

ELLISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Date: Monday 7 November

Time: 8:00pm

Venue: Memorial Hall, Ellisfield

Present:	Tim Guinness	Chairman
	Caroline Cazenove	Vice Chair
	Gavin Park Weir	Councillor
	David Richards	Councillor
	Vicky Reed	Councillor
	Rose Taplin	Councillor
	Mick Walker	Clerk
	Five members of the public	

183 Apologies for Absence.
There were no apologies for absence.

184 To receive Declarations of Interest in any matter on this Agenda.
There were none.

185 Minutes of the previous Parish Council Meeting.
The Vice Chair asked the Councillors to confirm that they had read and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016. They were agreed and the Chairman signed a copy for the records.

186 To receive a report from PC Andrew Reid
No problems reported during the Basingstoke half marathon
An attempted garage burglary occurred in Green Lane.

187 Matters Arising.

New Noticeboards - Cllr Park Weir agreed to provide councillors with hard copy of the two recommendations mentioned in the previous minutes.

The Clerk reported that the promised donation of £1000 from Laings (Solar Power) towards replacement noticeboards had not materialised despite a reminder to Richard Caldarone.

Flood Plans – The Chairman reported that David Masson had agreed to supply weather data but was unable to do it with the current slow broadband speed.

The Chairman has had email correspondence with Steve Pellatt, Highway Manager, Hampshire County Highways North about who owns and might therefore accept responsibility for our six flood pits. This correspondence has also involved the Hampshire County Council Flood and Water Management Team and Jessica Rowlett, the HCC Emergency Planning & Resilience Officer.

It is known, for example, that Ellisfield Parish Council owns the flood pit at Lower Common but that the pit near the gravel pits is owned by Hampshire highways.

Lengthsman Scheme – The Clerk reported that only two of the three possible candidates had responded to the invitation to tender and one of these did not have the use of a digger. A further attempt will be made to contact Dave Salter (aka Digger Dave) who, it is understood, has recently moved.

Sandbags – It has been decided to store the sandbags in the garage at Cannon Close. Cllr Park Weir will estimate how many could be stored and request a supply from BDBC.

Planning Applications – There have been no new planning applications.

Broadband Speed – Cllr Park Weir reported that Redraw had delivered fast broadband to Lasham and he would now approach them again about getting a faster service to Ellisfield. The Chairman felt that if Redraw were not about to solve our problem then we should explore alternatives.

It was decided to also approach HCC and BDBC.

Speed Data Collection – The options previously proposed by Cllr Park Weir were discussed. These would require at least four people to act as “speed data wardens”. It was thought unlikely that four volunteers would be forthcoming and so the idea of speed data collection could not be progressed at this time.

Bushywarren Liaison Group - The next meeting of the Bushywarren Liaison Group will be at 3pm on Wednesday 25 January. It is expected that Cllr Park Weir will be able to attend.

188 Financial Update.

Lack of a Risk Assessment being minuted during the year has resulted in the 2015/16 annual return being “qualified” by BDO, the external auditors. This will be addressed for FY 2016/17.

The Clerk reported that the view of HALC about the donation of £250 to the appeal for the new Candover Valley Community Store in Preston Candover is that making a donation to an appeal for a project that may not reach fruition is not an acceptable use of public funds.

Two invoices are due for payment:

£156 to BDO.

£35 to the Information Commissioner for Data Protection annual fee.

189 Localism.

Cllr Park Weir reported that Hampshire County Council is seeking to revise its currently adopted Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2014). The SCI is a statement of policy for involving local communities, consultees and interested parties in matters relating to minerals, waste and County Council developments within their local area. Hampshire County Council is consulting on the draft revised SCI and would welcome comments. The consultation is for six weeks from 7 November 2016 to 19 December 2016. Cllr Park Weir undertook to assess if the Parish Council should make a representation or if residents need to respond as individuals.

190 Allotments.

The Clerk reported that invoices had been sent out to tenants for the year Oct 16 to Sep 17.

A new tenancy agreement has been sent to Tony Simmons of Firs Cottage for plot 13.

Trevor Lucas has relinquished his two plots, one of which has been taken up by Annie Duncan.

Plots 8 and 14 are currently vacant although Tracey Gilvear is mowing plot 14 to keep it tidy.

191 Children's Playground.

Both seats and their chains have been judged as "high risk" by the BDBC Playground Inspector and must be replaced. A quote of £259 plus VAT has been received from Sutcliffe Play, the original suppliers of the equipment. The Clerk was authorised to order the replacement parts.

192 Bus Shelter.

A letter had been received from Pam Frankham of Axford Road reporting that the roof of the bus shelter at the bottom of Green Lane was badly decayed with the result that the shelter floods. It was agreed that Cllr Richards would organise for repairs to be carried out.

193 Any Other Business.

There was no other business raised.

182 Date of next meeting

Proposed future meeting dates are:

- Monday 7 November
- Monday 19 December
- Monday 23 January
- Monday 20 March
- Friday 19 May – Annual Parish Assembly
- Monday 22 May – Parish Council meeting and AGM
- Monday 17 July
- Monday 18 September
- Monday 20 November

Matters Discussed at Open Forum

Items raised by the public in the Open Forum:

Paul Turner enquired whether a number of trees had been felled on the site of the Lower Allotments. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

Post meeting note – The Clerk has been informed by the tenant of the Lower Allotment that some trees had been cleared.

Paul Turner asked whether any Councillors had inspected the burial grounds following Ray Reed's comments at the last meeting. Cllr Cazenove had visited the burial grounds and intends to carry out a further visit with Andy Swanston. It is difficult to maintain the grounds neatly. Phil Self wondered if landscaping would improve things.

Cllr Cazenove agreed to review the situation with Ray Reed and Phil Self.

Paul Turner stated that if the Agenda for forthcoming Council meetings was only going to be displayed on the Lower Common noticeboard and on the Parish Council website then he would be willing to post a copy on the remaining noticeboards.