

26 July 2016**ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman) (P)

Cllr Errington (P) *arrived late with working projector*

Cllr Lane

Cllr Loader (P)

Cllr Sampson

Cllr Shand (P)

Cllr Spark (P)

Cllr Stainton-Burrell

Cllr Trebilco (P)

Cllr Webster (P)

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (11).**1. Apologies**

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The clerk had received apologies from Cllr Lane and DCllr Dow. Apologies were assumed from Cllrs Sampson and Stainton-Burrell, also CCllr Heron.

2. Declarations of Interest

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Cllr Spark declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 11.i NFDC Local Plan consultation.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting on 28 June 2016

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It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 June 2016 were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Webster and seconded by Cllr Spark. 5 in favour (1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

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

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15/80 Rockford Loop Road. As advised by CCllr Heron, ditching issues ongoing and hope to be resolved in the autumn.

15/181 Ivy Lane Hedge Cuttings. Awaiting response from chairman of RDAA.

15/208 New Resident Welcome Letter. Ongoing project with Cllr Burtenshaw and Spark.

16/56 Sat Nav Issues in Linwood. Awaiting an update from Sean March, Forestry Commission regarding whether the Verderers approve additional signage by for the High Corner Inn.

NB following the meeting an update was received from the Forestry Commission, advising a work order has been submitted to add a ladder to the Red Shoot sign on the Linwood Road with 'High Corner Inn forward arrow' and another at the top of Toms Lane 'No access to the High Corner Inn'.

16/41 Blashford Lakes Forum. Cllr Dow has been in contact with Colin Read at NFDC who has confirmed that the most efficient use of resources in terms of 'liaison meetings' would be via the Partnership meetings held regularly through the year. (This would be effectively the BLSMP Steering

Group instead of the Blashford Lakes Forum, comprising other stakeholders). Representation could be made via Cllr Dow and/or one of the Parish Council members.

16/68 Mockbeggar Lakes Seasonal Path. Definitive response still awaited from HCC Monitoring Officer.

16/90 Defunct Assets on Asset Register. In progress with the Clerk and Cllr Errington.

16/106 Speed Limits in Linwood. At our last meeting, Linwood resident Richard Deacon had outlined a further presentation he had made to the Verderers Court. Cllr Heron will update us in due course on the measures discussed that can be taken to achieve a lower speed limit principally relating to improved signage.

16/115 EHI Newsletter/Website. Our special thanks to the Parish Clerk for her hard work in getting the Summer Newsletter out to residents and especially too, to Cllr Loader for his invaluable input on the layout and his continuing great efforts on the website.

16/116 Footpaths/Lengthsman Duties. Awaiting update on whether the Lengthsman can repair stiles, subject to the landowners consent. Also awaiting the date of the next Lengthsman visit.

16/119 Moyles Court School - use of weed killers. The Clerk has been in touch with the school and also Natural England to bring to their attention the unacceptable use of pesticides in a conservation area.

16/120 Parking Issues at Picket Post. The Clerk has contacted Andrew Winson at Highways England to request the installation of anti-HGV trief kerbs as agreed at the last meeting.

Cllr Errington arrived with the working projector.

5. Public Forum

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A large number of Snails Lane residents had attended the meeting to put forward their views on the NFDC Local Plan consultation proposal for 130 homes on Snails Lane. Their views are summarised as follows:-

- Residents have been motivated to move to Snails Lane for its rural tranquillity, low traffic noise (as it is a private lane), and wildlife (home to nesting buzzards, otters and lapwings). The introduction of urbanising the fields south of Snails Lane will result in a massive impact on the 12 dwellings, bringing large volumes of traffic, noise and lighting.
- The original planning permission for the gravel extraction activities clearly stated that the land must be returned to agricultural land. The residents endured years of noise and traffic pollution disturbing the peaceful nature of the lane by the gravel extraction, however it was known it would be a short term practice, so it was bearable.
- The surrounding lakes are designated SSSI, and residents are concerned regarding the verges and surrounding areas which are within 400m radius, and would need to be assessed for any impact.
- The fields are currently a flood plain, and are very wet in times of heavy rain. If they are developed, then where will the water go? There are no rivers nearby.
- The vastly increased traffic generation of any development in this area would result in the treacherous A338 becoming even more dangerous.
- Any development here would result in a suburban overspill from Ringwood creeping into the rural nature of Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley.

Members discussed the comments and the government's directive, and it was questioned whether potentially the 30% permitted increase to floor space rule could be changed to allow 'granny annexes' for the aging population.

Additional details will be put on the website.

The members of the public were thanked for their attendance, and a volunteer to respond on behalf of the Parish Council will be agreed under item 11.i.

6. Finance

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- i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were circulated by the clerk (26 July) for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Loader, seconded by Cllr Shand. All in favour (6).** Cllr Spark did not vote as he had left the room briefly.

1303	R Errington-travel expenses Mar to May'16	213.30
1304	Castle Marquees-gazebo hire Ellingham Show	96.00
1305	N Mackenzie-Newsletter Printing & envelopes	64.74
1306	N Mackenzie-July salary & expenses	728.64
1307	N Mackenzie-backdated hourly rate increase Jun & Jul	104.28
1308	Viking Payments-stationery (newsletter & other)	308.58
1309	UK Cheapest-domain renewal for 2 years	14.38

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- ii. Financial report.

Current account £8,426.32 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,363.07

Reserve account £1,084.51

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- iii. Consider proposal for HIWWT's contractor to remove old bridge on FP703 (circ.5Jul).
The Clerk had circulated the long-awaited quote from HIWWT's contractor regarding removal of the old bridge. The history of the bridge was discussed; it should have been removed a long time ago by Wessex Water, and it is not actually the responsibility of the Parish Council. It was agreed the precept should be spent on positive, active projects, not other authorities' responsibilities. It was proposed to decline the quote. **Seconded, all in favour (7)**
Clerk to write to contractor.

7. Crime in the Parish – none reported

8. Parish Council Matters

- i. Parish Council projects - update

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- a) Report from working group re: Small Grants Scheme application for circular walks/information noticeboards. The focus is currently on the production of walk leaflets to include historical features, local churches, the commons. Leaflets should include QR codes, and can be created as an app. Suitable funding streams of NPA 'Our past, our future' and the Small Grants Scheme were mentioned. **Working group (Cllrs Burtenshaw, Loader, Trebilco, Webster) to continue to progress.**

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- b) Update Ibsley Service Station verge protection scheme
This project is ongoing.

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Cllr Burtenshaw updated members regarding creation of additional car parking in the parish; Ibsley Village Hall are not keen to allow local residents to park within their curtilage as it may restrict parking for their hall hirers, and they would want to consider a charge for parking. Cllr Burtenshaw will continue to explore other community parking nearby.

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Cllr Burtenshaw advised she and the clerk had recently attended a HARAH affordable housing event in Brockenhurst, to see a site in Brockenhurst, and network with organisations and other parishes who have, or are considering, a small collection of affordable homes for local people.

She reported the working group has not met yet, but she would like to do so and have a strategy to share with residents at the Ellingham Show. **The working group will meet and circulate the agreed strategy to all.**

Cllr Trebilco questioned if the NFDC Local Plan has an affordable housing element, then why do the parish need to continue with this project? It was explained that developers do not have to include actual affordable homes, it may just be a Community Infrastructure Levy contribution to affordable housing which can then be spent anywhere in Hampshire.

The Parish Council is hoping to build a small collection of rural affordable homes which would be for people with a local connection, who want to remain, or return, to this parish.

16/139

- ii. Blashford Bus Shelter – report progress of insurance claim

The clerk reported she has one quote from Oakcraft, and is chasing the other. Two other companies were suggested to contact for quotes. **Clerk to action.**

9. Environmental Matters

- i. Footpaths. Nothing to report.

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- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation. Cllr Webster requested the clerk to write to St Martin's Church to ask for the vegetation on the wall to be cut back. **Clerk to action.**

10. Community Matters

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- i. Ellingham Show 13 August 2016 – report from working group. The Clerk updated all on actions needing to be taken, and **she will email everyone a reminder.** No entries for the photo competition have been received yet.

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- ii. Annual Ragwort Pull and Litter Pick – event summary. The Clerk had circulated a summary, advising there was a slightly smaller turnout than last year, however it was good to welcome a new face or two. Most ragwort was pulled on the greens and verges, and it was felt this compliments the ragwort left to bloom in the non-forest livestock grazed areas of the parish.

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- iii. Forthcoming Cycling Events affecting the parish – 2 Sept (Ridewithgps) and 24/25 Sept (UK Cycling Events NF100). The routes of these events were viewed, and concerns were raised as there is a second sportive event which will cross over in Godshill on 25 September, New Forest Middle Distance Triathlon. **Clerk to write to the NFDC Safety Advisory Group (SAG) to express our concerns.**

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

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- i. NFDC Local Plan review; consultation open between 15 Jul'16 and 16 Sep'16. Cllr Spark volunteered to respond on behalf of the Parish Council; he will circulate his proposed response to all for approval at one of the two forthcoming planning meetings before the deadline (as there is no Parish Council meeting before 16 Sep). All members were encouraged to respond individually.

12. Outside Bodies:

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

- i. New Forest Consultative Panel 2Jun'16 (circ.28Jun)-Cllr Errington.
- ii. Ibsley Village Hall 14Jul'16 (circ.21Jul)-Cllr Burtenshaw.
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- iii. NFALC Annual General Meeting 21 Jul'16-Cllr Lane to report. Due to Cllr Lane's absence, the **Clerk will request she reports to all by email.**

13. County/District Matters:

- i. Reports from County & District Councillors. None.

15. Correspondence:

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A closed meeting is being arranged by Hyde Parish Council with Sarah Young (LUC) and other parish councils neighbouring Latchmore Brook to have an opportunity to ask any questions regarding the Latchmore planning application, prior to formal deliberations by Parish Councils' planning committees. The meeting is closed to the public, and it will be held on 9 August at 6pm (venue to be confirmed). Cllrs Errington and Loader will attend. **Clerk to advise Hyde Parish Clerk.**

The meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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

Parish Council

No meeting in August

Tuesday 27th September 2016

Planning Committee

Tuesday 16th August 2016 (moved to the 3rd Tuesday)

Tuesday 13th September 2016