

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2019
at Ellingham Church Hall, Ellingham

In attendance:

Cllr Errington (Acting Chairman)

Cllr Loader

Cllr Sampson

Cllr Stainton-Burrell

Cllr Taylor

Cllr Webster

Cllr Wilson

HCC Cllr Thierry

4 members of the public

Acting Clerk: Kate Mason

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Burtenshaw, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Errington took the chair.

19/11/195 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Blake, Burtenshaw & Coutts.

19/10/196 Declarations of Interest

There were declarations of interest from:

Cllr Sampson – 1st Poulner Scouts application for a grant

Cllr Wilson – Ibsley Horticultural Society application for a grant.

19/11/197 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 29th October 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Stainton-Burrell and seconded by Cllr Webster that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th October 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record: ALL IN FAVOUR.

19/11/198 Chairman's report on matters arising from the Council meeting of 29th October

There was no Chairman's report.

19/11/199 Public Forum

The members of the public present wished to talk about grants so the Chairman allowed discussion during that agenda item.

19/11/200 Finance: Payment of accounts

(i) Payment of accounts & financial report

1584	UK Cheapest web site hosting & domain registration Cllr R Loader	67.99
1585	Acting Clerk Salary & expenses Nov 2019 (Paper £21.97, stamps £15.72)	247.64
1586	Projector Hire July - Sept, R Errington	50.00
1587	Cllr R. Errington – expenses	139.25

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1588 Cllr Burtenshaw – expenses	153.10
1589 SLCC membership	140.00
Total	£ 797.98

Account balances

02911477 Business Current a/c (26.11.19)	10,018.57
13938754 Business Reserve a/c (26.11.19)	57,357.62
40557901 Business Reserve a/c (26.11.19)	0.04

It was proposed by Cllr Sampson and seconded by Cllr Webster that the accounts and payments be accepted. ALL IN FAVOUR.

(ii) Payment of grants

Cllr Sampson and Cllr Wilson declared an interest, remained in the room, but did not vote.

The following organisations applied for a grant:

Organisation	Grant awarded 2018/19	Grant application 2019/20
Ellingham Church	£200	£200 for a shed
Cross Lanes Chapel	£200	General maintenance
Harbridge Church	£200	Churchyard maintenance
St Martins, Ibsley	£200	Churchyard maintenance
Ibsley & District Horticultural Society	-	Purchase of a gazebo for shows
NF Disability Service	£100	Disability support
Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society	£250	Parish footpath maintenance
1 st Poulner Scouts – 3 scouts	-	Funding towards Malawi trip

- Three members of the 1st Poulner Scouts were present and explained their request for a grant to help fund a trip to Malawi in July 2020. Each of them lived within the parish and, together with the other scouts in the troop, were actively fundraising towards the cost of the trip. While in Malawi they were planning to help with the building of a school and bridge building over marshy land nearby to aid children walking to school. The fundraising was to cover the cost of the trip together with the cost of materials that would be need for the building projects.

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The total cost of the trip for all participants was £21,000. A total of £10,000 was needed to make the total.

HCC Cllr Thierry said he was willing to match the amount granted by the Parish Council towards the trip.

- The Ibsley Horticultural Society has over 100 members and makes most of its income from selling plants at local shows and fetes. They were requesting a grant towards the cost of a commercial gazebo which had been costed at £850.

Members discussed the grants submitted. It was proposed by Cllr Loader and seconded by Cllr Stainton-Burrell that the following payments be made, ALL IN FAVOUR:

- Ellingham Church £300
- Cross Lanes Chapel £300
- Harbridge Church £300
- St Martins, Ibsley £400
- Ibsley & District Horticultural Society £425
- NF Disability Service £400
- Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society £400
- 1st Poulner Scouts £600

19/11/201 Minerals applications

(i) App No 19/11324 Bleak Hill I, Hamer Warren Quarry, Harbridge Drove

Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 19/10015 to allow extension of time for an aggregate recycling plant and operations at Bleak Hill until 31st December 2025. Cemex UK Operations Ltd.

(ii) App No 19/11325 Hamer Warren Quarry, Bleak Hill I & II, Harbridge Drove

Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 19/10014 to allow an extension of time for the working of minerals and the tipping of materials at Bleak Hill I & II until 31st December 2025. Cemex UK Operations Ltd.

(iii) App No 19/11326 Bleak Hill III, Hamer Warren Quarry, Harbridge Drove

Planning permission for an extension of mineral working at Hamer Warren Quarry, to extract some 600,000 tonnes of sand and gravel from Bleak Hill III, including works to create an extended haul road and back filling with inert material and progressive restoration to agriculture with increased nature conservation and biodiversity enhancements until December 2025. Cemex Operations Ltd.

The Chairman gave an outline of the current situation at the Hamer Warren Quarry. The first two applications, 19/11324 Bleak Hill 1 and 19/11325 Bleak Hill I & II, are for an extension of permissions 19/10015 and 19/10014 to continue operations until 2025. This is necessary because if permission is granted for Application 19/11326, Bleak Hill III then the mineral workings extracted will need to be processed in Bleak Hill I & II. Bleak Hill II will be partially restored but a haul road through the middle will need to be operational for the life of Bleak Hill III.

Members expressed concerns that the objections they raised in January 2019 which were endorsed by New Forest District Council had been ignored.

It was proposed by Cllr Stainton-Burrell and seconded by Cllr Sampson that:

- **App No 19/11324 Bleak Hill I, Hamer Warren Quarry, Harbridge Drove**

Recommend PAR 5, no objection

- **App No 19/11325 Hamer Warren Quarry, Bleak Hill I & II, Harbridge Drove**

Recommend PAR 5, no objection

- **App No 19/11326 Bleak Hill III, Hamer Warren Quarry, Harbridge Drove**

Recommend refusal under PAR 4 to NFDC & HCC with the following comments:-

The Parish Council do not consider that 19/11326 (for Bleak Hill III) is an extension of existing operations at Hamer Warren and should therefore be treated as a new site application. The Council is not in support of the application unless the following issues are addressed in the conditioning:-

1. The existing gated crossing point of Footpath 23A is increasingly difficult for walkers and other footpath users to operate. The gates are extremely heavy, unwieldy and poorly maintained. The crossing point must be redesigned. Cemex and HCC are reminded that priority is to footpath users at this crossing at all times and any new gate system must default to this priority. A traffic light warning system for vehicle and pedestrian routes must be installed during campaign hauls and the crossing more regularly swept of mud/debris.
2. The lorry movements to and from the quarry must be conditioned to a set number per day with either the cost of road repairs being met by Cemex or a set contribution paid annually. How regularly will HCC Highways inspect, assess and repair the continuing deterioration of Harbridge Drove due to Hamer Warren lorry movements during the anticipated period of use of the site?

ACTION: RE

19/11/202 Crime in the Parish

Members expressed concern at the recent incidents of the stabbing of sheep in Bramshaw parish and the stabbing of two cattle at Linwood. The sheep had been painted with satanic symbols. The police had been informed.

19/11/203 Environmental Matters

(i) Roads & ditches

Footpath 721 - Cllr Webster drew members attention to the state of footpath 721 (near Newlands Farm). It is currently not navigable by walkers or cyclists having being churned up by the recent heavy rain and regular use by horse riders from Newlands Farm accessing Ibsley Common. He suggested a boardwalk be put in place as the path itself had underground springs on or near it which compounded the problem. Cllr Thierry suggested it be closed to allow it to recover.

The Chairman asked Cllr Webster to send the information to the Clerk which could then be forwarded to HCC Rights of Way.

ACTION: PW

Culverts - Members acknowledged that the recent, prolonged heavy rainfall had caused the water table to rise causing minor flooding incidents all over the parish as the culverts couldn't cope.

19/11/204 Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk advised that two people had enquired about the Clerk vacancy.

19/11/205 Outside Bodies

Nothing to report.

19/11/206 County/District Matters

Cllr Thierry advised that the Highways Dept at HCC was facing problems as the reporting system used by parishes was not working properly and a complete review was needed. The portfolio holder Cllr Rob Humby was aware.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Dates of 2019/20 EH&I PC meetings at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30 pm:

Planning Committee

(Tuesdays)
10th December
14th January
11th February
10th March
14th April
12th May

Parish Council

(Tuesdays)
no meeting
28th January
25th February
24th March
28th April Annual Parish meeting at
Ibsley Village Hall
26th May Annual meeting.