

## ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 27 November 2018.

### Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw	Cllr Errington - Chairman (P)
Cllr Lane (P)	Cllr Loader (P)
Cllr Sampson (P)	Cllr Spark (P)
Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P)	Cllr Taylor (P)
Cllr Trebilco (P)	Cllr Webster (P)

(P) denotes present

### In attendance:

Cllr Thierry  
DCllr Dow  
Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

### Members of the Public (2)

#### **1. Apologies**

18/11/194

The clerk had received apologies from Cllr Burtenshaw.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

18/11/195

Cllr Errington declared a non-pecuniary interest if Mockbeggar Lakes was discussed.

#### **3. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 30 October 2018.**

18/11/196

It was resolved that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Spark and seconded by Cllr Loader. 6 in favour (others not present at that meeting).

#### **4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 30 October (not on the agenda)**

18/11/197

16/170 Gorley Road Overhanging branches & 18/06/105 Road Repairs Pigeon House Corner. These matters have been reported to Hampshire Highways, work orders have been raised under a closure and landowners have been written to.

16/196 Cattle Grid at Rockford. The works at this location have started, however some of the work has been identified as needing to be carried out on private land. Scheduling a meeting this week with the landowner, then the scheme can be completed.

17/05/81 Speeding & Signage at Linwood - on agenda.

17/06/103 Blashford Bus Shelter. Chased Oakcraft for date, and landowner to re-confirm their agreement. Awaiting responses.

17/10/186 & 18/06/111 Information Boards & Red Kiosk. A Saturday morning event is being planned at the red kiosk, New Road: further details to follow.

17/11/205 Use of ehipc Email. Cllrs Lane and Taylor were reminded to action asap.

18/01/17 Dockens Water SSE Repairs. Outcome of planned repair works awaited following EA's concerns.

18/02/32 Ellingham Drove Speed Limit - on agenda.

18/03/48 & 18/05/93 Alderholt Road Concerns. Works to this road cannot be included within the Community Funded Initiative scheme, however works are planned by HCC Highways as follows:-

'The haunching works are in the process of being planned. A road closure will be required for the works to take place but I'm afraid there is no date for this as yet. The road markings will be refurbished once these works are completed as part of the scheme. There are no plans for verge strengthening as part of this scheme. The haunching works will go some way to repairing the rutting at the haunch repair sites. The provision of grasscrete is costly and additional verge strengthening is not a high priority for funding at this

time. It is worth noting that grasscrete, although not intended as carriageway widening, will improve conditions for larger vehicles that overrun the road edges.'

18/05/94 Easement at Redwings, South Gorley. Clerk is chasing the solicitor for an appointment.

18/07/133 Bringing together the Parish. On agenda.

18/07/134 Bench at Moyles Court. Clerk awaiting date to meet on site with Natural England to discuss potential bench location. *Post meeting: date agreed of 18/01/19.*

18/07/136 Permissive Path at Mockbeggar. Unfortunately the Somerley Estate have responded advising they will not consider opening this path.

18/07/137 South Gorley gravel verges. Clerk awaiting date to meet on site with Natural England to discuss dragon's teeth to define each corner at the top of the triangle to prevent over-running and encourage the verge to regrow. *Post meeting: date agreed of 18/01/19.*

18/09/160 Plover's Barrow manure heap. No response from EA or NE yet. **Clerk to chase.**

18/10/176 Almshouses' AGM – Cllr Sampson will investigate the benefits of the Trust with the other trustees.

18/10/179 - Parish Council Noticeboards. Clerk to investigate the cost of printed name boards, instead of individual lettering.

18/10/180 Roads/Footpaths: Clerk chased the Rights of Way Office for an update on reported issues with FP1.

18/10/183 - Neighbourhood Email Alert System – potential volunteers - on agenda.

## 5. Public Forum

18/11/198

A resident representing the Harbridge Protection Society (HPS) addressed the councillors regarding concerns of the current state of the Alderholt Road, largely a result of the speed and type of traffic using it (HGVs). Concerns were also raised about the proposed 1000 new homes in Alderholt and the additional pressure this will have on these rural roads. The HPS is looking to request speed limit reductions in the area and seeks the Parish Council's support. They are liaising with the police, CEMEX, Hampshire County Council Minerals department, Alderholt Parish Council. HPS will keep EH&I informed, and Cllr Thierry so he can liaise with HCC Highways.

## 6. Finance

18/11/199

i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were presented for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Spark, seconded by Cllr Loader. All in favour (9).**

1490	Grant-All Saints Church, Harbridge	200.00
1491	Grant-St Mary & All Saints Church	200.00
1492	Grant-Crosslanes Chapel Property Trust	200.00
1493	Grant-Parish of Hyde with Ellingham & Harbridge	200.00
1494	Grant-Hyde Band	300.00
1495	Grant-Citizens Advice New Forest	100.00
1496	Grant-New Forest Disability Service	100.00
1497	Grant-Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society	250.00
1498	Grant-Victim Care Service	100.00
1499	NFDC-GIS ParishMap training & mapping work	30.00
1500	SLCC-annual membership (2/3 of £156 renewal)	104.00
1501	T Mason-Handyman Nov invoice	24.00
1502	N Mackenzie-UK Cheapest website hosting	52.99
1503	N Mackenzie-annual home office use fee (to end'18)	104.00
1504	N Mackenzie-November salary & expenses	861.93
1505	R Errington-Expenses Sep to Nov'18	199.15
1506	R Errington-projector hire Jul-Sep'18	60.00

18/11/200

ii. Financial report.

Current account £15,470.87 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,521.42

Reserve account £1,420.93

18/11/201

- iii. Half year budget report. The clerk had circulated the report to all councillors. The budget is on target to be spent, but accrued reserves were noted and potential projects were discussed.

**7. Crime in the Parish**

18/11/202

Nothing specific had been reported to the clerk, however Cllr Sampson advised of a break-in just the other side of the northern parish boundary.

**8. Parish Council Matters**

18/11/203

- i. Parish Council Projects. No specific updates at this time, but all were encouraged to review the list to further existing and identify **any** new projects. **Clerk to review the spreadsheet and circulate to all members.**

18/11/204

- ii. Consider works under Community Funded Initiative (circ.21Nov). The clerk had circulated the eligible proposals from HCC Highways, and the following schemes were analysed and benefits discussed:-
- Ellingham Drove, Blashford: traffic calming and pedestrian awareness over two sites £2,600.
  - Broomy Plan, Linwood: 'Wild Ponies' warning signage with village name over two sites (subject to NFNPA, FC, Verderers & CDA approval) £900.
  - Amies Corner, Linwood: advance bend warning signing, SLOW road markings, carriageway edge lines, new larger chevron signs £2,000.
  - Appleslade Bottom to 'Ravens Nest': SLOW road markings and repeater markings, carriageway edge lines £400.

**Cllr Spark proposed to commit to all schemes at an estimated cost of £5,900. Seconded by Cllr Stainton-Burrell. All in favour (9).**

**Clerk to investigate if there is an alternative to the 'allegri' style verge marker posts proposed in Ellingham Drove, and ascertain the annual maintenance costs for the village gateway signs at Linwood.**

**Clerk to advise HIWWT and Richard Deacon.**

18/11/205

- iii. Suggestions of a speaker for Annual Parish Meeting on 23 April 2019. Two suggestions were put forward, Lyndsey Stride and Richard Reeves. **All other suggestions to the clerk.**  
**Clerk to check 'purdah' dates due to 2 May election.**

**9. Environmental Matters**

18/11/206

- i. Roads/Footpaths: potential for signage warning of no footpath along Mockbeggar Lane and Mockbeggar Lane East was suggested. **Clerk to explore with the Community Funded Initiative.**

18/11/207

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation: Concerns were voiced regarding the branches left in the ditches following the hedges being cut around Newlands Farm land: **Clerk to write to the farm.** Also, persistent parking on the SSSI verge on Mockbeggar Lane East was raised: **Clerk to check previously issued Natural England consent for 10x dragon's teeth, and write to Newlands Farm.**

18/11/208

Photo of a debris dam at the restricted culvert near Forest Korna were viewed, and the situation is to be monitored.

18/11/209

iii. Historic Routes and Past Pathways Project: Cllr Sampson advised the only route being explored is the path including Rockford Common. **Clerk to add to the agenda for 22 January 2019.**

18/11/210

iv. Site suggestions for Animal accident silhouettes The clerk explained the silhouettes are not permitted to be on the open forest, so other suggested sites are: on the ha-ha at Moyles Court School, Cross Lanes before the cattle grid, Hockey's Farm Shop, National Trust car park at Rockford.

#### 10. Community Matters

18/11/211

i. Neighbourhood Email Alert System – potential volunteers. The clerk had reached out to a resident and was awaiting a response. Other suggestions were put forward: **Cllr Sampson to approach a Mockbeggar resident**, a Harbridge resident was also put forward.

18/11/212

ii. EH&I News – forthcoming issue. All were reminded the deadline for suggested articles is 4 December.

#### 11. Consultation Papers or events (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate):

18/11/213

i. Independent review of England's National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) deadline 18Dec18 (circ.20Nov). All were encouraged to respond individually.

#### 12. Outside Bodies: none

To approve the Councillors' circulated reports of meetings attended and to deal with any issues arising:

#### 13. County/District Matters:

18/11/214

i. Reports from County & District Councillors. CCllr Thierry advised he had explored Cllr Webster's request for the Blashford Lakes forum to be reconstituted, but this will not happen. He suggested inviting a representative from the NFNPA to our meetings: **Cllr Errington to extend an invitation to John Sanger**.

He reminded the clerk he has grant funds available should the parish apply. **Clerk to action**.

The date the NFDC Local Plan is before the inspector is currently unknown.

The absence of yellow high visibility posts at Ellingham Cross roads was raised, as other junctions have them, and they could improve the safety of this area. **Clerk to investigate**.

#### 14. Correspondence

18/11/215 – Further to recent correspondence delivered directly to councillors by a resident concerning the resident's allegations about a councillor's breach(es) of the Code of Conduct, and calling for the councillor to be removed from office, Cllr Errington reiterated to members that the Parish Council does not have this authority.

Cllr Errington clarified that any complaint against a councillor whilst acting in their capacity as a councillor should be directed to the NFDC Monitoring Team, not the Parish Council. In this instance, the Monitoring Team had determined that there was no case to answer following the resident's complaint to them in January 2018.

All members were happy with the correspondence received from the Clerk about this matter. The complaints are not relevant to the Parish Council, as the complaints are of a personal matter.

The complainant was invited to address the Council but chose not to discuss the matter further. Cllr Errington advised the matter is now closed.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm.

#### Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30pm:-

##### Parish Council

No meeting in December

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

##### Planning Committee

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019