

## ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 22 January 2019.

### Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (P)	Cllr Errington - Chairman (P)
Cllr Lane	Cllr Loader (P)
Cllr Sampson	Cllr Stainton-Burrell
Cllr Taylor	Cllr Trebilco (P)
Cllr Webster (P)	

(P) denotes present

### In attendance:

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

### Members of the Public (1)

#### **1. Apologies**

19/01/01

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

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

19/01/02

Cllr Burtenshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6.iv. Grant request to improve broadband. She will speak but not vote.

#### **3. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 27 November 2018.**

19/01/03

It was resolved that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Errington and seconded by Cllr Loader. 4 in favour (1 abstention as not present at that meeting).

#### **4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 27 November (not on the agenda)**

Circulated to all members prior to the meeting. Additional updates in *italics*.

19/01/04

16/170 Gorley Road Overhanging Branches & 18/06/105 Pigeon House Corner Road Repairs. Work orders have been raised by HCC Highways, Liam Houghton, but no scheduled date yet.

16/196 Cattle Grid at Rockford. Works were completed in November 2018.

17/06/103 Blashford Bus Shelter. The Lengthsman has cleared the surrounding vegetation. The contractor Oakcraft, hopes to be ready to install within 2-3 weeks.

17/10/186 & 18/06/111 Information Boards and Red Kiosk. The Saturday morning 'event' is now planned for 16th February. Cllr Loader is currently working on the information board. *He handed round how far he has progressed with this, it was deemed an impressive start.*

17/11/205 Use of EH&I PC Email. Cllrs Lane and Taylor have been reminded for action.

18/01/17 Dockens Water SSE Repairs. This matter was raised with NE at a recent meeting, requesting their assistance in getting the works completed. They will liaise with EA regarding their permission and the outcome of these discussions is awaited.

18/03/48 & 18/05/93 Alderholt Road Concerns. On agenda.

18/05/94 Easement at Redwings. The Clerk has met the PC solicitor who in turn is liaising with the applicant's solicitor.

18/07/133 & 18/10/183 (Now 18/11/211) Neighbourhood Alert System. Suggest that unless willing volunteers are immediately forthcoming, this matter is moved to the Parish Projects list to retain interest but not as a priority?

18/07/134 Bench at Moyles Court. Met with NE on 18th January who agreed the position of bench and a consent in principle as the suggested site, being close to the ice cream van site and the main footpath

thoroughfare, is unlikely to be able to be restored for grazing and would not interfere with SSSI status. The Verderers need to be reassured on the same grounds.

18/07/137 South Gorley Gravel Verges. At the same meeting on 18th January, a ditch and bank scheme was agreed with NE, subject to further discussions with the Old School House re parking and access. The issue of the road verges en route to Furzehill has yet to be addressed?

18/09/160 Plovers Barrow Manure Heap. Clerk has again chased the EA.

18/10/176 The Almshouses. Update. *The area of operation is the parochial boundary for Ellingham Church, and the homes are for deserving residents. The restrictions of this Trust state no more than the rental income can be spent on the Almshouses, however the trustees are considering applying to change this in order to carry out repairs.*

18/10/179 Parish Council Noticeboards - improved lettering. Still to be actioned.

18/10/180 Roads/Footpaths FP1 Issues. Update awaited from Rights of Way Office.

From November Meeting:-

18/11/206 Roads/Footpaths - Potential for signage warning of No Footpath along Mockbeggar Lane. Suggest this possibility is included in Community Funded Initiative Update - on agenda. Please note 30mph speed limit signs in Mockbeggar Lane will be repainted by HCC Highways in next year's budget.

18/11/207 Mockbeggar Lane East - Concerns at ditch debris and Parking on Verges. On agenda but still to be actioned.

18/11/209 Historic Routes and Past Pathways Project. Cllr Sampson to report.

18/11/210 Site Suggestions for Animal Accident Silhouettes. To be further discussed as to whether to proceed?

18/11/214 Cllr Thierry's grant funding application to be submitted before end of February. We have the forms but need to suggest direction of possible funding to include in application. Ideas please.

The Clerk has been enquired about the high visibility posts at Ellingham Cross Roads from Hantsweb.

## 5. Public Forum - none

## 6. Finance

19/01/05

i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were presented for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Errington, seconded by Cllr Loader. 4 in favour, 1 abstention.**

1507	N Mackenzie-Dec salary & expenses	810.50
1508	N Mackenzie-newsletter printing, envelopes & stamps	363.99
1509	N Mackenzie-leaving gift	30.50
1510	N Mackenzie-Summer newsletter printing	42.50
1511	Post Office Limited-NICS contributions Oct to Dec'17	100.69
1512	Anton Agricultural Contracting-ditching work ISS to X Lanes	1104.00
1513	Anton Agricultural Contracting-ditching work ISS to Newtown Lane	1134.00
1514	Anton Agricultural Contracting-ditching work Newtown Lane to Hockeys inc.sump	558.00
1515	T Mason-Handyman Dec & Jan invoices	48.00
1516	L Burtenshaw-expenses Oct18 - Jan19	99.70
1517	N Mackenzie-clerk Jan salary & expenses	808.81

19/01/06

ii. Financial report.

Current account £10,370.18 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,536.97

Reserve account £1,421.40

19/01/07

iii. Approve precept request for 2019/20 (circ.16Jan). The clerk had circulated the report to all councillors. The budget and level of reserves were discussed and **a precept request of £19,175 was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw. Seconded by Cllr Loader, all in favour (5). Clerk to notify NFDC.**

19/01/08

- iv. Grant request from Harbridge residents to improve Broadband. A resident from Harbridge briefed the members on the Harbridge Broadband Project. He explained the issues with 50% of the hamlet not being on the schedule for improved broadband by OpenReach; their work to date on exploring other options; the costs and funding offered by BT and the imminent deadlines. Figures are as follows:-

Cost of upgrade for the 14 missed properties	£45,882
50% funding from Hampshire County Council	£22,941
Amount to be funded by the community	£22,941 (equates to £1,639 per property)

The Harbridge community are seeking funds for this project from a number of alternative sources but was commended on their community spirit on getting this far with the campaign.

After a detailed discussion, **Cllr Errington proposed that the Parish Council should pledge £500 to this scheme, as costed, provided it has a reasonable chance of delivery. Seconded by Cllr Webster, 3 in favour, 1 abstention.** Cllr Burtenshaw did not vote.

19/01/09

The clerk reported that following the recent EH&I News, a resident has been in touch advising he is happy to support a local application for a student through provision of a laptop or computer. **Clerk to keep resident's details on record.**

19/01/10

Away Resorts (previously Sandy Balls) have requested details on how their annual donation of £500 (since January 2018) has been spent. They will consider this on an annual basis going forward.

*The Chairman permitted the resident to speak on item 9.ii. Ditches, culverts, verges & overhanging vegetation.*

19/01/11

The attending residents spoke of issues encountered where HCC Highway's contractor had destroyed their hedgerow by unlawfully cutting it from 5/6ft down to 1ft, even though it is well set back from the highway. The resident has complained to HCC Highways, but still to receive any sensible communication from them on the matter.

## 7. Crime in the Parish – none reported

## 8. Parish Council Matters

19/01/12

- i. Parish Council Projects. All members were encouraged to review the list to further existing and identify new projects.

19/01/13

- ii. Community Funded Initiative update. The clerk is continuing to progress the detailed application form, and the work is scheduled for the new financial year.

19/01/14

- iii. Final suggestions of a speaker for Annual Parish Meeting on 23 April 2019. Following the sold out 'Rewilding' talk in February, Diana Westerhoff was suggested. Other suggestions were Lyndsey Stride and Richard Reeves. **Clerk to organise.**

19/01/15

- iv. Consider noticeboard to serve Highwood/Linford/Shobley. This large eastern area of the parish has no notice boards, and it was thought a missed opportunity. **Clerk to investigate permission from two separate residents.**

## 9. Environmental Matters

19/01/16

- i. Roads/Footpaths: Harbridge Drove. It was reported there was an overnight closure and some potholes were repaired and material infilled at eroded road edges. Due to the heavy use of HGVs on this road, the infilled material hasn't remained in place long. Cllr Burtenshaw suggested asking if the Community

Funded Initiative would agree to works to renew the white carriageway edges lines and the centre line, should the Parish Council support this scheme, or whether it could be part of the maintenance scheme by HCC Highways. **Clerk to investigate and report back.** Four years of speed data has been handed to Cllr Burtenshaw, which is enlightening.

19/01/17

Cllr Webster reported concerns regarding a huge pothole in the layby just north of Ellingham Cross roads on the A338. **Clerk to report on Hantsweb.** *Reported post meeting: ref 21409009.*

19/01/18

Cllr Webster mentioned the state of permissive footpath between FP727 and Ellingham Crossroads. **Cllr Burtenshaw to assess whether the Lengthsman can assist, or if it can be added to the HCC RoW cutting list.**

19/01/19

Cllr Webster advised a hedge is overhanging the footpath in Ibsley at Avon Cottage. **Clerk to report on Hantsweb.** *Reported post meeting: ref 21409013.*

ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation: Cross Lanes/Mockbeggar area – discussed under matters arising.

19/01/20

iii. Broomy Plain Linwood, Operation Resilience and Forestry Commission works: The clerk had circulated details of the Operation Resilience scheme which commenced on 7 January, designed to prevent the chronic overrunning of the SSSI verges. The road will return to single track with 30 passing places created between Amies Corner, Linwood and south of Milkham Inclosure, and dragon's teeth are being installed to ensure vehicles remain on the carriageway.

Concerns had been raised by residents and the Parish Council as they were only notified just before Christmas regarding the 12 week road closure to create the passing places, and there has been no communication at all regarding the installation of dragon's teeth.

This was discussed and agreed to request for this area to be properly monitored by use of cameras for traffic and assessment of the SSSI for habitat observation in order to allow careful review of the success of the scheme. The Parish Council would like to be involved in the appraisal of how successful the scheme, and would like copies of the project plans. **Clerk to write to HCC Highways, FC.**

19/01/21

iv. HCC Rights of Way Vegetation Priority Cutting Lists (circ.15Jan)-deadline 1Feb'19. Last year's requests were reviewed and it was agreed to request: Footpaths 703, 719,701, permissive path between Ellingham Crossroads and Shaves Green. **Clerk also to request input from Kelvin Winch & Ruth Croker of RFFS.**

19/01/22

v. Friends of the New Forest keynote talk & discussion - Rewilding the New Forest. This event has sold out already, such is its popularity. It is planned to be recorded, and we will feature it on our website in due course.

19/01/23

Early morning shoots over Mockbeggar Lakes were noted, and the effects which cause disruption in a residential area.

## 10. Community Matters

19/01/24

i. Consider organising a Great British Spring Clean litter pick. The National Trust are holding on on their commons on 30 March, and Keep Britain Tidy's campaign is between 22 March and 23 April. Cllr Burtenshaw volunteered to lead this, she will reach out to a resident for assistance and will advise of the date ASAP so councillors can ensure their availability.

**11. Consultation Papers or events (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate): none**

**12. Outside Bodies: none**

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

19/01/25

- i. Western Escarpment Conservation Area Steering Group project – redundant signage (circ.14Jan). Concerns regarding the non-removal of temporary signs by HCC Highways’ contractors was mentioned. Thanks to Cllrs Taylor and Webster for their input. All other reports to be sent to Cllr Errington asap.
- ii. NFALC minutes 18Oct’18 (circ.15Jan19)-unattended. Cllr Sampson attend the recent meeting on 17Jan19 and she will circulate a written report in due course.

**13. County/District Matters: none**

**14. Correspondence**

19/01/26 – the clerk advised there are NFDC Elections on 2 May 2019, and the purdah period starts on 22 March. All councillors wishing to stand will need to complete nomination papers: the nomination period is 22 March to 4pm 3 April. **Clerk will circulate full details and is happy to guide members through the process.**

19/01/27 – the Annual RAF Ibsley Memorial Service will be held on Sunday 17 February 2019 at 3pm in Ibsley Village Hall. All were encourage to attend.

19/01/28 – the clerk has been contacted requesting details of New Forest folktales for a collection by Brice Stratford. **Clerk to circulate the email to all.**

19/01/29 – Cllr Burtenshaw advised she had received the clerk’s resignation, following Natasha being offered a fantastic opportunity in a school in Ferndown. She will remain in post until 30 April, unless a suitable replacement is able to take over before then.

The meeting closed at 9.47pm.

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

**Parish Council**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Planning Committee**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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