

22 March 2016

ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 22 March 2016.

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman) (P)

Cllr Lane

Cllr Spark (P)

Cllr Errington (P)

Cllr Webster (P)

Cllr Shand (P)

Cllr Loader

Cllr Sampson (P)

Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P)

Cllr Trebilco (P)

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (4)

1. Apologies

16/53

Apologies were received from CCllr Heron, DCllr Dow, Cllrs Lane and Loader.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 23 February 2016

16/54

Prior to the meeting, Cllr Trebilco had requested 'with 71 signatures' to be inserted in minute reference 16/26 to confirm how many signatures were on the petition against Site 4 for affordable housing; this had been inserted by the clerk.

At the meeting it was requested to add under minute reference 16/27 that the workmen intended to return to clear the rubble when the weather was drier. This was manually inserted to the minutes and signed by the Chairman.

Including these amendments, it was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 2016 were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Webster. All in favour (8).

4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 26 January (not on the agenda)

16/55

15/118 and 16/28 Highways Matters; Moyles Court Ford - repairs to footbridge. The clerk had spoken at length with Pete Mabey, HCC Highways Bridges Team - he agreed to urgently install more robust 6ft steel fencing encircling the unstable concrete to protect visitors to the ford over the busy Easter holidays. The repair work is intended to be carried out after the holidays.

15/181 Hedge cuttings in ditch – Ivy Lane. Clerk has left message for RDAA fishing bailiff ben Hutchinson.

15/182 Avon River Restoration project. The clerk has written to the Environment Agency, inviting a representative to a meeting to explain the lack of consultation and communication (refer to document of December 2009). Response awaited.

15/205 Broadband update. Cllr Errington reported to members the success of the Hyde broadband project; monies have been donated by residents, meetings are scheduled with lawyers to sign a contract with OpenReach by end of March, with a hoped-for start date of end of July. The residents have demonstrated great passion and community involvement, and Hyde will be used as a role model for future projects. It will be a main focus at the NFDC stand at the New Forest Show. **Clerk to add as regular agenda item.**

15/208 New Resident welcome Letter. The clerk has forwarded a draft to Cllrs Spark and Burtenshaw.

16/04 Representation by Richard Deacon/Linwood Speed Limits. Cllr Burtenshaw has been in touch with Steve Avery, NPA; response awaited. Clerk to echo Mr Deacon's representation to the Verderers to warn road users of animals on the road and speed limits.

16/27 Rubble following ditch work – east side of Gorley Road, Mockbeggar. Clerk has been asked to contact Somerley Estate to ask that it be removed as a matter of urgency as it is dangerous and unsightly.

16/31 Bridleway designation. The clerk has been in touch with John Cartwright, HCC Rights of Way office, who has confirmed that the current rights of way map is effectively an 'open' map, and de-regulation in 2020 will 'close' this map however changes can still be made with sufficient evidence. **Clerk to obtain formal opinion from HCC Winchester.**

16/41 Blashford Lakes Forum. Clerk to forward agreed agenda items at the appropriate time, and **clerk to obtain an answer to who is replacing Martin Devine and response to email of 15 June 2015.**

16/43 Ditch work. The deepening of the ditch immediately south of the culvert at Ibsley Service Station was carried out week of 14 March, along with some work at Cross Lanes to alleviate flooding there. Clerk has requested Bob Brown add the Ibsley Service Station culvert to the jetting list. Invoice from the contractor is awaited.

16/44 Plantation Copse water pipe. This water pipe was dug without consent from Natural England or the Parish Council (as the landowner). **Clerk to write to applicant expressing our disappointment.**

16/49 Car parking to access commons. The ongoing issue of a lack of parking to access the commons. Cllr Burtenshaw proposed to the Ibsley Village Hall (IVH) committee meeting to allocate a few spaces within their parking area for locals to use. The IVH committee were concerned this may put pressure on those who have hall bookings. **Ongoing.**

16/50 Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk has secured local historian John Hawkins to talk on the parish before, during and after WW2. Please remind all residents this year it is being held at Ibsley Village Hall.

5. Public Forum

16/56

Two residents from Toms Lane spoke regarding the continual issues of vehicles and large delivery lorries using Toms Lane in Linwood, a rural track, for access and deliveries to the High Corner Inn. The residences in Toms Lane share the same postcode as the High Corner Inn, BH24 3QY, and Sat Navs direct drivers approaching from the west via Toms Lane, rather than directing them to continue in an easterly direction along the Linwood Road past the Red Shoot Inn. This is extremely frustrating for residents, as not only do lost members of the public regularly access their driveways and to ask directions to the High Corner Inn, but the verges are rapidly deteriorating where large vehicles are passing one another and carelessly driving over the verges.

The residents have raised these issues with the Forestry Commission, and they have a number of suggestions: reinstate the pinch point where the 'access to private properties' sign is; reinstate the

no through road' sign at the top of Toms Lane. Cllr Burtenshaw advised she has looked into this before, and suggested a sign directing drivers to continue easterly on the Linwood Road where the green (Forestry Commission) sign is directly left for the Red Shoot. Cllr Sampson suggested approaching the Sat Nav companies to ask them to amend their directions.

Actions: Clerk to write to the Forestry Commission in support of the residents' letter and suggest a meeting between Gary North (Forestry Commission), the National Park and HCC Highways, along with a representative from the residents.

16/57

An attending resident enquired if anything further was to be discussed about Affordable Housing regarding minute reference 16/32. Cllr Burtenshaw responded that the PC are keen to revisit the project but later in the year and the first task would be to set up a working group to agree the way forward.

16/58

A member of the public enquired to what the two vertical pipes are where the water pipe work had been carried out on the Parish Council owned verge near Plantation Copse; it was clarified it is not known what they are for but perhaps the clerk could mention this when writing to the landowner.

6. Finance

16/59

i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were approved for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Sampson, seconded by Cllr Shand. All in favour (8).**

1258	Anton Agricultural Contracting-track work Shaves Green	519.00
1259	Advert-ice cream pitch concession	66.00
1260	Ibsley Village Hall-APM room booking	23.00
1261	John Hawkins-APM speaker booking	40.00
1262	T Mason-handyman Mar invoice	48.00
1263	P Dunwoodie-replace polycarbonate Ibsley Bus Shelter	388.12
1264	T Mason-supplies and labour to clean Ibsley Bus Shelter internally	180.97
1265	T Mason-supplies and labour to clean Ibsley Bus Shelter externally	172.07
1266	Viking Payments-stationery	396.52
1267	J Stokes-tree officer travel expenses	28.80
1268	M Trebilco-travel expenses	43.65
1269	R Errington-expenses Nov to Mar	203.40
1270	L Burtenshaw-expenses Jan to Mar	120.00
1271	Post Office Ltd-NICS Jan to March	60.78
1272	Clerk N Mackenzie, Mar salary & expenses	785.15
1273	Technology Savings-transferred from Current to Business Reserve 1	190.00
1274	Clerk's gratuity to Business Reserve 2 account	310.50

16/60

ii. Financial report.

Current account £2,578.38 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,355.32

Reserve account £1,394.84

16/61

iii. Consider tender submitted for ice cream pitch at Moyles Court School (circ.17Mar).

The clerk had circulated the tender received for operating the ice cream pitch concession from the current operator, Linda Lewis. **It was proposed to accept her tender of £1,000. Seconded, all in favour (8).** It was recommended she cover herself for public liability, and she was reminded not to park in the gateway without the occupier's permission.

7. Crime in the Parish

16/62

None reported to the clerk, however several outbuildings have been broken into in Harbridge and items stolen. All were encouraged to continue to secure their outbuildings.

8. Parish Council Matters

16/63

- i. Annual review of Risk Assessment (circ.17Mar). The clerk had circulated this document for review. It was deemed adequate, Cllr Burtenshaw proposed to continue with this document, seconded by Cllr Spark, all in favour (8). It was suggested that investigation into cloud storage as opposed to a hard drive storage for back up would be advisable. **Clerk to investigate.**

16/64

- ii. Annual review of Financial Regulations (circ.17Mar). The clerk had circulated the current financial regulations and they were deemed adequate, however a review of these to the standard NALC document was recommended in the next few months. Proposed by Cllr Errington, seconded by Cllr Webster, all in favour (8). **Cllr Lane was volunteered to review and report back.**

16/65

- iii. Parish Council Projects – update. The current projects were discussed and all were encouraged to volunteer and further the projects. Circular footpaths and wartime walks were discussed. Tarmac have advised they have a fund for community projects, which could be used for projects in the parish. **Members to put forward suggestions, and volunteer for unallocated projects, to the clerk.**

9. Environmental Matters

16/66

- i. Footpaths. The clerk had circulated local resident Simon Richardson's review of Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society's detailed path survey. **His suggestions are to be reviewed for tasks for the Parish Lengthsman's next visit.**

16/67

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation. A crack was reported in the culvert onto the Somerley Estate's land on Communal Site No. 2 (south of Ibsley Village Hall), where the recent ditch work has been carried out. No update had been received from CCllr Heron regarding the ditch clearance on the Rockford Loop Road.

16/68

- iii. Seasonal path between Ibsley and Mockbeggar Lakes. Cllr Webster briefed the members on the seasonal path between Ibsley Water and Mockbeggar Lakes advising it was originally conditioned to be seasonal so as to minimise disturbance to wintering wildfowl. Natural England's Simon Curson has reported a downturn in wintering wildfowl visiting the lakes, thought to be relating to the turbidity and silt in the water. Cllr Webster wishes for the Parish Council to approach the relevant bodies to request the path to be opened all year round. Cllr Burtenshaw had spoken with the HCC Monitoring Office Rosemary Box on this matter, and asked **Cllr Webster to prepare a draft request for a variation of condition to allow the path to be opened all year round, and forward it to the clerk.**

16/69

- iv. Annual Ragwort Pull & Litter Pick – Saturday 2 July 2016. The clerk suggested a date of Saturday 2 July, Cllr Burtenshaw advised the clerk is awaiting a response from Natural England on their opinion on ragwort following a local resident's email and a discussion at the last meeting.

10. Community Matters

16/70

- i. Consider attendance at the Ellingham Show 13 August 2016. It was agreed the Parish Council should continue their presence at this show. Cllr Lane had advised the clerk she was happy to head up the working group, Cllrs Sampson, Stainton-Burrell and Loader (in his absence) were volunteered to work with Cllr Lane. **Cllr Lane to organise a meeting of the working group.**

16/71

- ii. Forthcoming EHI Newsletter. **All suggested content to the clerk by 31 March.**

11. Consultation Papers (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate) - none**12. Outside Bodies:**

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

16/72

- i. Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group meeting 7Mar'16 (circ.16Mar)-Cllrs Errington, Shand & Trebilco
- ii. Annual Rivers event report 8Mar'16 (circ.9Mar) –Cllr Webster
- iii. Ibsley Village Hall Committee meeting 8Mar'16-unattended
- iv. Plumley Liaison Panel 17 Mar'16 – Cllrs Burtenshaw & Errington; verbal update

13. County/District Matters – neither present.**14. Correspondence**

16/73

A resident had contacted the clerk asking for a footpath heading south from Cross Lanes crossroads to Moyles Court. It was discussed, and **the clerk is to investigate further and contact the Somerley Estate.**

16/74

Cllr Trebilco had been asked by a resident to request for affordable housing to be a regular agenda item. Cllr Burtenshaw advised it would not be a regular agenda item, but instead added to the Parish Projects List. Of course anything requiring consideration or a decision by the Parish Council would be on the agenda. **Clerk to update Parish Projects List.**

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30pm:-**Parish Council Annual Meeting**Tuesday 24th May 2016**Planning Committee**Tuesday 12th April 2016**Annual Parish Meeting**Tuesday 26th April 2016