

27 September 2016

ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 27 September 2016.

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman) (P)

Cllr Errington (P)

Cllr Lane

Cllr Loader (P)

Cllr Sampson (P)

Cllr Shand (P)

Cllr Spark (P)

Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P)

Cllr Trebilco (P)

Cllr Webster (P)

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (2).

1. Apologies

16/148

The clerk had received apologies from CCllr Heron and Cllr Lane. Cllr Stainton-Burrell was assumed running late.

2. Declarations of Interest – none.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting on 26 July 2016

16/149

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 July 2016 were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Spark and seconded by Cllr Shand. 7 in favour (1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

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

16/150

15/80 Rockford Loop Road. Ditching work is ongoing; very complicated as many different landowners - but awaiting response regarding when some work will be carried out.

Cllr Stainton-Burrell arrived at 7.35pm.

15/181 Ivy Lane Hedge Cuttings. No response from RDAA. **Clerk to check if debris has rotted down.**

15/208 New Resident Welcome Letter. Revised draft to be circulated.

16/56 Sat Nav Issues in Linwood. Forestry Commission have reported the signs are in the process of being made and Sean Marsh will advise when ready for installation. The Post Office have responded they are not happy to look at revising the postcode; will continue to pursue.

16/68 Mockbeggar Lakes Seasonal Path. Response received from Rosemary Box HCC Monitoring Officer was read out; *It appears that we [HCC] have nothing to enforce against if the seasonal path is not made available. In this case where the operator applying for permission only leased the land for mineral extraction, no matter how co-operative and willing they might be, without some form of additional planning agreement (for example a section 106) it is not possible to retain the paths in the*

longer term without the willing agreement of the land owner. Certainly there are lessons to be learnt from both here and at Ibsley for the future. Disappointment was expressed by members.

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

16/106 Speed Limits in Linwood. Cllr Heron has submitted his update report; he has requested the area and the cattle grids be assessed for any missing signs, will raise the issue of speed enforcement with the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner at next meeting, the 'Village Gateway' sign process is under review until spring 2017. **Clerk to liaise with local residents for any evidence of missing signs.**

16/119 Moyles Court School - use of weed killers. It was reported more pesticides have been used on the wall - **Clerk to contact the school once evidence received.**

16/120 Parking Issues at Picket Post. Awaiting installation of anti-HGV tref kerbs.

16/137 Parking in the Parish. I am in discussion with local landowners about providing recreational parking to facilitate access to the Commons but with many issues to be addressed, this will take considerable time to achieve.

16/138 Affordable Housing. The working group has met and discussed objectives and the way forward. A meeting is scheduled with HARAH and their new working partners in early October after which we will report again on the best way to further this project. In the meantime we are researching the 'real concerns' of residents to any potential site which we believe is of paramount importance.

16/144 NFDC Local Plan Review. Wish to record our sincere thanks to Cllr Spark for the very considerable time and effort he put in to submitting a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

16/147 Latchmore Brook. Confirmation that this has NOT been formally withdrawn for further review at this time.

5. Public Forum

16/151

A local resident requested again for the alder trees growing in the gravel outlet where the pipe running under the road from Cross Lanes green ditch into Mockbeggar Lake, to be removed. It is imperative this is able to flow freely to prevent any flood waters backing up through Mockbeggar. **Clerk to contact HCC Highways for their opinion.**

16/152

A local resident asked for details of any progress on the investigation into the gravel track infrastructure around Mockbeggar Lakes; the Parish Council is still **preparing a report to be sent to NFDC.**

16/153

The resident also raised his concerns regarding the Somerley Estate's continuation of fishing on Mockbeggar Lakes; the clerk believed a Lawful Development Certificate for Existing use had been granted (LDCE). The residents disputed this – **Clerk to investigate and move to the Planning Committee for 11th October 2016.**

16/154

A Snails Lane resident raised concerns regarding the potential spread of Japanese Knotweed from Snails Lake on Ivy Lane, and of the overgrown hedging spilling over into the lane. **Clerk to prepare letter reminding adjoining landowners of their responsibility for distribution.**

6. Finance

16/155

- 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 Spark. All in favour (9).**

1310	T Mason-handyman Jul & Aug invoices	72.00
1311	N Mackenzie-new printer	69.98
1312	N Mackenzie-August salary & expenses	792.94
1313	BDO LLP-annual external audit fee	120.00
1314	Viking Payments-stationery (inks)	101.93
1315	Friends of Ellingham-church hall hire Apr to end Sep	220.00
1316	A Shand-travel expenses	21.15
1317	N Mackenzie-September salary & expenses	794.18
1318	Post Office Ltd-NICS payments for Jul to Sept	73.28
1319	L Burtenshaw-expenses July to September	146.45

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ii. Financial report.

Current account £6,028.79 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,367.01

Reserve account £1,084.60

16/157

- iii. Successful completion of external audit by BDO LLP. It was noted the annual external audit has been signed off as completed.

7. Crime in the Parish

16/158

It was verbally reported that a garage break in had taken place during daylight hours in Linwood. All were reminded to remain vigilant, especially with outbuilding security.

8. Parish Council Matters

- i. Parish Council projects - update

16/159

Cllr Burtenshaw advised she is exploring the conversion of stiles to kissing gates on FP31, with advice from Kelvin Winch, Ringwood 7 Fordingbridge Footpath Society.

16/160

- a) Report from working group re: Small Grants Scheme application for circular walks/information noticeboards. It was reported National Trust have publicised a circular walk on Rockford Commons – clerk to investigate. **Working group (Cllrs Burtenshaw, Loader, Trebilco, Webster)** to continue to progress.

16/161

- b) Update Ibsley Service Station verge protection scheme. Detailed mapping of the east side of the road has been sent to Natural England for their approval. **Update in due course.**

16/162

- c) Parish defibrillator scheme. This was suggested by Ibsley Village Hall committee as a potential parish scheme, and they are keen for the Parish Council to lead it. It was discussed, information was provided by Cllr Spark of what emergency services are equipped with defibrillators, and it was thought such a scheme may be more suitable in a more compact community. **Cllr Stainton-Burrell and Cllr Loader agreed to investigate further and report back.**

16/163

- d) Update on Broadband. Cllr Errington updated members on the recent success of agreement to a cabinet being installed at Grey Gables, South Gorley Green. The campaign group have also successfully campaigned to have a cabinet re-sited from the A338 to in the chapel churchyard at Cross Lanes crossroads. This will significantly accelerate the broadband speed in Mockbeggar and Ibsley. Grateful thanks were extended to the campaign group for their dedication and hard work.

16/164

- ii. Adoption of the Freedom of Information Act policy. Details of the Act were shared by the clerk, and she will circulate the schedule of the scale of charges (should anyone make a request). It was proposed to adopt the act and the schedule, amendments can be made at a later day. Seconded, all in favour (9). **Clerk to circulate Act and the schedule.**

16/165

- iii. Blashford Bus Shelter – report progress of insurance claim. The clerk reported she has one quote from Oakcraft, and is chasing the other.

16/166

- iv. Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for 2017 – EHI parish will fall within Ringwood electoral division. It was noted it is proposed for parliamentary approval for EHI to move to the Ringwood division.

9. Environmental Matters

- i. Roads/Footpaths.

16/167

Mockbeggar Lane - many residents are concerned regarding potentially dangerous parking on Mockbeggar Lane – **Clerk to write** to remind the residents of The Old Dairy and Ibsley Farm Stables not to park on the road on the corner of Mockbeggar Lane, especially when facing the wrong way. Concern regarding the height clearance of the trees from the Old Police House was mentioned – **Clerk to write to the resident.**

16/168

Kent Lane and North End Lane – it was noted the road closure has not yet taken place, but works are still scheduled.

16/169

The Avon Valley Path (AVP) is in the process of having a new bridge installed on the parish boundary near North End Farm. For any issues regarding the drainage, the adjoining landowner should contact the Environment Agency.

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation.

16/170

Cllr Burtenshaw and the clerk had met with Bob Brown of HCC Highways to review the overhanging trees and vegetation along Gorley Road from the Highwood Fords to Pigeon House corner. A full specification and costings will be prepared by HCC Highways, and letters sent to residents.

16/171

Local resident Ian Wilson has offered to continue the excellent ditching work carried out by the late Terry Day in South Gorley; it was agreed this would be welcomed.

16/172

The ditch north of Hockey's Farm Shop was noted as requiring clearance; **Clerk to investigate who owns it and explore if the Lengthsman could clear it.**

16/173

It was mentioned a 6'6" width restriction sign and a 'no through road' sign are both faded; Clerk requested photos in order for them to be reported.

16/174

Cross Lanes Green – nearby resident Tony Billings has kindly cleared the brambles on the green; it was noted there were fewer Small Fleabane on the green this year, so the ground needs poaching in order to enhance the conditions for this plant.

- iii. Raising awareness of danger to forest stock on roads, especially when clocks change.

16/175

Following the sad death of a donkey foal near Hockey's Farm Shop in August after being hit by a car, Cllr Stainton-Burrell wishes to highlight danger to road user and support Linwood residents with their similar issues with speeding motorists. Ideas were discussed such as requesting installation of

uniform signs on all the cattle grid posts/pedestrian entrances on the National Park perambulation, signs painted on the road, start the Community SpeedWatch (CSW) scheme. **Clerk to feature CSW in next newsletter and investigate new signage on cattle grids.**

16/176

- iv. Suggestions of tasks for Lengthsman – next visit 10 October. The following suggestions were noted; FP25 from Hillcrest House in an easterly direction, FP36 bracken & vegetation clearance heading south from Mockbeggar Lane East to Newlands, and FP701 heading south from Ivy Lane to Snails Lane. **Clerk to produce task sheet for Fordingbridge Town Council.**

16/177

- v. Consider participation in Our Past Our Future scheme (circ.20Sep). Cllr Errington praised the scheme, and it was suggested to ask Sean Marsh, Forestry Commission, to come to speak at the next Parish Council meeting, possibly with a Burley Parish Councillor. **Clerk to organise.**

16/178

- vi. Cycling Event 9 October – Gridiron – route South Gorley to Highwood. 1500 participants are expected.

16/179

- vii. Resident report Environment Agency flood risk map – fields north of Ibsley Drove. It was reported by an Ibsley Drove resident that he has been unable to get a reasonable flood risk quote, as the Environment Agency maps show a lot of the South Gorley and Mockbeggar area in flood zone 3. It was agreed for the **clerk to feature in the forthcoming newsletter** to see if other residents are experiencing similar problems.

10. Community Matters

16/180

- i. Ellingham Show 13 August 2016 – event summary. Cllr Lane had circulated a summary of the show - it was agreed a success and good place for residents to air their views at. A couple of amendments were made to the summary.

16/181

- ii. Consider adopting a Community Resilience Plan. A local resident had put their name forward to help coordinate, should the Parish Council consider this project. **Clerk to circulate to all and canvass opinions on whether this could work in our sprawling parish.**

16/182

- iii. Consider operating an informal Parish Council monthly ‘surgery’. This was discussed, and agreed for **Cllr Trebilco and the clerk to work together to trial it for 6 months, starting in January 2017.**

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

16/183

- i. Draft New Forest National Park Local Plan Review; consultation will be open from beginning of October to end of November 2016 (circ.19Sep). It was noted some of the background information is similar to the recent NFDC Local Plan consultation. **Clerk to add to agenda for 18 October for a volunteer.**

16/184

- ii. Serving Hampshire workshop 14Sep’16-attended by Cllrs Burtenshaw, Errington, Spark and the clerk. This was briefly discussed, it seems devolution to a unitary authority (a dissolution of District authorities) will undoubtedly result in additional responsibilities for Parish Councils, but it is unlikely for the precept to be increased significantly. A full consultation is expected in due course.

12. Outside Bodies:

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

- i. Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group 12 Sep'16 (circ.19Sep)-Cllr Errington 16/185
- ii. Natural Trust Local Advisory Board 12 Sep'16 – verbal report by Cllr Burtenshaw. She advised there is a fungi awareness campaign advising fungi must not be picked on National Trust Land and a circular walk taking in the Huff Duff via Ibsley and Rockford Commons has been published. **Clerk to publicise the walk.** 16/186
- iii. Ibsley Village Hall 15 Sep'16. Cllr Burtenshaw will summarise and circulate relevant items to the Parish Council by email.

13. County/District Matters:

- i. Reports from County & District Councillors. DCllr Dow had nothing additional to add.

14. Correspondence:

16/187

All members were advised of a new consultation: **DCLG 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement** – closes 5pm 28 October 2016. It proposes to cap precept requests at 2% maximum increase, requiring a costly referendum if a precept request is over 2%. **Cllr Lane was nominated to read and report back on this consultation.**

16/188

Following the recent works by SSE on the verge at Cross Lanes war memorial, the clerk was requested to ask Natural England to assess whether the reinstatement of the verge by SSE is satisfactory. **Cllr Errington to send photo to the clerk, clerk to contact Natural England.**

16/189

All were reminded the next Parish Council meeting has been brought forward to the 3rd Tuesday in October and will be held in Ibsley Village Hall on 18th October.

16/190

The Somerley Sound Clash is scheduled for 1st October, music will be playing until 1am on 2nd October.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30pm:-**Parish Council**Tuesday 22nd November 2016**Planning Committee**Tuesday 11th OctoberTuesday 8th November 2016**Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held at Ibsley Village Hall at 7.30pm:-****Parish Council**Tuesday 18th October (moved to 3rd Tuesday)