

**26 January 2016**

**ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 26 January 2016.

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (P)  
Cllr Lane (Chairman) (P)  
Cllr Spark (P)  
Cllr Errington (P)  
Cllr Webster (P)  
Cllr Shand (P)  
Cllr Loader (P)  
Cllr Sampson  
Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P) (*arrived 7.35pm*)  
Cllr Trebilco (P)  
(P) denotes present

In attendance:

DCllr Dow  
Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (approx. 35)

**1. Apologies**

16/01

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sampson and Stainton-Burrell, and Cllr Heron.

**2. Declarations of Interest - none**

**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2015**

16/02

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2015 were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Spark and seconded by Cllr Webster. 7 in favour (1 member did not vote as was not in attendance).

*Cllr Stainton-Burrell arrived at 7.35pm.*

**4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 24 November (not on the agenda)**

16/03

15/118 Highways Matters

Moyles Court Ford - repairs to footbridge. The Environment Agency have requested an ecological survey for protected species, which due to be carried out last week of January. **Await results of survey.**

General Footpath Matters

FP 31 – replacement stiles project. Listed Building Consent application pending sale of The Rectory and discussions with new owner.

15/94 North Ibsley Lakes

Resident concerns on lack of enforcement of the S106 agreement at North Ibsley and also the planning issues of the access tracks at Mockbeggar Lakes (as below). Cllr Burtenshaw to respond to resident. **Carried over to the next meeting.**

#### 15/95 Mockbeggar Lakes

Site meeting was taking place in mid January – awaiting update from NFDC. **Clerk to chase response and move this to the Planning Committee's matters arising.**

#### 15/160 Ibsley Village Hall Noticeboard

Further actions are by Ibsley Village Hall Committee.

#### 15/180 Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation

Cllr Heron has not had a response re: the adjoining tenant's ditch and hedge line maintenance responsibilities on the Rockford Loop road. **As he was not in attendance, Clerk will request he chase this action and update the members in due course.**

#### 15/181 Hedge cuttings in ditch – Ivy Lane

Work not carried out by HCC Highways, and HCC Highways have received no response from landowner. **Clerk to check whether cutting still in the ditch – if yes, contact landowner.**

#### 15/182 Avon River Restoration project

The Clerk still to write to the Environment Agency, copying in MP Desmond Swayne, expressing serious concerns regarding the lack of consultation and communication (refer to document of December 2009). She will action ASAP.

15/205 Broadband update. Cllr Errington was pleased to report how 60% of households in the Hyde, North of Ellingham Harbridge & Ibsley, and part of Godshill parishes have generously pledged to the better rural broadband solution – a grand total of £130,000. He expressed grateful thanks to the Broadband Champions, whose determined approaches to get in touch with the residents and landlords has made this so successful. **Further updates to follow in due course.**

15/208 New Resident welcome Letter. Clerk is yet to draft a 'welcome to the parish' letter from the Chairman to be sent to new residents.

## **5. Public Forum**

16/04

Linwood resident Richard Deacon spoke on his grave concerns of the large number of vehicles using the forest roads through Linwood as an alternative to the westbound A31. On Friday evenings and during the summer months, the road is heavily used by motorists avoiding the A31 and diverting onto the forest roads from Cadnam. On a Friday evening earlier this month when the westbound A31 was closed due to a serious accident, Mr Deacon recorded 576 vehicles travelling westbound on this rural forest road between 4.55-5.55pm – an incredible number of vehicles in just one hour. He detailed:-

- 3 hit and run incidents in the last six months (in which 2 animals had to be destroyed).
- How there are no signs to warn of animals on the road between Lyndhurst and Moyles Court.
- Even though there are not enough individual residences with frontage in Linwood for HCC Highways to consider a 30mph speed limit, in the Linwood area there are 44 residences, as well as the busy during the summer months Red Shoot camping park and 20 caravan residences in Deer's Leap caravan park. This adds up to a lot of local resident/visitor traffic.

His request to the Parish Council is to lend their support in a letter to the Verderers Court, assist in campaigning for a 30mph speed limit, investigate and request employment of traffic enforcement presence (as currently Linwood is off limits), help with requesting of sufficient signage to warn road user of animals in road day or night, consider an animal accident sign (as present in Bramshaw).

**Clerk to draft letters to the Verderers, NPA, Animal Accident Reduction Group to lend our support to Mr Deacon.**

16/05

A Mockbeggar resident thanked Cllr Webster for all his involvement in Mockbeggar Lane. He also raised a concern of whether Cllr Lane should Chair agenda item 10.i. This was acknowledged, and Cllr Errington agreed to chair his item.

Due to the representation from residents, the Chairman brought forward agenda item:-

**10.i Community Matters: To receive a report and recommendation on Rural Affordable Housing.**

16/06

*Cllr Lane requested Cllr Errington take the chair for this item.*

Cllr Lane advised she hoped all members have had sufficient time to read her executive summary and the documents circulated with the agenda summons. She summarised the Community Plan of 2012 identified a need for more affordable housing in the parish. For the last three years the Parish Council has been testing whether there is a need, and are satisfied through feedback received verbally and via the HARA Housing Need survey that there is. After looking for available land and liaising with landowners, the Parish Council is still a very long way from actually building anything, however how narrowed it down to two sites, and wish to take forward one site to see if it has potential in planning terms. Should the required flood risk assessments, archaeology surveys, etc be satisfied it would then culminate in a formal planning application being put forward.

Why site 4 Land south of Ibsley Village Hall? Cllr Lane believes this is the heart of the community, with a willing landowner, close to the village shop, community village hall, nursery facilities and the footpath network, making it a desirable location. Any traffic resulting from such a small development of 4-6 dwellings would have a minimal impact. Concerns on any affordable homes being protected from right to buy have been raised, and the Parish Council would insist on covenants in the land ownership transfer as well as within the s.106 to stop any chance of this happening. The Parish Council would hope to address local infrastructure to improve the current drainage in this area as part of the development. Also concerns on a negative impact on local house prices are unfounded – other parishes have not reported any negative effect.

Cllr Errington invited comments/questions from the attending public and from the members of the Parish Council, which are all summarised in Appendix 1.

In summary, Cllr Lane encouraged all members to think of the long term benefits of this project, to build a sustainable community. She proposed to move forward to the next stage with site 4 for further investigation (flood risk assessments, land drainage assessments, archaeology assessments etc) to determine if it is a suitable site for affordable housing.

The motion was seconded. 4 voted in favour, 3 against, 2 abstentions. **Motion carried.**

*Cllr Burtenshaw left at 9.25pm. Majority of attending public left at 9.30pm, 3 remained.*

Cllr Lane proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue at 9.30pm, seconded, all in favour (8).

## 6. Finance

16/07

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

1251	T Mason-Handyman Dec invoice	48.00
1252	Clerk N Mackenzie, Jan salary & expenses	765.57

16/08

- ii. Financial report.

Current account £7,581.34 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,351.51

Reserve account £1,084.27

16/09

- iii. Approval of Precept request for 2016/17 (circ.22Jan16).

Cllr Lane proposed to not increase the precept this year, so it would remain at £19,145 for the third year running to reflect the wider financial position. Seconded, all in favour (8).

## 7. Crime in the Parish – none reported

## 8. Parish Council Matters

16/10

- i. Parish Council Projects – update. The clerk circulated the updated spreadsheet to all members. All were encouraged to continue to progress, or volunteer, for projects. She highlighted one update is a scheduled meeting with Natural England at the end of February to discuss some issues in Mockbeggar (verge protection and ditching near Ibsley Service Station, parking at Cross Lanes green). **Clerk to forward information to Natural England prior to the meeting.**

16/11

- ii. Parish Council website update. A working group was formed to continue Cllr Loader's great work on the website. The group will be led by Cllr Loader. Cllrs Spark, Stainton-Burrell and Trebilco were thanked for volunteering. The working group will look at keeping the website current and relevant, with interesting articles and links.

16/12

- iii. Decide publication/s to use for forthcoming tender process - ice cream pitch at Moyles Court School. The Clerk had received some suggestions from Fordingbridge Town Clerk on who they deal with tenders. In order to ensure this tender is conducted in a fair and democratic process, **clerk to seek tendering advice from NFDC and Forestry Commission, circulate proposals for the advert and tendering process to all members, and add to the agenda for 23<sup>rd</sup> February.**

## 9. Environmental Matters

16/13

- i. Footpaths. Request volunteers to review Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society's survey of our Rights of Way (circ.21Jan) alongside HCC's proposed vegetation cutting program (circ.21Jan).

The detailed right of way survey was discussed, and resident Simon Richardson kindly volunteered to review and put forward his suggested priorities for maintenance in due course.

**Clerk to forward relevant documents to him.**

16/14

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation. Flooding in Mockbeggar.  
Cllr Errington advised on previous occasions, one or two residents in Mockbeggar have advised the ditch on the west side of Gorley Road used to run on the east side of Gorley Road but was piped under the road and forecourt of Ibsley Service Station many years ago.  
Historic Ordinance Survey maps from 1870 were viewed (overlaid on an existing OS map) and they show the ditch in its' current location – on the east side of Gorley Road until Ibsley Service Station and the diverted across the road to the west side and continuing south from Ibsley Service Station. **Clerk to feed this back to concerned residents.**

16/15

- iii. Consider proposal for new water pipe in verge – Plantation Copse. It was proposed to move this to the next Planning Committee agenda. Seconded, all in favour (8).

16/16

- iv. Verge damage near Moyles Court. Cars have been observed parking on the Parish Council owned SSSI verge between Moyles Court ford and Newlands Farm, likely for access to the footpaths 721 & 739. This is resulting in damage to the verge – **clerk to produce notice to make vehicle owners' aware of the special nature of the verge and point them to Rockford Sandpit car park.**

16/17

- v. Information: Moyles Court School Annual Run – held on Rockford Common 3 February 2016.  
Circulated to members for information.

16/18

- vi. Information: HCC felling on non-native Turkey Oaks on Rockford Common.  
Circulated to members for information.

## 10. Community Matters

Agenda item 10.i. To receive a report and recommendation on Rural Affordable Housing - item brought forward (see minute reference 16/06).

## 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:

16/19

- i. Western Escarpment Conservation Area Verge Protection Project meeting 14Dec'15 (circ.5Jan'16)-Cllr Errington advised the issues of parking and over-running on the SSSI verges in Gorley Road have been noted.

## 13. County/District Matters

16/20

DCLlr Dow reminded all of the recent top management changes within NFDC. He also advised there is a new PCSO in Fordingbridge - Amy Waddington. It was suggested for the **clerk to invite her to speak at a future Parish Council meeting.**

## 14. Correspondence

16/21

The clerk had been made aware of a vehicle repeatedly parking in the middle of Cross Lanes green. It was agreed for the **clerk to produce a note advising it is Parish Council land and explaining why vehicles are not to be parked there (presence of Small Fleabane, SSSI verge).**

16/22

Cllr Burtenshaw has been contacted by Harbridge residents' voicing their concerns regarding the closure of Harbridge Church (except for one communion per month) they feel without any consultation or discussion. It was agreed as this is an ecclesiastical issue, initially to **ask Cllr Burtenshaw to find out more information.**

The meeting closed at 10.10pm.

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

**Parish Council**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

**Planning Committee**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016