

28 November 2017
ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Members:

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

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

DClr Dow
Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (0).

1. Apologies

17/11/195

The clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Shand and Trebilco. Apologies were assumed from Cllr Lane.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31 October 2017.

17/11/196

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 Spark and seconded by Cllr Sampson. 5 in favour (2 abstentions as not present at that meeting).

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

17/11/197

The Chairman's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Any additional updates are in *italics*.

16/138 Affordable Housing Scheme. After consideration and by reference to the NFDC pending Local Plan Review, it has been decided to postpone the reconvening of the working group until the local council's views are known with regard to types of housing and types of sites for affordable housing.

16/170 Gorley Road Overhanging Branches. Update awaited from Bob Brown

16/196 Cattle Grid at Rockford. Works confirmation awaited from Bob Brown

17/02/32 Dog Waste Bin at Rockford Sandpit. To be discussed at forthcoming NT meeting but any update from Cllr Lane welcomed.

17/03/62 & 17/10/184. Mockbeggar Lane East. Malcolm Lambert has apparently arranged for works to be carried out during the current week.

17/05/81 Speeding and Signage at Linwood. CClr Thierry has reported but further details to be provided to HCC staff. Still propose to take the matter up with Steven Lugg at HALC.

17/06/108 Hanson Concrete Charitable Trust Funds. Application for funds in progress.

17/06/109 John Stokes Memorial Tree. Site identified and quotations sought for cost of moving and replanting oak tree.

17/06/112 Verge Protection. Under review

17/06/121 National Trust Matters. To be reported following meeting on 4th December. N.B. Ditches dug by NT to the east of Crossley Towers but debatable whether this will resolve or exacerbate the problem?

17/06/136 Blashford Bus Shelter. Design plans awaited.

From October minutes-

17/10/183 Roads/Footpaths. White line painting has been reported but timetable awaited.

17/10/184 Ditch work at Mockbeggar Lane East. As above.

17/10/186 Information Boards. Discussions yet to be held with Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society and J Houghton-Brown

17/10/179 Tarmac - Restoration at North Ellingham Lake. There had been an application (15/10518) by Tarmac to extend the completion date for restoration of the lake until 31st December 2017. Cllr Webster had alerted us to the fact this was not being adhered to. After correspondence, we have been informed that Tarmac will be submitting a further application to extend the completion date, due to 'safety concerns about heavy plant working on the silt lagoons'.

5. Public Forum - none

6. Finance

17/11/198

i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were presented for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Loader, seconded by Cllr Webster. All in favour (7).**

1415	Fordingbridge Town Council - Lengthsman supplies	18.40
1416	N Mackenzie-Defibrillator seminar posters	6.50
1417	N Mackenzie-annual home office use fee	104.00
1418	N Mackenzie-November salary £733.18 & expenses (travel £24.30 phone £18.33 other £6.04)	781.85

Clerk to diarise reviewing the annual home office use fee, as it seems underestimated at £2 a week.

17/11/199

ii. Financial report.

Current account £16,452.850 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £45,692.90

Reserve account £1,084.82

17/11/200

iii. To approve precept request for 2018/19 (circ.22 Nov). The budget proposed by the working group suggests keeping the precept at the same level. It was discussed and proposed to request £19,175. **Seconded, all in favour (7).**

7. Crime in the Parish – none reported to the clerk

8. Parish Council Matters

17/11/201

i. Parish Council Projects.

-A meeting is scheduled with Natural England (NE) in the new year to discuss the verge project near Ibsley Service Station.

-Cllr Burtenshaw will resume FP31 stiles project.

-In Cllr Trebilco's absence, Cllr Sampson suggested a source for the bench and she will obtain a quote to compare with Cllr Trebilco's quotes. **Clerk to add to agenda for 23 January.**

17/11/202

ii. To consider approval of a grant from the Parish Council to the Dodington Trust charity. Cllr

Burtenshaw thanked all those who had submitted comments to her by email, of which the majority were in support. She has received a response from Away Resorts (previous Sandy Balls owners) and they are requesting more information about the Dodington Trust. **Clerk to respond.** There was a discussion, key points summarised as follows:-

-this trust doesn't benefit every parishioner, is it relevant in this day and a good spend of residents' council tax? (by email)

-whilst this trust does not benefit every resident, no charity does as they are usually for a select group, however it was agreed by all that this does not make all charities inappropriate.

-there are few educational grant opportunities available and this was cited as an excellent reason to continue to support it.

-could previous beneficiaries of the Trust make a contribution back into the Trust when they are able to?

-all elected councillors have an annual budget to support charities (District £600, County £6000) as it enables the grant funds to get to the source without the restriction of local government contracts that have to conform to EU tender regulations.

-it was reported a recent beneficiary of the Trust has now secured a position as a trainee farrier.

-it was suggested that a Letter of understanding be drawn up to be sent to all applicants which will spell out what the grant is to be used for and a suggestion of potential repayment in the future.

Cllr Burtenshaw proposed a grant from the Parish Council to the Dodington Trust charity of £2000.

Seconded by Cllr Spark, 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

17/11/203

- iii. To approve dragon's teeth repair expenditure at Moyles Court, Newlands and Gorley Road (near Ibsley Service Station). The need for urgent repairs to damaged dragon's teeth and rails was discussed, two quotes has been received, one other is awaited. Given the urgency for the repairs and the concern the next meeting is on 23 January, it was agreed for Cllr Burtenshaw and the clerk to go ahead and accept the most cost efficient contract at a cost of approx. £15 per chestnut dragon's tooth. Proposed by Cllr Spark, seconded by Cllr Sampson. All in favour (7). The Moyles Court area north of the ford will not be actioned, as SSE will be starting cabling works in this area.

17/11/204

- iv. Protocol on Death of a Senior Royal (circ.22Nov). Following discussion, it was agreed to approach Ibsley Village Hall committee to see if they would be interested in opening a book of condolence at the hall (manned by the Parish Council for a limited period of time e.g. a day) and the pages be added to the Ringwood condolence book. **Cllrs Burtenshaw and Stainton-Burrell to further.**

17/11/205

- v. Use of ehipc.co.uk email addresses. All councillors not using the EHIPC email address were asked to convert to it ASAP, Cllrs Loader and Spark will assist!

9. Environmental Matters

17/11/206

- i. Roads/Footpaths: Cllr Webster had advised all some work had been carried out on FP1 – the collapsed fence had been repaired. **Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear the brambles and ensure RFFS have been notified of the issues on this footpath.**

17/11/207

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation: to approve action re: persistent flooding in the area of Ibsley Service Station. Following discussion at the last planning meeting, Cllr Burtenshaw had been obtaining quotes to appoint a regular contractor to clear the ditch in this location. Natural England will need to be consulted for their consent to more regular ditch maintenance (to be discussed at the January site meeting). **Clerk to ask Lengthsman to clear the brambles and fallen leaves where possible, and to add to agenda for 23 January 2018.**

17/11/208

- iii. Proposed SSE works to exposed 11kV Cable Joint - Dockens Water Ford, Moyles Court, Rockford (circ.22Nov). The detailed map of the works was viewed and discussed. **The clerk is to respond to SSE** asking if they have the consent of NE, EA, Verderers and the NPA Tree Team, as well as details of the specification for reinstatement of the verge, carpark area, dragon's teeth and restoration of the bank.

17/11/209

- iv. Consider need for NPA seasonal ranger in the parish. This was discussed, members agreed that at this time there is no specific need for the employment of a seasonal ranger in EHI. **Cllr Trebilco to feed this back to the NW Quadrant.**

17/11/210

- v. Blashford silt pond restoration. Cllr Webster was thanked for the detailed email he had sent to all members regarding the planning history of this site, which should have originally been restored in 1999.

The silt lagoons are taking much longer than anticipated to dry out as they were originally lined with clay. HCC Minerals department advise a planning application to extend the time limit for restoration is imminent.

17/11/211

- vi. Suggested tasks for Parish Lengthsman visit 18 December. Clerk to check if FP31 was cut during the last visit. Any other tasks to the clerk.

10. Community Matters

17/11/212

- i. Update from Community Plan working group. The working group (Cllrs Webster, Shand and Sampson) is to communicate and report on 23 January 2018.

17/11/213

- ii. Update from Defibrillator seminar & Mockbeggar Community Support Group. The event was considered a great success for the community, with over 40 attendees. The volunteer trainer Dave Laut was a great trainer. **Clerk to help with the formation of the Community Support Group, set up the VETS calling circle and investigate a first aid course**, as this was requested by residents as a next step.

17/11/214

- iii. To consider bench to replace leaning post at Rockford Common. Cllr Trebilco was researching this, however the photos and quotes were not available. To progress this, it was proposed by Cllr Burtenshaw to authorise £500 for a rustic, oak bench plus reasonable costs of fitting/transportation. Seconded, all in favour (7).

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

12. Outside Bodies:

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

17/11/215

- i. The Ibsley Village Hall AGM was well attended and the talk of great interest, Cllr Burtenshaw to circulate a brief report.

13. County/District Matters:

17/11/216

- i. Reports from County & District Councillors. CCllr Thierry was not present. DCllr Dow advised the cabinet has increased in number from 6 to 8. He reminded all of scams and not to give out information over the telephone.

14. Correspondence

17/11/217 – huge thanks were extended to Cllr Loader, who did a fabulous job of bringing together the latest EHI News (which will be prepared for distribution later this week, thanks to Hockey's Farm).

17/11/218 – following recent husky racing in the parish, the Parish Council are going to ask to be notified of all events.

17/11/219 – concerns on pruning to Oak trees at Four Oaks will be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting.

17/11/220 – many complaints are being received by residents following the arrival of a large mobile home at Druce Acres. It was discussed and agreed for a formal response to be written and for Cllrs Heron and Dow along with NFDC's David Groom and the planning officer to be copied in on any correspondence.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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

Parish Council

Tuesday 23rd January 2018

Tuesday 27th February 2018

Planning Committee

Tuesday 12th December 2017

Tuesday 9th January 2018