

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in Ellisfield Memorial Hall on Monday November 8th 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present**

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

Peter Raine } Sylvia Raine}	Joint Parish Clerk
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Paul Gaskell	B&DBC Councillor
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620 **Apologies for Absence** PCSO Andy Jones

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

**Open Forum**

**PCSO Andy Jones** was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report which was read out:

03.10.21	A dog bit a farmer's sheep in the Ellisfield area. The incident is being dealt with by an out of court disposal and a Dog Behaviour Contract.
27.09.21	A Stihl blower, hedge cutter and multi tool stolen from a vehicle in Cliddesden.
07.10.21	A catalytic converter was stolen from a BMW M5 in Upton Grey.
Between 01 and 16.10.21	Cooking oil stolen from public house in Herriard. This is becoming a more occurrence because it can be processed and turned into bio fuel.
26.09.21	A car was damaged while parked in Weston Rd, Herriard.
23-25.10.21	Damage caused to fields by hare coursing in the Moundsmere area.
Between 16. and 28.09.21	Damage to a SID in Ellisfield, probably by a projectile from a catapult.
Between 16 and 18.10.21	Burglary in dwelling at Herriard.
25.10.21	A shed broken into and 2 bikes and paddle board stolen.
26.10.21	A Large number of petrol powered tools were stolen from a non dwelling property in the Tunworth area. A bronze coloured deer statue stolen.

Sylvia Raine will write to thank him for his report.

**Councillor Paul Gaskell** reported on various issues:

Jonathan Mosely's Police Barn Meeting in the Candovers (with Country Watch) was a success with attendance of about 50 people including farmers, landowners, and police officers. Rural theft, particularly of machinery, and anti-terrorist issues relating to the theft of fertiliser, were discussed. People were encouraged to disable any guns that were left in cars and to use "What 3 words" when reporting crime, particularly in rural areas where post codes are not as specific.

There was a recent police raid on a property in Odiham in which over 40 items of farm related equipment were seized.

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Councillor Gaskell has had positive meetings with representatives of Southern, South West and Thames Water Companies. He raised a few issues relating to the extraction of water from the aquifer during drought when the aquifer is already stressed and he will follow up on these during planning for the Southern Water Augmentation scheme. For the first time in many years, the Candovers stream remained flowing all year, probably due to a high water table. He also reminded the council of the importance of encouraging residents to clear ditches and culverts before heavy rain.

The warehouse application at Junction 7 of the M3 was recently rejected despite being accepted in April. There will probably be an appeal.

Talks have also begun concerning a potential site for a new hospital in the same area but north of the A30. There is a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to discuss infra structure, including water/ wastewater, electricity supplies etc.

Juliet Henderson, our HCC Councillor is championing the move to allow villagers to impose a 20mph speed limit in villages without the bureaucracy which is currently required.

Sylvia Raine asked whether he knew of any reason why planning applications were taking such a long time to be processed. He replied that the best idea was to contact the relevant planning officer in each case.

**622 To receive and approve the minutes of the EPC meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The minutes were agreed and approved by all councillors and signed and dated by the Chairman.

**623 Matters arising from the minutes**

None other than those dealt with on the agenda.

**624 To consider planning applications:**

**21/00578/CMA**

**Land Adjoining Green Waste Facility, Bushywarren Lane, Ellisfield**

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.

This application has been granted.

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

Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 25.10.21	£13,566.69
<b>Less</b> un-cashed cheques:	0.00
Total	£13,566.69
<b>Add</b> NS&I Savings Account:	<u>£10,514.15</u> (as at 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021)
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£24,080.84</b>

**Monies approved by email and paid by BACS since last meeting and formally approved by EPC in this meeting**

Valley Tree Care re Burial Ground trees	£300.00
Hampshire CC re Legal fees	£465.20
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HMRC re tax on clerks salaries	£170.00
Clerks expenses	£84.34
Clerks salaries: P Raine	£355.85

	<p>Clerks salaries: S Raine £355.85  B &amp; D B C re playground inspections £300.00  Batt Broadbent solicitors re consecration <u>£327.00</u>  <b>Total</b> <b>£2,744.24</b></p> <p><b>Standing Orders &amp; Direct Debits paid this financial year:</b></p> <p>Litter picking, Garage rental <b>£762.38</b></p> <p><b>Income since last meeting:</b>  Second tranche of Precept £2,760.50  <b>Total</b> <b>£2,760.50</b></p> <p><b>Invoices issued since last meeting:</b>  Candovers Parish Council re Lengthsmans work £1,000.00</p> <p><b>The following Main Account Payments were approved:</b>  Steve Brabbin re Lower Common post &amp; Bus Shelter £1,566.00  EVG re grounds maintenance <u>£1,200.00</u></p> <p><b>Total</b> <b>£2,766.00</b></p> <p>EPC formally approved a BACS payment of £43.20 to Mc Dougal Signs.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider items for inclusion in the budget for next year. This will be discussed at the next meeting in December.</p>	
625	<p><b>To receive a report and approve any action needed on:</b></p> <p><b>a</b> <u><b>Localism / HALC / Local Business Liaison</b></u></p> <p>The Chairman has written to local businesses to ask if they are able to make another annual contribution to the village and included an invitation to meet members of the community at TCC. A positive response has been received from Darren Cartwright, Operations Director for Herriard Biopower. He plans to attend TCC on 24<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The Chairman attended the HALC AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> November, remotely. There were 2 main items for discussion: the need for hybrid meetings for people who were not able to attend in person; the proposal to allow village to impose a 20mph speed restriction, as described in Open Forum. It was noted that tackling rural crime is one of the new Police and Crime Commissioner's 9 objectives. It was also mentioned that grants may be available for solar panels.</p> <p>Susie Deane reported a breach of planning conditions which specify that maize deliveries for the AD plant should not be delivered by road. It was decided to talk to Darren Cartwright about this when he visits TCC.</p> <p><b>b</b> <u><b>Flood resilience project</b></u></p> <p><b>Lengthsman's work</b></p> <p>Peter Raine has spoken to Steve Brabbin about lengthsman's work. Two areas needing attention at present are the ditches on College Lane where the tank transporter damaged the work already carried out, the flood pits at the bottom of Furzen Lane, and the gap into the field in Bell Lane.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>RH / GPW</p> <p>PR</p>



## **Burial Ground Rules and Regulations**

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Councillor Swanston is continuing to work on a review of the rules and regulations.

### **Notices warning of the electric cables running underground.**

The notices have been made and fixed in place.

### **Weeding of the hedge**

Adrien Cooke has weeded three quarters of the burial ground where the new hedge was planted. There is a little more left to do and this will probably be an ongoing concern for EPC.

### **g. Land and Property**

#### **Registration of Hill Farm Pond.**

We are waiting for the documents from the Land Registry Office.

#### **Tidy up of Hill Farm Pond**

There was a good response to the tidy up organised on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Jamie Orpwood, the estate director at Farleigh, is happy for the rubbish to be dumped at Goose Acre Dale. Rose is happy to do this but is currently busy with family responsibilities. Jamie Orpwood is of the opinion that the ash trees around the pond are suffering from ash die back and should be cut down. However, the tree officer from HH (See item below) thought that they did not need attention at the moment. It was noted that when the registration process is complete, the trees will be the responsibility of EPC.

#### **Work to Trees in the Village**

The Chairman, Councillor Dunse and Peter Raine met with the tree officer from Hampshire Highways. She was happy that the tree opposite Nightingales and Greystones, which has caused concern for the residents, did not need attention. She is in the process of organising the work to remove the dead wood from an oak opposite Nightingales. They drove round the village and she expressed a slight concern about some trees which she will come back and inspect when the trees are in leaf in the summer.

#### **Repairs to bus shelter on Ellisfield Green**

Steve Brabbin has made a good job of repairing the bus shelter on Ellisfield green, renewing all sides.

#### **Maintenance of benches.**

The Chairman expressed some concern about the state of some benches although they have just been treated. It was suggested that the benches had not been thoroughly drenched in the solution and it was also explained that the product "Wet and Forget" continues to work after it has been applied. All the benches are already looking much better than they were. It was decided to look at them again in the spring to see if they need another treatment.

#### **Playground Inspections**

Peter Raine is trying to organise a meeting with the Chairman, Councillor Dunse and Bernie Crisp from B&DBC to discuss the playground inspection reports.

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Asset Inspection Report</b></p> <p>The Chairman and Councillor Dunse walked around the village to inspect the assets. It was thought that they were generally in good repair. However, the climbing frame needs either to be replaced or repaired. Councillors Dunse and Park-Weir will ask Steve Brabbin to look at it with them so that a decision can be made about how to proceed. Steve Brabbin has looked at the balancing beam which is wobbly and has suggested that all it needs is a wedge, which he will fix in place.</p> <p><b>h</b>      <b><u>BDAPTC</u></b> There was nothing to report.</p> <p><b>i.</b>      <b><u>Welcome Packs</u></b> All new residents have already received a welcome pack.</p>	GD/ GPW
626	<p><b>Superfast Broadband for North Ellisfield.</b></p> <p>Councillor Dunse reported that superfast broadband will hopefully be delivered in February or March next year.</p>	
627	<p><b>Upper Swallick Concept Proposal</b></p> <p>The proposal is not included on the short list for the draft plan due in the first quarter of 2022. There is still work to be done on establishing some designation for the whole area and so far, about 10 parish councils have signed up to this proposal. There is some liaison with the “Save our Lodden” group which is engaged in water surveys. There was also some discussion about whether to join in with a group of parish councils in Hampshire who wish to protest about planning policies in rural areas. Councillor Dunse will investigate. The Chairman asked the council to consider whether our MP should be invited to a follow up meeting to discuss his view on the proposed development.</p>	GD
628	<p><b>Succession of Councillors</b></p> <p>After discussion, it was decided to invite Mary Guinness to be co-opted on to the council. The Chairman will send a written invitation and ask her to contact Peter Raine to complete the relevant forms.</p> <p>Councillor Swanston has had further conversations with 2 residents from the south of the village who had previously expressed interest in joining the council. One resident is willing to be co-opted but as he is fairly new to the village, it was thought that he should be asked when a future vacancy occurs.</p>	RH/ PR
629	<p><b>Platinum Jubilee celebrations</b></p> <p>Councillor Park-Weir has identified several people who are willing to join a committee and has received some ideas about possible celebrations.</p> <p>Peter Raine provided a list of fruit trees which could be bought to plant on Lower Common about 6 feet back from the mown edge. It was suggested that the village should be invited to a planting ceremony. Councillor Cazenove will investigate the availability of trees for planting this season.</p>	GPW CC
630	<p><b>Councillor Grant Scheme</b></p> <p>Paul Gaskell is happy to support our request for a grant to purchase a heavy duty strimmer for use at Hill Farm Pond. Councillor Swanston has completed the relevant paperwork.</p>	
631	<p><b>Liaison with Donna Jones, Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner</b></p> <p>Councillor Dunse attended the Police Barn meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October. (See Open Forum)</p>	

	<p>The Chairman attended a meeting with Donna Jones, Juliet Henderson and others:  The Commissioner is keen to reduce rural crime.  Information from this meeting about reporting crime has been distributed to the village via Neighbourhood Watch.  Future meetings: Rural crime round table – 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.</p> <p><b>632 Leaving gift for the Retiring Chairman</b></p> <p>The Chairman is organising the gift and presentation.</p> <p><b>633 Derelict Cottage</b></p> <p>It was decided not to take any action for the time being.</p> <p><b>634 Clerk’s Resignation</b></p> <p>It was confirmed that Peter and Sylvia Raine have resigned as Joint Parish Clerk with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022. They were thanked for their hard work and attention to detail and Councillor Cazenove said how sorry she was that they were resigning.</p> <p><b>635 Dates of Future Meetings</b></p> <p>Dates were agreed as listed below.</p> <p><b>636 To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the agenda.</b></p> <p>As part of the “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee” initiative, Lord Lymington has emailed EPC to offer the residents of Ellisfield the opportunity to a plant tree on bare agricultural land. There was a discussion in which some councillors were very much against accepting this offer. It was decided to discuss the issue with Cliddesden Parish Council before making a firm decision.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 10.05pm.</p> <p><b>637 Dates for future meetings.</b></p> <p>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021  Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022  Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March</p> <p>All meetings start at 7.30pm</p> <p>Signed ..... Chairman</p> <p>Date.....</p>	<p>RH</p>
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