the new residents at Water Rose were on holiday.</p>	PR
597	<p>Superfast Broadband for North Ellisfield.</p> <p>Councillor Dunse confirmed that there is nothing new to report about this project. An email has been received from Julian Wright expressing his thanks for the gift from EPC.</p>	GD
598	<p>Upper Swallick Concept Proposal</p> <p>Councillor Dunse reported that a meeting had taken place between Ranil Jayawardena, our MP and the parish councillors, with no significant outcome. STAND is discussing this issue with Juliette Henderson our HCC Councillor and also working with other parish councils to gain support for the designation of the area as an AONB. In the next few weeks, it is intended to write to B&DBC stating our case. A draft letter will be written for EPC's approval.</p>	GD
599	<p>Succession of Councillors</p> <p>Councillor Swanston has spoken to several residents in the south of the village to assess their interest in becoming involved with the parish council. However, although several might be willing to stand for election at a later date, none seemed interested in being co-opted as councillor at present.</p>	
600	<p>Ground Source Heat Pumps</p> <p>Alix Taylor has written to EPC sending an article about a test project to use ground source heat pumps to supply heating for a village in Suffolk. Councillor Cazenove reported that this was an expensive project and the village had obtained a £7million grant from Cambridgeshire County Council. It was thought that it might be difficult to implement a similar scheme in Ellisfield due to the extended nature of the village. It was also noted that this kind of heating would necessitate new and bigger radiators in each house. Sylvia Raine agreed to encourage Alix to continue to investigate the details and viability of such a project and report back to EPC, if she is willing.</p>	SR
601	<p>Platinum Jubilee celebrations</p> <p>2nd to 5th June 2022 is planned as a national weekend of celebration. Councillor Park-Weir reported that he had begun to canvas the village for members of an organising committee and for ideas about how to celebrate the event. He will give an update of his progress at the next EPC meeting.</p>	GPW

602	<p>To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the agenda.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.21pm</p> <p>Dates for future meetings.</p> <p>Monday 13th September Monday 8th November</p> <p>All meetings starting at 7.30pm</p> <p>Signed Chairman</p> <p>Date.....</p>	None	
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