

28 June 2016

ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 28 June 2016.

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman) (P)

Cllr Lane

Cllr Spark (P)

Cllr Errington (P)

Cllr Webster (P)

Cllr Shand

Cllr Loader (P)

Cllr Sampson

Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P)

Cllr Trebilco (P)

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

CCllr Heron

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (1).

1. Apologies

16/103

The clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Sampson, Lane and Shand, also DCllr Dow.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. To confirm minutes of the Annual Meeting on 24 May 2016

16/104

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2016 were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Spark and seconded by Cllr Burtenshaw. 6 in favour (1 abstention as not present at the meeting).

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

16/105

15/118 and 16/28 Moyles Court Ford - repair works completed and fencing has now been removed.

15/80 Rockford Loop Road - awaiting update about ditching problems. Road closure still planned for July to deal with repairs to highway.

15/181 Ivy Lane Hedge Cuttings - Clerk received no response yet from bailiff at RDAA so has contacted the Chairman of the club in the hope of some action to clear the ditch.

15/208 New Resident Welcome Letter - Some amendments have been suggested to the Clerk's draft letter and should be circulated to all very shortly.

16/04 & 16/56 Linwood Speed limits and Sat Nav Issues - there will be a short discussion about the speed limits in Linwood after Richard Deacon's presentment. There is some good news to report on the Sat Nav issues. The Forestry Commission are seeking the Verderers approval at their July

meeting to a sign at the top of Toms Lane - 'No access to High Corner Inn'. Also they will include an additional sign by the Red Shoot indicating High Corner Inn - straight on. Furthermore, the Clerk has been in contact with Royal Mail about changing the postcode for the pub which should help alleviate problems in the future. This requires strong support of local residents in Toms Lane which we anticipate will be forthcoming.

16/27 Rubble on East side of Gorley Road - rubble was removed last week and the site left tidy.

16/31 Bridleway (and Footpath) Designation - The significance of 2026 (not 2020) relates to historical paths. Most public rights of way are shown on a definitive map and therefore are conclusive in law. Some paths are not on the definitive map. The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 says that if paths are not recorded by 2026 and were in use prior to 1947, they will be deemed to be stopped up. If after 2026 you want to claim a path, one must rely on recent user evidence. i.e. used for 20 years without interruption. Further useful information can be found on the Ramblers website.

16/41 Blashford Lakes Forum - I have contacted DCllr Dow for an update and tried to speak to Colin Read at NFDC who is unavailable until next week. As reported before, NFDC are unwilling to continue their role as coordinator of the Forum. It is generally felt that the 'purpose' of the Forum has been achieved i.e. In the production of the Management Plan for future guidance. However, landowners and stakeholders are not governed by the Plan as it is not a supplementary planning document. The views will still be sought from the principal landowners, Wessex Water and Sembcorp and the HIWWT.

16/44 Plantation Copse Water Pipe – after consultation with Natural England, the turf has been removed as it was non indigenous.

16/68 Mockbeggar Lakes Seasonal Path - A further interim report has been received from Rosemary Box. Unfortunately it would appear that as there was no long term management agreement here, once the statutory 5 years of aftercare has been completed it was always the case that the land owner would be entitled to take the land back in hand and put it to whatever use they feel appropriate. It therefore seems unlikely there is any legal agreement which may aid in resurrecting this permissive path. A definitive response from HCC Monitoring Officer will be awaited.

16/90 Defunct Assets on Asset Register - Cllr Errington is updating the register with regard to defunct electrical assets to be disposed of.

5. Presentment from Richard Deacon re: heavy traffic & speeding through Linwood and impact on forest livestock

16/106

Richard Deacon was welcomed by the Chairman, and gave the following presentment:-

Introduction

The problems on the Linwood Rd have been presented both here and twice at the Verderers Ct. I believe copies of my 2nd presentment have been handed out and I don't propose to read it out here. I will summarise it with bullet points and update you on progress and seek your focus on the parts that we might have some influence. Both presentments have been published in the local press. After submission of the 2nd presentment to HCC, they have come back to the Official Verderer with the offer of a meeting. Regrettably, the Official Verderer has plans to use it to illustrate his own concerns on Forest wide issues and personally I am not party to that meeting.

Any decision on a 30mph designation for Linwood is for the HCC and I suggest we put it aside and focus on what we can do, most particularly safe signage.

First, I would like you to view some dash-cam footage recorded on 14th May by an off-duty ambulance driver. The offending drivers Registration No is clear and it has been reported to the Police, along with the offensive gesture. Luckily, He seems to have avoided the two heifers. The village confines of Linwood have been a magnet for traffic accidents over the last 11 months. 5 incidents, 2 ponies destroyed, 2 vehicles written off, (one a school taxi/ bus). A cow and a Mercedes car both badly bent. One car and one tree burned at Amies Corner. All these in just 1500m of the Linwood road.

We have had no assessment of traffic speed and density in almost the last 10 years. The Verderer sponsored speed trap has still not attended despite the issue having been brought twice to the public attention. Perhaps we should ask the question, 'Has the trap deployment elsewhere in the Forest focussed traffic movement towards Linwood as a safe escape route?'

Linwood as a village remains a non-entity, notwithstanding 47 homes, 2 pubs, 2 FC carparks, a 110 pitch camping park and 34 park home units at Deers Leap caravan park . The FC have more than a dozen dedicated signs and pieces of street furniture but we are not allowed to have Linwood signs to delineate the extent of the village or warn of the exceptional risks that through traffic poses to livestock, ponies and unfamiliar holiday visitors.

The village of Linwood demarcation needs to be formally signposted at Thomas's Hill (monkey puzzle trees) and at Broomy Walk carpark. The likely presence of depastured animals 'On the Road, Day & Night' is needed at Broomy Walk (carpark - westbound) and best at Moyles Court (eastbound). All three previous signs eastbound have gone.

At the Red Shoot camping park, records show last year a total of 8,700 child nights at the park. An average of 35 per night with many playing on the green between the pub and an unfenced 40mph road. How long will it be before we have a fatality? If this were a school, there would be chain link fencing, signage everywhere and a 20mph advisory.

We cannot continue to experience up to 700 peak vehicle movements per hour without information, guidance or constraint being presented to motorists.

Richard Deacon was thanked for his presentment, and the following was discussed:-

- CCllr Heron confirmed the site meeting stated in the Verderers Court minutes has not yet taken place.
- It was agreed the focus should be on measures that are achievable, and the 30mph limit is not currently feasible due to policy being based on number of dwellings road-facing and Linwood falls well below the requirements.
- CCllr Heron will pursue the reinstatement of missing signs, consider 'Linwood' signs to alert motorists to the community, review any maintenance measures that can be taken on the road, and explore the Verderers speed enforcement van visiting the area.

6. Public Forum – none

7. Finance

16/107

- i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were circulated by the clerk (23May) for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Stainton-Burrell, seconded by Cllr Loader. All in favour (7).**

1296	Zurich Municipal-annual insurance premium	356.41
1297	Ibsley Village Hall-hall hire fee for October'16	23.00
1298	A Shand-travel expenses	23.40
1299	L Burtenshaw-expenses (travel, stationery, phone)	93.50
1300	N Mackenzie-June salary & expenses	748.27
1301	T Mason-handyman invoices May & June	48.00
1302	Post Office Ltd-NICS payments for Apr to Jun'16	12.72

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ii. Financial report.

Current account £9,956.24 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,361.16

Reserve account £1,084.47

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iii. Clerk's remuneration.

The Clerk left the room.

Cllr Burtenshaw had circulated the Clerk's annual appraisal summary to all members and discussed the number of hours worked. Following discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw to raise her hourly rate to £12.55. Seconded, all in favour (7).

The Clerk returned.

8. Crime in the Parish

16/110

No crime had been reported to the clerk, but verbal reports as follows:-

- thefts from vehicles were mentioned in the car parks at Appleslade and the High Corner Inn;
- outbuilding/shed break ins in Harbridge;
- trailer stolen in South Gorley;
- Marquee damaged in Mockbeggar;
- Car dumped off Iblsey Drove.

All were encouraged to be vigilant, and the benefits of CCTV were discussed.

9. Parish Council Matters

i. Parish Council projects - update

16/111

- a) Report from working group re: Small Grants Scheme application for circular walks/information noticeboards. This was discussed and agreed leaflets will be concentrated on for the time being, as there may be restrictions on where notice boards can be sited. The possibility of QR codes on the leaflets was discussed. **Working group to continue to progress.**

16/112

b) Update re: creating additional parking within the parish

The ongoing project for the creation of additional parking within the parish for locals and visitors to use to access the commons was discussed, and Cllr Burtenshaw is intending to approach local landowners and Ibsley Village Hall with her suggestions. She will update the members in due course. Cllr Trebilco continued to voice a resident's dissatisfaction of being unable to park at the top of Newtown Lane; however it is a designated footpath and bridleway, just not a car park.

16/113

Cllr Burtenshaw advised she felt it is now time to set up a councillors working group for investigating the possibility of affordable housing within the parish; its' remit initially to organise the aims, objectives, timescales and principles. Cllr Heron mentioned the imminent NFDC Local Plan review, which will be putting forward 3 sites for development in the Ringwood area, one being on Snails Lane, Blashford (130 homes, with some being affordable housing). This consultation opens on 15 July and closes at 4pm on 16 September. A similar consultation from the NPA is anticipated in the autumn. Cllr Heron added that the landscape is currently unclear on whether there will be any funding for affordable homes in the future.

This was discussed and comments were that some residents are still aggrieved following the last project, and some are actively asking what is happening with the project as they see a need for affordable housing.

Cllr Burtenshaw advised she had spoken with NPA and they are not totally against a private and affordable housing mix; it would depend on the type. The working group will look into the priorities and objectives of the project and report further in due course.

16/114

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

The clerk reported she is still awaiting quotes; she will circulate them and update in due course.

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- iii. Request for forthcoming EHI Newsletter content – deadline 10 July

The following suggestions were put forward and members agreed to investigate/submit potential articles; circular walk (Cllr Trebilco), issues in Linwood area (Cllr Burtenshaw), Ellingham Show (Clerk), Parish Council projects (Cllr Burtenshaw), Affordable Housing (Cllr Burtenshaw), fire hazards (Cllr Spark) and NFDC Consultation (Cllr Spark).

10. Environmental Matters

16/116

- i. Footpaths. Cllr Trebilco mentioned the elderly resident who has problems with the stiles on FP from Ibsley Village Hall up onto the common, which is thought to be owned by local resident Mr Berry. **Clerk to investigate if Lengthsman can maintain stiles, and if positive, liaise with the landowner.**

16/117

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation. Cllr Webster raised concerns regarding the repeated overrunning on the verge opposite Broomy on the Gorley Road at Rockford. Cllr Errington advised the Western Escarpment is looking at such issues.

16/118

Cllr Trebilco raised an issue regarding the cattle grid near the Alice Lisle Inn, where a cyclist had fallen badly, injuring oneself. Sympathy was expressed, however cattle grids are a necessary part of the open forest, and are only generally on the perimeter boundary of the National Park. Gates for stock and non-motorists are provided adjacent the cattle grids.

16/119

Photos were shown of use of weed killer around Moyles Court School walls, which has resulted in damage to the SSSI verges. **Clerk to contact the school to reiterate the special designation, and also advise Natural England.**

16/120

- iii. Parking issues at Picket Post – discussion following Highways England meeting (circ.22Jun). The proposals from the Highways England representative, Andrew Winson, were to install either 1m high metal bollards, or lorry-proof trief kerbs. This was discussed, and it was proposed to request the installation of trief kerbs. Seconded, all in favour.

Cllr Burtenshaw proposed to suspend Standing Orders at 9.29pm. Seconded, all in favour (7).

16/121

iv. Suggest tasks for Parish Lengthsman – 18 July.

Several suggestions were put forward; brambles on FP 38 near Plumley Farm; FP 723 in Linwood, stiles on FP32. **Clerk will complete task sheet and forward to Fordingbridge Town Council.**

11. Community Matters

16/122

- i. Annual Ragwort Pull and Litter Pick on Saturday 2 July - meet at 10am Cross Lanes green.
All members were encouraged to support this annual community event on the Parish Council owned verges and greens, which was kindly to be supported by the National Trust and Newlands Farm.

16/123

- ii. Ellingham Show 13 August 2016 – report from working group. Some actions had been taken, all were encouraged to sign up to be present on the stand. **Cllr Lane to update progress at the next meeting.**

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

16/124

- i. Highways England A31 and other areas – deadline 1Jul'16 (circ.21Jun).
Cllr Errington will respond on behalf of the Parish Council of the impact on our parish, and all were encouraged to respond individually.

13. Outside Bodies:

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

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- i. Ibsley Village Hall official minutes 17May'16 (circ.25May)-Cllr Stainton-Burrell.
- ii. Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group 6Jun'16 (circ.13Jun)-Cllrs Errington, Shand and Trebilco.
- iii. National Trust Advisory Board on 13Jun'16-verbal report by Cllr Burtenshaw. Due to the late hour, Cllr Burtenshaw will report by email.

14. County/District Matters:

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

15. Correspondence:

16/126

Cllr Errington reminded all of the forthcoming event at Hale Village Hall regarding the Nationals Grid's Visual Impact Assessment – 1st and 2nd July.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30pm:-**Parish Council**Tuesday 26th July 2016

No meeting in August

Planning CommitteeTuesday 12th July 2016Tuesday 16th August 2016 (moved to the 3rd Tuesday)