

**28 February 2017****ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Members:

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

*(P) denotes present*

In attendance:

DCllr Dow	Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)
Jake White, National Trust	

Members of the Public (0).**1. Apologies**

17/02/29

The clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Trebilco and Stainton-Burrell, and Cllr Heron.

**2. Declarations of Interest - none****3. To confirm minutes of the meeting on 31 January 2017**

17/02/30

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31 January were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Shand and seconded by Cllr Sampson. 6 in favour (2 abstentions as not present at that meeting).

**4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 31 January (not on the agenda)**

17/02/31

15/80 Rockford Loop Road. HCC Highways have inspected and intend to put in some reflective signs on the sections of verges most susceptible to being over-ridden by vehicles. Waiting to see how well it works in heavy water flow.

The adjoining landowner to the west has complained about the work, part of which was carried out on a verge adjacent to his ownership (and therefore, about which he was not notified). This has apparently damaged his fence line adjacent to a conservation pond. Also the works have made it difficult for him to exit and entry his field entrance with large vehicles. I have suggested that could be resolved by a larger field entrance gate. It is assumed the work, carried out by New Forest Trust, was as a landowner carrying out their riparian obligations?

15/181 Ivy Lane Hedge Cuttings. Clerk will send a letter to the Bailiff of RDAA which will go before his next Angling Club committee meeting. He enquired about dealing with the spoil from the ditch but in essence it is the hedge cuttings to be removed rather than the dredging of the ditch.

16/56 Sat Nav Issues, Linwood. The new signs at Linwood are still not in situ, despite being promised some long time ago. Clerk has again chased Sean Marsh but I suggest the PC installs a temporary sign to help restrict Sat Nav access to High Corner Inn, via Toms Lane.

16/106 Speed Limits in Linwood. The red triangle situated at Rockford cattle grid is awaited from HCC. The yellow running horse sign at Moyles Court has been requested. Clerk has enquired from Sean Marsh about the disappearance of the Forestry Commission sign near the Monkey Puzzle trees (at the junction of the commons with the National Trust owned land).

See also 17/01/05

16/120 Parking Issues at Picket Post. Progress on works awaited. Clerk to liaise with Andrew Winson, and investigate double yellow lines to prevent parking further down.

16/138 Affordable Housing. Members will be updated of any progress by email.

16/170 Gorley Road Overhanging Branches. Action awaited in conjunction with HCC.

16/172 Hockey's Farm shop & Flooding Issues. Further work will be carried out by M Lambert to create a 'sump'

opposite the ditch outfall from the east to ensure gravel build up is contained and thus requires clearing out less often. The issue will continue to be monitored.

16/173 Road Signs and Faded Speed Limits. Clerk has chased Bob Brown for the promised 'No Through Road' sign at the entrance to Mockbeggar Lane East. The Highways authority do not feel action on the faded 30mph speed limits on the road is warranted at this time.

16/196 Cattle Grid at Rockford. This was seen by Bob Brown and his boss (when it was flooded recently). A scheme to put in another gully sump in the gate area is intended, picking up a new outflow from the grid. May not be given priority treatment.

16/207 Burnt out car, Ibsley Drove. HCC rights of way office have replied but only with information already established. Cllr Spark volunteered to investigate further.

16/210 Speed Awareness Campaign. This project is ongoing.

16/222 Proposed BT Payphone Removals. No response yet from BT on their consultation.

17/01/05 Public Forum in January.

- Speed Limits through Linwood - CCllr Heron was investigating this but due to ongoing concerns of Linwood residents, it is suggested we write formally to Hampshire County Council requesting urgent attention to new signs and speed limits. Consider a local petition in support of the scheme.
- Toms Lane potholes - HCC Highways had sent a road sweeper to clean the road prior to pothole work but due to extensive presence of farm animals on the road, it was not practicable to proceed. It is proposed to wait until the summer months when the cattle have moved away from the farmyard proximity.

17/01/16 Mockbeggar Lakes. Clerk has sent the letter of support sent to accompany Mr Hordle's report to NFDC.

17/01/18 Damage caused by Access - Ibsley & Rockford Commons. This matter is being taken up by residents direct with Natural England and National Trust. It will be raised at the next National Trust Local Advisory Board meeting on 13th March.

## 5. Public Forum - none

## 6. Jake White of the National Trust - visitor management works at Rockford Sandpit carpark

17/02/32

Jake showed photos of the sandpit over the last few years to demonstrate the increased erosion to the top of the Rockford sand pit, explaining how the increasing visitors result in more pressure of the most visited common.

Their plan is to introduce dead hedging in two places to channel visitors to specific paths – this will then be monitored for any positive impact on the erosion.

There are plans to update the vertical information post.

The issue of dog faeces being left along the path up to the common was discussed; **clerk to investigate how to request a specific bin and who empties it.**

Increasing the parking area will be raised at the National Trust Advisory Board meeting.

It is hoped Cllr Trebilco will further the benches project with Jake.

Jake advised of forthcoming events:-

The Great British Spring Clean 5 March 10am-1pm at Rockford Common;

Coffee Morning 25 March at Rockford Common 11am-12pm;

The New Forest School at Foxbury for ages 0-5 years one Thursday a month 10.30am-12.30pm.

Look at their website for further details. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/new-forest-northern-commons>

## 7. Finance

17/02/33

- i. Payment of accounts: The following cheques were read out for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Loader, seconded by Cllr Spark. All in favour (8).**

1347	HALC-Clerk's course	48.00
1348	Viking Payments-general stationery & inks	173.69
1349	Viking Payments-Newsletter stationery & stamps	256.55
1350	N Mackenzie-clerk Feb salary & expenses	777.13

17/02/34

- ii. Financial Report (after above payments):

Current account £8,406.85

Business Reserve 1 account £46,372.42

Business Reserve 2 account £1,084.73

17/02/35

- iii. Workplace Pensions responsibilities re: Automatic Enrolment. This was deferred until the agenda of 28 March 2017. **Clerk to circulate details to all.**

17/02/36

- iv. Consider tender process for Moyles Court Ice Cream concession for 2 year period. This was discussed and agreed for a 2 year contract to be put out to tender. Proposed and seconded, all in favour (8). **Clerk to place advert in Ringwood & Fordingbridge News.**

## 8. Crime in the Parish - none

## 9. Parish Council Matters

17/02/37

- i. Parish Council projects – update

Parish Benches project – briefly discussed and it is hoped Cllr Trebilco will meet with the National Trust to further her ideas for the bench sitings on their land.

Ibsley Service Station verge protection scheme – awaiting quotes and Natural England require a method statement. This area needs urgent action.

FP31 improve accessibility – following a site meeting, plan to request the removal of two decrepit stiles in addition to new kissing gate at access point with Mockbeggar Lane. Also to use the Lengthsman to cut back vegetation and re-site a waymark .

17/02/38

- ii. Update on Blashford bus shelter insurance claim. The clerk has reached out to the landowner to propose replacing with an open sided shelter. It was proposed to accept the cash payment from the insurance company now of the lowest quote less excess less 20% VAT. The VAT can be reclaimed once the new shelter is paid for. Seconded, 6 in favour, 2 against. **Clerk to action.**

17/02/39

- iii. Suggestions of Guest Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting on 25 April 2017. Several suggestions were put forward and will be explored further:- Ancient Routeways through the forest, the Sampson Family, The New Forest Centre. **Cllr Loader to investigate his suggestion further.**

## 10. Environmental Matters

17/02/40

- i. Roads/Footpaths. The project on FP32 to convert the stiles to gates will be furthered by contacting the landowners for their permission.  
Photos and a detailed report of FP1 was shared by Cllr Webster, where there are encroachments, collapsed fencing and difficult stiles to contend with. **Clerk to report to HCC Rights of Way and RFFS.**  
**Clerk to ask Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society if they will write an item for the next EHI News.**  
Work to repair huge potholes on Toms Lane is definitely scheduled in by HCC Highways but delayed until the summer.  
Potholes in Bleak Hill, Harbridge have been reported to HCC Highways.  
Potholes in Gorley Road both adjacent to Broomy and at Pigeon House Corner are on the works schedule for HCC Highways.

17/02/41

- ii. Ditches, culverts, verges & overhanging vegetation. The issues with continued parking at the top of Mockbeggar Lane East were discussed. To prevent further erosion to the SSSI verges, sizeable logs will be placed on the verge along with a sign advising 'no parking on verges'. **Clerk to contact NPA and Newlands Farm Livery to discuss deterring parking.**

*Cllr Lane left at 9pm.*

17/02/42

- iii. HCC Rights of Way workshop – Minstead Village Hall on 7 March 1-4pm. Two places have been booked, however no volunteers were confirmed.

**11. Community Matters**

17/02/43

- i. Great British Spring Clean 5 March 10am-1pm: with the National Trust at Rockford Common. All were reminded of this event, and volunteers can register via the website.

17/02/44

- ii. Advance warning: Wiggle New Forest Spring Sportive 8 & 9 April. Ensure this is publicised on the website and notice boards.

**Clerk to add agenda item re TENS Licencing applications to agenda for 14 March.**

17/02/45

- iii. Consider attendance at the Ellingham Show 12 August 2017. It was discussed and agreed to continue with a presence at this important local show. A working group will be agreed at the next meeting.

**12. Consultation Papers (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate)**

17/02/46

- i. NFNPA Call for Brownfield Sites 22Feb-5Apr'17 (circ.22Feb). Individual responses were encouraged.

**13. Outside Bodies**

17/02/47

- i. NFALC meeting notes 19Jan17-Cllr Spark

14. **County/District Matters:** CClr Heron was not present.

17/02/48

DClr Dow confirmed there has been an average council tax increase of 4.5%, the first in many years.

**15. Correspondence:**

17/02/49 - The clerk requested tasks for the Lengthsman visit on 27 March.

17/02/50 – The clerk advised the A31 eastbound is going to be closed from 6 March for 12 nights.

The meeting closed at 9.28pm.

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

***Parish Council***

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017

***Planning Committee***

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017

***Annual Parish Meeting***

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Ibsley Village Hall at 7.30pm