

23 February 2016**ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 23 February 2016.

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw (P)
Cllr Lane (Chairman) (P)
Cllr Spark (P)
Cllr Errington (P)
Cllr Webster (P)
Cllr Shand (P)
Cllr Loader (P)
Cllr Sampson (P)
Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P)
Cllr Trebilco (P)
(P) denotes present

In attendance:

Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (approx. 33)**1. Apologies**

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Apologies were assumed from Cllr Heron and received from DCllr Dow.

2. Declarations of Interest - none**3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2016**

16/24

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2016 were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Spark and seconded by Cllr Shand. All in favour (10).

4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 26 January (not on the agenda)

16/25

15/118 Highways Matters

Moyles Court Ford - repairs to footbridge. The clerk spoke with HCC Highways who are still awaiting the results of the ecological survey for protected species, which due to be carried out last week of January. **Clerk to chase again.**

General Footpath Matters

FP 31 – replacement stiles project. Listed Building Consent application pending sale of The Rectory and discussions with new owner. **Move to Planning matters arising.**

15/95 Mockbeggar Lakes

NFDC have advised they are satisfied with the development of the tracks around Mockbeggar Lake. **Clerk to move to the planning matters arising as it will be investigated further and additional information will be provided to the NFDC officer.**

15/180 Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation

The adjoining tenant's ditch and hedge line maintenance responsibilities on the Rockford Loop road; local commoner Tom Hordle is the official tenant and some work has been carried out, with more to be done in time.

15/181 Hedge cuttings in ditch – Ivy Lane

Work not carried out by HCC Highways, and HCC Highways have received no response from landowner. **Clerk to contact landowner.**

15/182 Avon River Restoration project

The Clerk to write to the Environment Agency, copying in MP Desmond Swayne, expressing serious concerns regarding the lack of consultation and communication (refer to document of December 2009). More information may be gathered at the Annual Rivers event on 8 March.

15/205 Broadband update. Cllr Errington updated members of where this project is at present. More to follow in due course.

15/208 New Resident welcome Letter. Cllr Spark volunteered to assist the clerk with drafting a 'welcome to the parish' letter from the Chairman to be sent to new residents.

16/04 Representation by Richard Deacon. Clerk to write to the Verderers, and the NPA regarding signage to warn road users of animals on the road and speed limits.

16/21 Car removed from Cross Lanes green. Following the clerk leaving a notice on the vehicle, the car has been removed.

16/22 Harbridge Church. It was reported that parishioners are now working with the vicar to retain the one service a month but to include other services and events as required.

5. Public Forum

16/26

A petition with 71 signatures against affordable housing on site 4 South of Ibsley Village Hall was delivered to the Chairman.

16/27

The rubble left on the eastern side of Gorley Road was established as resulting from the Somerley Estate's culvert and ditching works.

16/28

The awaited bridge repairs at Moyles Court ford was discussed, and it was agreed for the **Clerk to contact HCC Highways to request more robust fencing to protect visitors to the stream if the repair works are not carried out by Easter.**

16/29

A resident expressed disappointment at the felling of Turkey Oaks adjoining his property. Cllr Errington explained the National Trust's reasons for removing this species from the commons.

16/30

Cyclists – the following issues were conveyed by residents:-

- The volume of cyclists in the parish, especially on the Gorley Road. The Parish Council is working alongside other new forest parishes to encourage cycling groups to sign up to a Charter to help regulate their activities.
- At cyclists on Ibsley Common; there are some National Trust signs but they are small. Residents were encouraged to advise clerk of incidences.
- The lack of cycle tracks across the commons for cyclists. **To be added to the Parish Projects list.**

16/31

A resident mentioned concerns that if bridleways are not officially marked within 10 years, they could lose the right to that designation. **Clerk to investigate if this is the case.**

Due to the representation from residents, the Chairman brought forward agenda item:-

10.i Special Motion on Rural Affordable Housing re: item 10.i of Parish Council meeting on 26th January 2016.

16/32

Cllr Lane confirmed following the previous Parish Council meeting there has been lots of soul searching and, following conversations with others, the Parish Council has taken on board the many comments received from residents and would like to propose a Special Motion.

Cllr Burtenshaw proposed a special motion to abandon furthering any sites at present. The Parish Council want the local residents' support for such projects and the intention is to form a working group, with members and interested residents, to fully investigate any potential areas of concern with the planning authorities and HARAH.

Seconded, 8 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention.

6. Finance

16/33

i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were approved for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw, seconded by Cllr Lane. All in favour (10).**

1253	Scribe 2000 Annual Software Subscription	234.00
1254	Friends of Ellingham-Oct to Mar village hall hire	220.00
1255	T Mason-Handyman Jan & Feb invoices	96.00
1256	N Mackenzie-New Backup Hard Drive	49.99
1257	Clerk N Mackenzie, Feb salary & expenses	827.01

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ii. Financial report.

Current account £6,154.34 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,353.35

Reserve account £1,084.30

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iii. Ibsley Bus shelter maintenance (repair quotes circ.18Feb).

The clerk had circulated two quotes for renovation to the Ibsley bus shelter, which were discussed. **It was proposed to accept the quote from P Dunwoodie of £335.82.** Seconded, all in favour (10). There was a suggestion to create a cycle rack adjacent to the shelter, as bikes are often seen chained to the metal railings. **Clerk to put on the parish projects list and consider more clearance of the path.**

16/36

The clerk advised the Snails Lane bus shelter is also in need of maintenance – she will request the handyman T Mason treats it with creosote.

7. Crime in the Parish

16/37

None reported to the clerk, however attending residents mentioned within the Public Forum how several residences had had their stone garden ornaments moved from their gardens and stored nearby, assumed in order to collect them later. All were encouraged to report to the police via 101 and be vigilant.

8. Parish Council Matters

16/38

- i. Parish Council Projects – update. Cllr Burtenshaw advised it is hoped to progress the project to repair the dragon's teeth and rails near Ibsley Service Station, potentially with a solution to the recovery vehicles lorries parking on the road. A meeting is scheduled with Natural England, and the **clerk is to see if HCC Highways can attend as well.**

16/39

- ii. Agree advert and publication/s to use for forthcoming tender process for ice cream pitch at Moyles Court School. The Clerk had circulated to all her suggested advert and advised a price of £60 + VAT for an advert in the Ringwood & Fordingbridge News. Cllr Burtenshaw proposed to go ahead with the advert, seconded, all in favour (10). **Clerk to ensure all details are on the website as well. Clerk to add to agenda for a decision on the received tenders on 22 March 2016.**

16/40

- iii. External Audit for Smaller Authorities – opt in from 2017; deadline 31Mar16 (circ.17Feb). The clerk had circulated her proposals to stay opted in for the external audit, even though the Parish Council is currently under the threshold of an annual turnover of £25,000. Cllr Burtenshaw proposed to stay opted in. Seconded all in favour (10).

16/41

- iv. Blashford Lakes Forum – agree agenda items for Forum meeting in May. The following proposed agenda items for the forthcoming forum meeting were discussed; request update to the Management plan of land ownership, names of lakes, rights of way map, activity designation and status for each lake; discuss opening of seasonal path around Mockbeggar Lakes and Ibsley Water. **Clerk to chase response to my email of 12 June 2015 and ask who is Martin Devine's replacement, and discuss with Simon Curson, Natural England possibility for path to be opened all year round.**

9. Environmental Matters

16/42

- i. Footpaths. Local resident Simon Richardson kindly volunteered and reviewed Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society's detailed path survey – the members were very grateful for his involvement. **Clerk to send thanks Mr Richardson, circulate his recommendations to all and put forward his suggested priorities for maintenance in due course.**

16/43

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation. It was clarified that the Somerley Estate have cleared the ditch on the east side of Gorley Road in Mockbeggar. Forthcoming proposals to dig the ditch deeper from the culvert immediately south of Ibsley Service Station to give the ditch more capacity were discussed; two members and the clerk are meeting with Natural England on 29 February to discuss further.

16/44

- iii. Consider proposal for new water pipe in verge – Plantation Copse. This work was carried out without consent from Natural England or the Parish Council (as the landowner). Natural England are pursuing this matter further, as a different route for the pipe was made and the turf was not removed and carefully replaced following the work.

16/45

- iv. Car Parking by Anglers (outside of designated parking areas). Cars have been observed parking in passing places on Ivy Lane and near the phone box south of the Alice Lisle. All incidences to be reported to the clerk so she can feed this back to the fishing bailiffs.

16/46

- v. Correspondence from resident re: Ragwort pulling – to pull or not to pull? (circ.17Feb). The has been overstressed. The Parish Council traditionally pulls ragwort and performs a litter pick on its' own verges, and some members thought as adjoining landowners are not as diligent in pulling

ragwort, there is still plenty of ragwort available for wildlife purposes. It was agreed to review our policy on the annual pull in July. **Clerk to add to the agenda for May.**

10. Community Matters

Agenda item **10.i Special Motion on Rural Affordable Housing re: item 10.i of Parish Council meeting on 26th January 2016** was discussed after agenda item 5.

16/47

- ii. NFDC Time Limited Premises Licensing Application – Tea Party Matters, The Walled Garden, Old Somerley (circ.17Feb). It was agreed for no representation to be made by the Parish Council.

11. Consultation Papers (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate) - none

16/48

- i. New Forest Inclosures event 22 March 2016 (circ.17Feb)-Cllr Loader to attend.
- ii. Annual Rivers event 8 March 2016 Guildhall, Salisbury (circ.17Feb)-Cllr Webster to attend.

12. Outside Bodies:

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

16/49

- i. NFALC minutes 14 January 2016 (circ.2Feb) – unattended.
- ii. Meeting at Newtown Lane with National Trust (NT) and Hampshire Countryside (HC). Cllrs Errington and Webster verbally reported on both organisations plans to install dragon's teeth to prevent further damage to the roots of mature oak trees at the top of the NT owned track. It was mentioned that there is a severe lack of parking facilities for those wishing to access the commons and all were encouraged to think about where potential parking sites can be created; **clerk to ensure this is on the Parish Projects list.** Clerk mentioned possibility of spaces being provided at Ibsley Village Hall for local residents only in order to access the footpath network; **to be mentioned to the Committee at the next meeting.**

13. County/District Matters – neither present.

14. Correspondence

16/50

Proposals for speakers at the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting on 26th April were encouraged and discussed. **Clerk to investigate further a speaker on the parish and WW2.**

16/51

The clerk requested proposals for the next newsletter to be sent to her as soon as possible.

16/52

Terry Mason was hoping to borrow a 3KW generator for the Heavy Horse event in April.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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

Parish Council

Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Planning Committee

Tuesday 8th March 2016

Tuesday 9th February 2016

Annual Parish Meeting

Tuesday 26th April 2016