

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 January 25th 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 3

542. **Apologies for Absence** None

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

Open Forum

PC Reid was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report which was read out as follows:

Incidents in the parish since the last meeting:

10.12.20 A damage road traffic accident in Northgate Lane.

A suspicious 4x4 was seen near the allotments over Christmas but made off when approached.

No reported crime for 2021

Crimes for 2020:

Criminal damage to crops x3

Non dwelling burglary – College Farm x 2

Sheep worrying x1

Public order incident in Bushywarren Lane x1

PC Reid has spoken again to the owner of the van outside Cannon Close. The brakes have welded on but the van is to be moved.

Ellisfield North Full Fibre Broadband

Julian Wright updated EPC on the progress with the Ellisfield North Full Fibre Broadband project. The price from Openreach to implement the necessary fibre infrastructure has been finalised. There is now sufficient support from the village for the vouchers to cover the full cost and therefore the upgrade to full fibre will be essentially free. Openreach has been asked to apply to the Department for Digital Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) for the gigabit scheme vouchers on behalf of those in the project. The risks are that the money for vouchers will run out or that some residents may drop out.

The DCMS should ask residents to confirm their gigabit vouchers in about 6 weeks' time. Sylvia Raine reported that there had been many emails of thanks since residents had been updated on progress.

544.	<p>To receive and approve minutes of the EPC meeting held remotely on 7th December 2020. The minutes were agreed and approved by all councillors and will be signed and dated by the chairman after the meeting.</p>											
545.	<p>Matters arising from the minutes</p> <p>None other than those dealt with on the agenda.</p>											
546.	<p>To consider planning applications -</p> <p>20/03362/LBC The Old Manor Church Lane Ellisfield RG25 2QR External alterations to existing stable including replacement doors and windows, new timber weatherboarding and minor brickwork repairs. Various internal alterations including removal/adaptation of existing partitions to create kitchen, WC and dining room, relocation of staircase and removal of part of loft floor to create vault over dining room to allow for conversion of barn to shoot lodge.</p> <p>This was discussed by email in between meetings and no objections were raised.</p> <p>Sylvia Raine informed the meeting that another planning application has been submitted for change of use of this barn to a shooting lodge. EPC has not yet been officially informed and councillors will be notified when details are received.</p> <p>T/00652/20/TCA Ivy Cottage, Bell Lane Ellisfield RG25 2QD T1 Yew – reduce top height by up to 3m and reduce crown spread by up to 2m.</p> <p>This was discussed by email in between meetings and no objections were raised.</p> <p>20/02977/OUT Land to North of Oakdene, Axford Road, Ellisfield</p> <p>Outline Planning Application for the erection of three detached dwellings including siting and access.</p> <p>EPC submitted a letter of objection to this application as agreed at the last meeting.</p> <p>20/03130/FUL Construction of temporary access road to enable construction of Basingstoke MSA</p> <p>A letter was written to B&DBC planning department supporting the objections to this application submitted by the residents of Winslade to the effect that the applicant has not demonstrated that access off Dickens Lane can be achieved safely.</p>											
547.	<p>To receive a report on financial matters.</p> <table data-bbox="159 1724 1396 1993"> <tr> <td>Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 18.01.2021</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10,790.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less un-cashed cheques:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10,790.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Add NS&I Savings Account:</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£10,438.99 (1st Jan 2021)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£21,229.39</td> </tr> </table>	Lloyds Treasurers Account as at 18.01.2021	£10,790.40	Less un-cashed cheques:	0.00	Total	£10,790.40	Add NS&I Savings Account:	£10,438.99 (1 st Jan 2021)	Balance	£21,229.39	
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Work to improve flood defences

Will Tidy of Savill's, the agent acting for the Portsmouth Estate, has told Peter Raine that the trustees have agreed in principle to the diversion of water along Alley Lane into the old chalk pit. The work has not yet begun due to the restrictions of Covid. Peter Raine will maintain contact with Savills.

PR

c Footpaths / Rights of way

Councillor Dunse informed the meeting that most of the footpaths have been inspected since the last meeting. A tree was blocking Kit Lane but this has been cleared. One fly tip was reported and has been cleared.

d Highways

Update on SID project

As a result of a conversation with PC Reid about the possibility of installing speed cameras on Axford Road, Councillor Swanston reported that generally the police will only put cameras in known accident black spots. However, PC Reid offered to periodically set up mobile cameras after looking at the data from the SID.

Councillor Swanston noted that the average speed of traffic in the middle of the 30mph limit seems to have reduced to approximately 35mph, which is encouraging. He will produce some analysis of the data for the village.

AS

Clearing of drains at the bottom of College Lane

Hampshire Highways have cleared all 4 drains at the bottom of College Lane. After a conversation with Stephen Gould, Sylvia Raine reported that it seems likely that the pipe that connects to the drain under Axford Road is also blocked, so this has now been reported. Peter Raine has asked Steve Brabbin to work on the grips and ditches at the bottom of College Lane to try and reduce the amount of mud running down the lane and blocking the drains.

e Memorial Hall

Councillor Dunse reported that the hall is now closed due to Covid restrictions. The hall has been included on the list of properties applying for a broadband voucher.

f. Burial Ground

Landscaping and maintenance of new area.

David Osmond's quotation for planting a beech hedge and making a footpath over the electricity cable is much higher than expected. Councillor Cazenove reported that she had also received another quotation which was even higher. She is awaiting one more quotation.

Peter Raine had previously received a reasonable quote for making the footpath from Churchill Landscape Services who carried out the fencing work. It was decided that Councillor Cazenove and Peter Raine should discuss the best option when all the information is available and make a decision about how to proceed in time for the hedge to be planted this season.

PR/CC

Update on registration of land.

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

g. Land and Property

Registration of Hill Farm Pond.

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

Clearing of the Hill Farm Pond area

Chris Allen has removed the trees from the pond and the area is already much improved. A team of residents will tidy up the area in March.

Overhanging trees adjacent to the gravel pits

Hampshire Highways have taken down trees as requested: one on Axford Road and one at the bottom of Green Lane. However, it is thought that the wrong tree has been removed on Green Lane leaving a tree exposed and leaning close to the telephone wire. More work is still to be completed on trees near Hill Farm pond. Peter Raine has contacted Hampshire Roads to try and resolve this issue.

Charge for playground inspections.

EPC submitted a response to B&DBC's budget consultation with respect to their intention to reduce grants for grass cutting. The chairman and representatives of BDAPTC recently attended a meeting with 2 councillors and 3 officers from B&DBC to discuss the proposed charge for playground inspections and reduction of grass cutting grants. These issues are therefore currently being debated.

h BDAPTC

See g above – charge for playground inspections.

i. Welcome Packs

Councillor Cazenove reported that she had delivered a welcome pack to Paul and Jocelyn Hayden at Fordham house.

549. Superfast Broadband for North Ellisfield.

See Open Forum.

550. Upper Swallick Concept Proposal

The STaNHd petition now has more than 5,300 signatures and will be presented to the Full Council in March together with a 5 minute presentation. A traffic analysis is in progress.

551. To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the agenda.

Projects using S106 funding.

Sylvia Raine referred to a recent email received from B&DBC requesting submissions for any proposed projects using S106 funding. It was decided that there are no projects in the parish which would fit the relevant criteria.

PR

SR

Peter Mitchell

Councillor Cazenove informed the councillors that Peter Mitchell unfortunately died very recently. He was a former chairman of the parish council and church warden of St Martin's church and will be remembered by long standing residents of the village. EPC extended their sympathy to Diana, his wife, following her bereavement.

The meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Dates for future meetings.

Monday March 29th, Monday May 10th

Signed Chairman

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