

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council
Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020
Held remotely via Zoom at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman)
Cllr Blake
Cllr Coutts
Cllr Errington (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Loader
Cllr Stainton-Burrell
Cllr Taylor
Cllr Wilson

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, Joanna Ramsay
2 members of the public

1. **20/10/57 Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Michael Thierry and District Councillor Emma Lane.
2. **20/10/58 Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Burtenshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10(i) as listed on the agenda.
3. **20/10/59 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2020**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Blake that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd September 2020 be signed as a true and accurate record. **IN FAVOUR – 6 COUNCILLORS, 2 ABSTAIN.**

4. **20/10/60 Chairman's report on matters arising (not on the agenda)**

Chairman stated with reference to item 20/09/50, the appeal has been dismissed and wishes the Clerk to request more information from the Planning Officer of NFDC on how the Druce Acres site will be regulated going forward.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Coutts arrived at this point in the meeting, 19.34pm

With reference to Item 20/08/40 Community Funded Initiative – Clerk advised that the first payment has not been made yet, we are waiting on NF NPA approval. Request for the payment to be approved will be made under agenda item 6(i).

Item 20/08/46 Moyles Court Property – Chairman stated that she has been advised that prior permission for the stones had been obtained before they were

Chairman

Date

put into place. Nothing further has been received from either HCC or Natural England. Chairman stated that the land opposite Ibsley churchyard is not a priority at this moment and Gorley Green Triangle will be discussed at a forthcoming Natural England site meeting.

Finance – Clerk confirmed that she is now on the bank mandate and all outstanding payments from previous meetings have been paid.

Parish Council Matters – the Clerk has a dedicated parish mobile now and the number has been circulated to all and put on the website.

Environmental Matters – (i) Crossley Towers: stabilising work has been done to the track edge by the owner, but a site meeting is required to decide/discuss future liability for maintenance; (ii) Linford Road: a meeting was arranged by residents with Forestry England to discuss the verge damage and dragons teeth, residents have also written to CCllr Humby. No outcomes as yet; (iii) Linford Park Nursing Home: the proposed road closure conflicts with the shutting of the A31, Clerk has raised the issue with the appropriate bodies.

5. 20/10/61 Public Forum

Chairman advised the members of public present should they wish to raise an issue this is the time. Nothing was noted. Chairman stated that there would be two updates from Councillors in the absence of the public.

Cllr Errington raised that last Friday there was a serious road traffic accident on the Linwood Road and unfortunately it took the Emergency Services 45 minutes to attend. This has raised an issue in that this piece of road is not listed as Linwood Road on any mapping system, hence the Emergency Services could not find it. Also the mobile phone call that had been made to the Emergency Services had sent the call to Dorset rather than Hampshire. The section of the road is from Moyles Court to Milkham. Cllr Errington advised that this needs to be followed up with HCC Highways to get the road onto their mapping databases and that information transferred to the Emergency Services and Ordnance Survey. Our thoughts are with the family of the injured party.

Action: Clerk

Cllr Coutts raised that he had been approached by several residents in the Mockbeggar/Linwood area about the increase in burglaries and that the Police do not seem interested. Residents would like to see a more local Police presence in the area. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator has contacted the Police and the Police have said there will be an increased presence through patrols in rural areas, but we need to ensure this includes our parish.

Action: Cllrs Burtenshaw/Stainton-Burrell to follow up

The Chairman decided to alter the agenda and discuss item 10(i) Planning Application 20/11073 Land at Hamer Warren, Somerley

10. 20/10/66 Planning

- (i) **Application 20/11073 Land at Hamer Warren, Somerley – Flexible generation/power plant**

Cllr Burtenshaw presented the application.

There was a previous application for a diesel plant on the site which raised a lot of objections and was withdrawn. This new application is in effect for a solar farm on three fields which have been restored after mineral extraction, albeit to a poor quality. The new application is less intrusive to residents and highways, being screened from the road. A glint and glare study has been done, however there will be an impact on views especially from footpath 25. Cllr Taylor questioned how this development fits with the parish plan, would allowing a renewable energy plant in the area set a precedent? Concern was raised that the application could creep as there are surrounding areas that could be used for more solar panels. The applicant's representative stated that the site cannot be expanded as there is no capacity on the grid, additional housing would be required to extend the development.

We recommend **PAR 5**: We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers. It was **proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw and **seconded** by Cllr Errington. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

6. 20/10/62 Finance

- (i) **Payment of Accounts September – October 2020**

Payments to be sanctioned are:

HMRC – Employer/Employee Deductions up to Sept 2020	£449.02
Cllr Errington - Expenses	£54.90
Cllr Errington - Projector Hire	£40.00
HALC - Training for New Clerks	£85.00
Ex Gratia Payment - Ellingham Village Hall Hire (March 20 to Oct 20)	£300.00
CFI Payment	£1225.00
TOTALS FOR OCTOBER	£3017.04

Clerk stated that the HMRC payment was made out of council due to the deadline for the payment being the 22nd October or otherwise there would have been a fine. Clerk requested that the CFI payment be approved at this meeting, so that when the invoice is received for the first payment it can be made quickly so as not to delay the schedule of works.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw and **seconded** by Cllr Stainton-Burrell that the above payments listed be sanctioned. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

(ii) Financial Report

Clerk advised that the bank balances are as below, the reserve and the Dodington Trust accounts remain unchanged, and the current account is higher than it was in September due to the receipt of the second part of the precept.

Current A/C as at 27 th Oct 2020	£24,534.53
Instant Access A/C as at 27 th Oct 2020	£57,431.89
Dodington A/C	£2,101.31

(iii) Noticeboards Quote

Cllr Stainton-Burrell confirmed that she had managed to obtain three quotes back in March, however the details have been lost in emails. Chairman suggested that the Lengthsman could clean up the noticeboards as we need to keep them in working order for now.

Action: Cllrs Burtenshaw/Stainton-Burrell to follow up

(iv) Kings Oak Decision

Cllr Errington stated that he is still awaiting a response/consent from Natural England about whether remedial work can be carried out (which involves injecting the root system around the base of the tree). Natural England have passed the decision to a Specialist.

Action: Cllr Errington to raise at site meeting with Helen Honeycombe from Natural England

7. 20/10/63 Parish Council Matters

(i) Policies

Clerk had previously circulated two policies for agreement, the NALC Code of Conduct and the Complaints Procedure. Neither have been agreed/reviewed for a long period of time, this is the first of several policies that will be brought forward for adoption as they get updated. Cllr Wilson suggested adding a version number and date to the policies where appropriate. Clerk advised that there is 'policies matrix' which can be circulated to all Councillors which shows what is due for review, when and more.

Action: Clerk to circulate for next meeting

It was **proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw and **seconded** by Cllr Stainton-Burrell that the policies be adopted. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

(ii) Training

Chairman raised that the Clerk is undertaking the 'New Clerks' training with Hampshire, however training will overlap with the other parish council the Clerk works for, therefore the costs will be apportioned as and when. Chairman reminded Councillors should they wish to attend training please do so.

8. 20/10/64 Environmental Matters

(i) Lengthsman Jobs

Chairman wished to add the noticeboards, and suggested asking the Lengthsman to help keep the culverts and ditches clear as much as possible with regards to Gorley Road. Cllr Errington suggested clearing the hedge line and cutting back the vegetation overhanging the east side of Gorley Road between Newtown Lane to Ibsley Service Station. Cllr Coutts suggested clearing the new unknown road of sand, which is hazardous at present as cars are being forced out, off road – this needs to be taken up with Highways.

Action: Clerk

Chairman advised that Ibsley Bus Shelter had been cleaned this week.

(ii) Parish ditches and culverts

Chairman stated the owner has cleared the ditch towards Gorley Road, but it could exacerbate run off. The contractor is happy to carry on to South Gorley Green towards Ibsley Service Station but Natural England consent is required. Chairman also advised that the 5 year contract we had in place for consent to maintain the ditches and culverts has lapsed and needs to be renewed. It is very important therefore that we have a site meeting with Natural England soon to discuss the South Gorley Green ditch, Ibsley Service Station, Cottage Plantation and Pond, the Kings Oak and renewing the contract.

9. 20/10/65 Community Matters

Nothing to raise.

10. 20/10/66 Planning

(ii) Application 20/11093 & 94 The Old Rectory, Mockbeggar Lane BH24 3PR – Listed Building Consent & Demolition/Replacement of a conservatory

Cllr Wilson presented the application.

The application is for a replacement conservatory which includes a solid roof and one solid wall. EHIPC previously agreed a PAR5 recommendation for a conservatory, this has now been changed. It does not detract from the house, it cannot be seen from the footpaths and there are no immediate neighbours. It can only be seen from the back of the property. Concern it may become a permanent structure.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Wilson that we recommend **PAR 5**: We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers as there are no real reasons to refuse or permit the proposal. This was **seconded** by Cllr Burtenshaw. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

11. 20/10/67 County/District Matters

Nothing to report.

12. 20/10/68 Website Update

Clerk raised the website is under construction with roughly about 7 pages to start with as a basic design, on the proviso we can add more pages at a later date if needs be. The parish needs a logo for the website, suggestion was made to use a bridge, swan and lakes but this is too close to other local councils. Other suggestions included Blashford Lakes, and the trees behind Hockeys Farm that were planted by the Earl of Normanton. Agreed to look further into this with a graphics designer.

Action: Clerk

Chairman raised that we need to pay for the old website domain to continue in November, and TLC (the new provider) cannot commit to providing the website before then. It would seem wrong to pay for domain hosting for a year when we will not be using the website address. TLC have suggested taking it over. Cllr Loader stated that the website domain and email domain are different. Maybe we need to pay the invoice but take advice from TLC on how to transfer over.

Action: Clerk

Chairman stated that Any Other Business and Correspondence will no longer be on agendas, if Councillors should wish to add an item to the agenda please contact the Clerk at least a week before the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Dates of 2020/21 EH&I PC meetings starting at 7.30 pm:

Planning Committee

10th November

8th December

12th January

9th February

9th March

Parish Council

24th November

26th January

23rd February

23rd March