

31 October 2017
ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 31 October 2017.

Members:

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

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

DCllr Dow
Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (1).

1. Apologies

17/10/171

The clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Loader and Stainton-Burrell.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 September 2017.

17/10/172

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. 6 in favour (2 abstentions as not present at that meeting).

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

17/10/173

The Chairman's report was circulated with the agenda. Any additional updates are in *italics*.

16/138 Affordable Housing Scheme. It is proposed to call a meeting of the working group within the next month or so to discuss the way forward and therefore to be able to report further to the PC early in the New Year.

16/170 Gorley Road Overhanging Branches. Awaiting confirmation of specification etc. from HCC.

16/196 Cattle Grid at Rockford. Awaiting confirmation of works from Bob Brown.

17/02/32 Dog Waste Bin at Rockford Sandpit. Further updates required from National Trust and Cllr Lane.

17/03/62 Mockbeggar Lane East. Quote and timetable awaited from M Lambert.

17/05/81 Speeding and Signage at Linwood. Update from Cllr Thierry requested. HALC (Steven Luggage) have offered their assistance to progress this matter.

17/06/108 Hanson Concrete Charitable Trust Funds. The Chairman is working on our application to HWT to release funds.

17/06/109 John Stokes Memorial Tree. Quote sought from Tree specialist for planting costs and site still to be confirmed.

17/06/112 Verge Protection. To be kept under review.

17/06/121 National Trust Matters. Concerns over Parking Areas, drainage off the Commons are being pursued both in writing and will be raised at the next NT advisory board meeting on 4th December.

17/07/136 Blashford Bus Shelter. New design plans still awaited from contractor but scheme and costs agreed previously in principle.

Additional matters arising from September minutes:-

17/09/155 Dodington Trust Future Funds. Detailed request for funds submitted to Away Resorts and a response is awaited.

17/09/157 Defibrillator Project. The defibrillator was installed on 18th October and the training seminar will be held on Thursday 16th November in Ibsley Village Hall at 7.30pm, run by the Community Heartbeat Trust. Cllr Sampson has kindly offered to represent the PC on the Support Group in place of Cllr Trebilco. Attendance by councillors is encouraged.

17/09/161 Moyles Court Ford. Action still awaited by SSE on cable repairs adjoining Dockens Water. Clerk be asked to chase.

17/09/162 Dangerous parking on Toms Lane. The Forestry Commission works are scheduled around Christmas – the resident complaint to be passed onto Sean Marsh, FC. Concerns on the lack of parking for the pub were discussed.

17/09/163 Forest Corner Planning Application. This matter will be moved to the planning committee agenda but to report that the works to replace the septic tank have been completed without accessing the PC land at Cross Lanes.

5. Public Forum - none

6. Finance

17/10/174

- i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were presented for approval for payment.

Proposed by Cllr Sampson, seconded by Cllr Shand. All in favour (8).

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| 1402 | Dodington Grant-M Jenkins | 500.00 |
| 1403 | T Mason-October invoice | 48.00 |
| 1405 | Hampshire Association of Local Councils-Clerk training course | 24.00 |
| 1404 | Viking Payments-newsletter £224.38 and other stationery £17.94 | 242.32 |
| 1405 | N Mackenzie-October salary £761.76, travel expenses £26.55 & phone £18.33 | 806.64 |

17/10/175

- ii. Financial report.

Current account £18,713.60 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £45,692.50

Reserve account £1,084.81

17/10/176

- iii. Half year budget report (circ.31Oct). The budget is on track, and does not include the credit balance in the current account at start of this financial year (£6,417.75).

17/10/177

- iv. Consider annual award of grants (circ.11Oct). The clerk had circulated details of the grants received and proposed awarding the same amount as last year – total £1,350. Proposed by Cllr Shand, seconded by Cllr Spark, all in favour (8).

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| All Saints Church, Harbridge | £200 |
| Parish of Hyde with Ellingham & Harbridge | £200 |
| Cross Lanes Chapel | £200 |
| St Mary and All Saints Church, Ellingham | £200 |
| Citizens Advice New Forest | £100 |
| New Forest Disability Service | £100 |
| Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society (subscription & grant) | £250 |
| Victim Care Service-Victim Support | £100 |

17/10/178

The clerk had proposed an additional grant to the Dodington Trust charity of £2,500 in order to continue to support the charity. In 2006, the Parish Council awarded a grant of £1,000 to the Dodington Trust, which was instrumental in helping keep the charity operational.

The charity's area of operation was extended to the whole of Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley on 22/11/2011. Its directive is "GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR APPRENTICES, YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN TO SUPPORT SET UP COSTS OF TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, BOOKS ETC TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING AND EDUCATION".

It was briefly discussed and agreed to defer this until after the budget working group for 2018/19 have met and reviewed the balances. **Clerk to organise meeting and put on agenda for 28 November.**

7. Crime in the Parish

17/10/179

None was reported, however it was highlighted the owner of Druce Acres had mentioned several break-ins. All residents were encouraged to be vigilant with outbuilding security and to ensure all break-ins or attempted break-ins are reported either to the Police or to the Clerk.

8. Parish Council Matters

17/10/180

- i. Parish Council Projects. The verge project near Ibsley Service Station was discussed, and clarified there will be a net gain of verge otherwise Natural England would not approve the project.

17/10/181

- ii. Brief discussion on new material for the website. New material was suggested as: a 'then and now' photo feature, details of local history, a feature on the Dodington Charity. Cllr Loader volunteered to upload the data, requesting any text is in digital format (not scanned) and photos as jpeg files.

17/10/182

- iii. To approve verge repair expenditure. Repairs are needed to remove the dragon's teeth and broken rails on the west side of the road south of Ibsley Service Station and south of Moyles Court ford. The logs will be removed from near the footpath entrance at Newlands Farm and ditch and bank extended up from the ford. Quotes are awaited. **Clerk to add to agenda for 28 November.**

9. Environmental Matters

17/10/183

- i. Roads/Footpaths: it was reported the white lines need repainting at the south side of Moyles Court ford. **Clerk to report to Bob Brown.**

17/10/184

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation: It is intended for the ditching and sump work to be carried out on Mockbeggar Lane East soon, along with the sump near Hockey's Farm and the ditch near the war memorial at Cross Lanes.
 - The No through Road sign to New Road was reported as needing attention – **Cllr Trebilco to send photo to the clerk.**

10. Community Matters

17/10/185

- i. Content for forthcoming EHI News. Content for this issue was discussed, along with the potential to include personal news on residents' aswell. Difficulties of gaining permission for including such news and news going out of date between the publications was mentioned. Clerk to write an article for the next issue asking for residents' thoughts.
Deadline for proposed articles: Tuesday 14 November.

17/10/186

- ii. Update from Community Plan working group. Cllr Website had emailed some thoughts; next steps is for the working group to meet and discuss - **Cllrs Shand, Webster, Sampson.**

Footpaths: it was noted that the restoration at Ellingham Lake has not been started yet by Tarmac, as a footpath is part of the restoration scheme.

Information boards: potentially a circular walk could be on a board in the red kiosk at New Road. **To be discussed with Kelvin at RFFS, and Jeremy Houghton-Brown.**

17/10/187

- iii. Defibrillator seminar & Mockbeggar Community Support Group update. The clerk was pleased to announce the training seminar will be held on Thursday 16 November at 7.30pm in Ibsley Village Hall. There are already 20 volunteers from the community, and the clerk will liaise with the Red Shoot Camping Park for loan of their manikins. Free paint has been applied for, as the kiosk needs some maintenance. **Clerk to contact volunteers, continue to organise the event and facilitate the creation of the Community Support Group.** All councillors were encouraged to attend.

17/10/188

- iv. To consider bench to replace leaning post at Rockford Common. Cllr Trebilco talked about the type of rustic bench she has explored, potentially with a carving relating to the RAF Ibsley as it overlooks the airfield. Clerk to investigate costs of the Queen's Jubilee benches **and add to the agenda for 28 November.**

11. Consultation Papers (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate):

17/10/189

- i. **NFDC Draft Housing Strategy (circ.40Oct): consultation at a later date: This was discussed at the last planning meeting however** Cllr Errington felt a response regarding the definition of what is considered affordable housing, why there is no mention of social housing and the potential for agricultural land to be used in rural exception sites. It was proposed **for Cllr Errington to comment on behalf of the Parish Council.** Seconded, all in favour (8).

17/10/190

- ii. **New Forest NPA Local Plan Review update (circ25Oct).** This will be a consultation at a later date, and the Parish Council will consider responding then.

12. Outside Bodies:

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

17/10/191

- i. National Parks Conference 13 October – Cllr Errington verbally reported on the well-attended conference, which discussed the credibility of the New Forest Marque, how the forest was almost broken up 150 years ago, and the issues created by fake news.
- ii. HALC 70th celebrations 10 October – Cllr Burtenshaw verbally reported on Cllr Roy Perry's talk on devolution, the greater role of Town and Parish Councils in the future, and the general apathy towards local government; Steven Lugg (HALC) is happy to assist if needed.
- iii. NW Quadrant meeting 23 October – Cllr Trebilco had circulated her summary advising of whether a NPA ranger should be appointed and funded by the parish councils; the NPA Local Plan Review and challenges of housing; issues with 28 day camping sites. **Clerk to add NPA Ranger to the agenda for 28 November.**
- iv. CEMEX Liaison meeting 24 October – Cllr Errington verbally reported how Bleak Hill II and the potential Bleak Hill III were discussed, and issues with dust and gates.

The Ibsley Village Hall minutes mentioned the possibility of some loss of verge with the Parish Council's proposed works at Ibsley Service Station – Cllr Burtenshaw has clarified to them it will actually be a net gain, otherwise Natural England would not approve the scheme.

13. County/District Matters:

17/10/192

- i. Reports from County & District Councillors. CCllr Thierry stated since May he has mainly been involved with potholes and road signs – budgets will be cut by 20% and the emphasis is on

doing more for less. He is putting forward a pilot scheme for a pot of money to be able to appoint local contractors and carry out own local repairs.

There was discussion on the frustrations with the request for signage for the village of Linwood and to warn of animals on the road. There are 12 signs directing to Linwood, but nothing to say one has arrived there. **Cllr Thierry will escalate this to Stuart Jarvis. Cllr Burtenshaw to liaise with Steven Lugg.**

DClr Dow had nothing further to report.

14. Correspondence

17/10/193 - Cllr Webster presented documents to Cllr Thierry regarding the restoration at Ellingham Lake which should be completed by end of December 2017.

17/10/194 - Members were reminded of the Remembrance service at the war memorial on Ellingham Drove at 11am on 11 November, and services on Sunday 12 November at Harbridge Church (9.00am) and Ellingham Church (10.45am).

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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

Parish Council

Tuesday 28th November 2017

No meeting in December

Planning Committee

Tuesday 14th November 2017

Tuesday 12th December 2017