

**Minutes of a Meeting of Ellisfield Parish Council held in St. Martin's Church,
Ellisfield on Monday 27th July 2015**

Present: Mr. Tim Guinness (Chairman), Mrs. Caroline Cazenove,
Mr Gavin Park-Weir, Mr. David Richards.

In attendance: Mrs. E. Chilton, Mrs. Wendy Simson (for part of the meeting)

There were two residents present.

1. Apologies for Absence

M/s Rose Taplin Working.

2. To elect a Chairman for the remainder of the year

Mr. Tim Guinness was unanimously elected.

3. To receive Declarations of Interest in any matter on this Agenda

There were none.

4. To receive and approve Notes of a Meeting held on 13th July 2015

These were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5. Matters Arising from the Notes.

There were none.

6. To receive a report from PC Reed

No report

**7. To receive a report on progress made to recover Parish Council property
from the outgoing Clerk and to introduce Wendy Simson who has offered
to act as Locum.**

Proposed by Chairman and seconded by Cclr. Park-Weir. that Council should pay outgoing Clerk's salary to 8th July - £77.15 and travelling expenses for one quarter, as invoiced - £339.49. Carried unanimously.

The Chairman then introduced Wendy Simson who gave a short account of her career to date. it was agreed that M/s Simson would start in September by sitting in and taking Minutes.

**8. To appoint a new Councillor to fill the Casual Vacancy created by the
resignation of Councillor Wright.**

Vicky Reed and Richard Haas had expressed interest in the vacancy. It was agreed to co-opt Vicky Reed and with his agreement to hold Richard Haas in reserve with a view to using his professional expertise should this be possible by appointing him RFO.

**9. To receive a report on Financial Matters including approval of Accounts
and Annual Returns for 2014/15.**

Chairman had obtained copy bank statements. Balance at 13th July had been £4,932. Litter Pickers are paid by Standing Order. There is an outstanding bill for

the internal/external auditor in the sum of £155. Payment proposed by Cclr Park Weir and seconded by Cclr Richards, carried unanimously.

Annual Return had been completed and signed by Chairman as Acting RFO on 9th July. The Flagpole in the churchyard needed replacement. Deferred to next meeting.

10. Approval of new Standing Orders. Deferred to next Meeting.

11. To consider any new Planning Applications. There were none.

12. To receive a report an approve any action needed on:

- a) Localism/HALC/Local business liaison
- b) Highways
- c) The Parish Council Website
- d) Broadband Speed
- e) Land and Property
- f) Allotments
- g) Footpaths/Rights of Way
- h) Burial Ground
- i) Hill Farm Pond
- j) Neighbourhood Watch
- k) Memorial Hall
- l) Basingstoke Assn of Parish & Town Councils
- m) New Residents and welcome packs.
- n) Affordable Housing

It was agreed to delete items c,f,h,i,j,l and n from the standing agenda since there was little regular action needed on these matters.

e) *Land and Property:* The shackle bearing for the swing was damaged and there were no spares available due to its age. Cclr Richards will try EBay. There were no reports on any other matter.

13. To discuss any matters which have arisen since the publication of the Agenda and which the Chairman considers urgent. There were none.

14. To confirm date of next meeting. 7th September.

The meeting ended at 10.10pm

Chairman

Matters discussed in Open Forum:

- a) Could the 30mph speed limit on the occupied section of the Herriard/Axford Road be extended to include Green Lane?

This question had arisen several times over the past twenty years and the answer was still the same: yes it can but only if the villagers are prepared to accept the signage and road markings which by law must accompany such a limit. The answer has always been that they are not willing to accept them.

- b) *What has happened to the 5 x side nets on Lower Common?* This will be looked into.
- c) *Complaint about overgrowth of thistles and nettles on FP No 5.*

There was some disagreement amongst those residents present as to whether these in fact caused an obstruction but Cclr. Cazenove undertook to look into the matter and, if necessary, cut them back.

Noted that regarding the stile on this footpath the landowner had notified his intention to move/remove the hedge and that the stile will no longer be needed.

- d) *Was any progress being made on extending faster broad band to the lower half of the village?*

Efforts were ongoing but there seemed little prospect of an early resolution of the problem, though there is money available via a grant from B&DBC.

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