

Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council

Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at Ellingham Church Hall, Ellingham

In attendance:

Cllr Burtenshaw - Chairman
Cllr Errington – Vice Chairman
Cllr Blake
Cllr Coutts
Cllr Loader
Cllr Sampson
Cllr Taylor
Cllr Webster
Cllr Wilson

HCC Cllr Thierry
1 member of the public
Acting Clerk: Kate Mason

20/01/01 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stainton-Burrell & NFDC Cllr Lane.

20/01/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

20/01/03 Minutes of the Council meeting held on 26th November 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Webster that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2019 be signed as a true and accurate record: ALL IN FAVOUR.

20/01/04 Chairman's report on matters arising from the Council meeting of 26th November 2019

The Chairman advised members that Cllr Sampson had tendered her resignation as a member of the Parish Council. The Chairman, on behalf of the members, thanked Cllr Sampson for her hard work and support while being a Councillor.

Cllr Sampson left the meeting.

Minute 19/10/190(i) Kent Lane Potholes - the Chairman advised she will write to HCC Highways concerning the numerous potholes and general poor state of Kent Lane. There are also potholes remaining on Bleak Hill despite repairs taking place.

ACTION: LB

Cemex Meeting – The Chairman advised members that she was trying to arrange a Liaison meeting with Cemex. One had not taken place since the Chairman, Bill Dow, stood down and was overdue.

Bleak Hill III Mineral applications - (19/11324, 19/11325 & 19/11326)

The Chairman confirmed that the Planning Officer had advised that further information was forthcoming so the applications will be put forward for further consultation with the Parish Council.

Chairman

25th February 2020

Minute 19/11/203(i) Footpath 721 is still open but impassable at present. Cllr Webster reiterated that the ditch owned by Newlands Farm needed to be cleared.

Verge damage has occurred at Mockbeggar Lane East, possibly due to a vehicle using the verge to pass and the ground being very wet.

Commoners Stock Warning posters requesting dogs be kept under control are on the notice boards and to be placed on the web site.

ACTION: RL

HCC Fly tipping poster to be placed on the website and remaining notice boards

ACTION: RE & RL

20/01/05 Public Forum

Mr David Barrett, who lives off Ibsley Drove, advised the Council that bird watchers were trespassing on his land while congregating to watch the starling murmurations that took place at dusk. They had access via Footpath 1 but were leaving the path and making their way across his field. The number of observers had increased since it was included on social media and a website advising where to watch the starlings. He had approached several observers to advise they were trespassing but they had refused to move.

Mr Barrett suggested that if Footpath 1 was diverted to the lower part of Middle Drove Track (which the footpath currently meets further north) it would not only resolve the problem but would also prevent the need for the current 5 stiles on the footpath thereby making it a much more accessible walk. Bird Watchers could still see the starlings from Ibsley Drove or Middle Drove without trespassing.

The Chairman advised that rights of way matters were the responsibility of HCC and suggested that Mr Barrett should apply to have the footpath re-routed. The Parish Council would support his application. Cllr Thierry warned that these matters were often protracted and it could take a long time to resolve.

Mr Barrett left the meeting.

20/01/06 Finance

(i) Payment of accounts

001599	Cllr Errington – Laptop & MS Office package	740.96
300001	PKF Accountants (Audit 2018/19)	240.00
300002	NFDC Elections 02.05.19	75.00
300003	T Mason - Clearing bus shelter areas	48.00
300004	Acting Clerk Salary & expenses Dec/Jan 2019/20	467.12
Total		£ 1,571.08

(ii) Account balances

02911477	Business Current a/c (31.12.19)	15,114.10
13938754	Business Reserve a/c (31.12.19)	57,396.28
40557901	Business Reserve a/c (31.12.19)	0.04

(iii) Update on banking arrangements

The Clerk advised that a Current account and an Instant Access account had been opened with the Unity Trust Bank and arrangements were being made to close the accounts held with Nat West and transfer the monies held. Two further accounts will be opened with the Unity Trust Bank to hold the Doddington Trust monies and the Clerks Pension contributions. The Financial Regulations will be reviewed as an agenda item at the next meeting, including additional provisions for electronic banking.

Ringwood Post Office had been nominated to pay in any cash or cheques.

ACTION: KM

(iv) Approval of Parish Precept

The Clerk advised that the precept should be kept the same as applied for last year: **£19,175**. There were currently no projects and the reserves were healthy. Because of the uncertainty regarding the Clerk's position during this year and the imminent recruitment of a new Clerk the budget will be very similar and would be presented for members approval at the February meeting, together with updated Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

It was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw and seconded by Cllr Loader that the precept for 2020/2021 be **£19,175** ALL IN FAVOUR.

ACTION: KM

20/01/07 Crime in the Parish

None reported.

20/01/08 Parish Council Matters

(i) Councillor Email addresses

Only Cllr Stainton-Burrell and Cllr Coutts were yet to confirm that their new email addresses worked, all other new email addresses were operational. Cllr Errington asked about the size of attachment that could be sent on the new email. Cllr Loader advised attachments of up to 20 -25 MBs could be sent.

20/01/09 Environmental Matters

(i) Roads & ditches

Flooding on Gorley Road – (see minute 20/01/04). Cllr Webster advised members that the ditch belonging to Newlands Farm was still blocked and causing flooding. HCC would not dig out the culvert until the ditch was cleared. It is unlikely this will be carried out until the weather improves.

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(ii) Historic Routes and Past Pathways project – members discussed the proposed circular walking route and identified a series of problems. There is a mire trackway forming part of the southern section which was difficult to navigate, parking was a problem as the ‘Sand Pit’ car park was already currently well used and there were no WWII features left to see on the walk despite this being suggested as a reason to walk the route.

(iii) FP 1 Birdwatchers – see minute 20/01/05

(iv) Lengthsman – Cllr Webster suggested that the hedge next to the Old Beams PH at Ibsley be cut back as it currently was hiding the litter bin and was very overgrown. Members requested that the owner of the property that flanked the hedge be contacted first.

ACTION: PW

20/01/10 Planning Matters

Felling Licence for Western Commons FC 019/00548: site meeting 22/01 report

A site meeting was attended by Cllrs Errington, Loader, Webster & Wilson. The notes of the meeting have been circulated. Members considered that the National Trust had already made a decision to fell the trees on the Western Commons prior to the site visit. Cllr Wilson was disappointed that an opportunity to include residents at the site visit had been missed.

Cllr Burtenshaw suggested to members that the Parish Council could instigate and fund a project to remove the seedlings so the larger trees could be kept. More information was needed as to the reason to fell the two clumps of trees.

ACTION: LB

20/01/11 – Community Matters

Defibrillator update – Cllr Taylor advised that the mailing list and telephone list of people that expressed an interest could now be re-established so a calling circle could be put in place. Cllr Wilson agreed to check any defibrillator training videos online which could be used as a refresher.

ACTION: GT & AW

20/01/12 Consultation Papers

(i) NFDC Local Plan modifications – individual member responses need to be sent by 31st January 2020. Members expressed their disappointment that the *requirements* for percentages of affordable and social housing provision had been watered down to *targets*.

(ii) NFDC Ward Boundary changes – Cllr Thierry advised that EHI would be part of the Ringwood North ward within the South West ‘division/zone’ and be represented by 6 councillors (currently there are 7).

(iii) NFALC Meeting was held on 16th January 2020. Cllr Burtenshaw will circulate the minutes.

20/01/13 Outside Bodies

Nothing to report.

20/01/14 County/District Matters

Cllr Thierry advised:

- NFDC was one of the worse authorities in England for hitting recycling targets. Currently there was a recycle rate of 32%. It is also the only authority not to use recycling wheelie bins.
- A consultation is taking place concerning the number of libraries in Hampshire. There are currently 7 set for closure.
- The ward boundaries in the New Forest are changing as the number of District Councillors are decreasing from 60 to 48. Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish will be in the Ringwood North ward.
- The Highways Dept at HCC was still facing problems (see minute 19/11/206) but a new reporting system is being trialled with Councillors.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Coutts for his promptness in clearing away the damaged tree at Moyles Court.

Cllr Coutts left the meeting.

20/01/15 Correspondence

- (i) NF Spring UK Cycling will take place on 18th & 19th April
- (ii) RAF Ibsley Memorial Service will take place on 16th February

20/01/16 Clerks Vacancy

It was suggested 3 Councillors, including the Chairman, be on the interview panel. The Clerk to put together a recruitment pack and advertisement. Cllr Blake volunteered to be on the panel.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

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

Planning Committee

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

Parish Council

(Tuesdays)
25th February
24th March
28th April Annual Parish meeting at
 Ibsley Village Hall
26th May Annual meeting.