

**Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council**  
**Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

*Held remotely via Zoom in line with SLCC guidelines due to Covid-19 restrictions*

Present:

Cllr Burtenshaw (Chairman)  
Cllr Errington (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr Loader  
Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Wilson

In attendance:

County Councillor Michael Thierry  
Parish Clerk, Joanna Ramsay

1. **21/04/122 To accept and receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from DCllr Lane.
2. **21/04/123 Declarations of pecuniary and other Interests in relation to the agenda**  
None declared.
3. **21/04/124 To agree the minutes of the Council meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 are a true and accurate record**

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Burtenshaw that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 be signed as a true and accurate record. **ALL IN FAVOUR.**

4. **21/04/125 Chairman's report on matters arising from the Council meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 (for items not on the agenda)**

Chairman stated that there was only one small matter to raise in that we are still awaiting Natural England consents for the works to be done, i.e., ditch maintenance, King's Oak, etc. We are also awaiting a date for a site visit with Claire Lambert from Natural England.

All other matters will be dealt with on the agenda.

*CCllr Thierry joined the meeting at this point, 7.34pm*

5. **21/04/126 Public Forum**  
None present.
6. **21/04/127 Finance**

- (i) **Payment of Accounts April – May 2021**  
Payments to be sanctioned are:

Chairman

Date

Zurich Insurance	£397.83
HALC/NALC Affiliation Fees 21/22	£426.28
Clerk Expenses (Apr-May)	£12.00
<b>TOTALS FOR APRIL</b>	<b>£836.11</b>

It was **proposed** by Cllr Taylor and **seconded** by Cllr Burtenshaw that the above payments listed be sanctioned. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**(ii) Financial Report**

Clerk advised that the bank balances are as below:

Current A/C as at 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	£23,726.60
Instant Access A/C as at 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	£57,431.89
Dodington A/C	£851.31

The Reserve Account balance remains the same as does the Dodington Trust account balance. Chairman raised that perhaps contact ought to be made with Away Resorts to see if they would like to continue to contribute.

**Action: Clerk to take forward**

The Current Account has increased due to the first half of the yearly precept figure and the money for the ice cream concession having been received.

**(iii) New Forest Disability Service grant request update**

Chairman stated that the response received from the New Forest Disability Service regarding an un-cashed cheque disagrees with our records. NFDS seem to think that they have received a grant from us and have paid it in, although did not offer any confirmation. Cllr Taylor raised concern whether two cheques could have been written for the same amount. Clerk has checked the accounts, as has the auditor, and no funds were paid out in favour of NFDS. Chairman proposed that this matter now be closed and the PC will invite the New Forest Disability Service to put in a grant request ready for the autumn meeting.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Taylor and **seconded** by Cllr Errington that the above proposal be agreed. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**7. 21/04/128 Parish Council Matters**

**(i) Policies**

The following updated policies had been circulated prior to the meeting for reading – Planning Committee Terms of Reference and Grants Policy/Grants Application Form.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw and **seconded** by Cllr Loader that the Terms of Reference be adopted. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

Chairman asked that the total potential annual grant amount be included in the initial paragraph of the Grants Policy where it explains how this is calculated, rather than just have a per elector figure of £8.41. It was also noted that on the application form numbers 6 and 7 should be the other way around.

It was **proposed** by Cllr Errington and **seconded** by Cllr Burtenshaw that the policy and application form be adopted subject to the changes above. **ALL IN FAVOUR**

**(ii) To review Website Content/Pages – Parish Paths/Wildlife, Producer Focus**

Chairman requested that all Councillors look at the new website pages and make comments/suggestions so that the Clerk can update them. Chairman advised Councillors that there have been a few issues with TLC (the provider) with putting information on the website without our prior knowledge/agreement.

*The Chairman decided to alter the agenda and asked that item 9(i) be discussed ahead of the planned agenda*

**9. 21/04/129 Community Matters**

- i. Removal of Linwood Road public payphone/telephone box by BT.  
Chairman raised that we have been asked to consult on the removal of the Linwood Road payphone box. It has had no calls made from it and BT are proposing that it be removed. On discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should ask for a delay in its removal due to the absence of a reliable mobile phone signal in the area in the event of an emergency, such as an accident. The service provided by EE (from Hyde), that used to provide a partial service, ceased once the mast was moved from its previous location. The phone box is therefore an essential community service and should remain until mobile reception is significantly improved. Chairman raised that the payphone box is in a state of disrepair and needs to be cleaned and tidied up.

**Action: Clerk to add cleaning and tidying of the payphone box to the Lengthsman's task list for May**

**10. 21/04/130 Environmental Matters**

**(i) Roads/Footpaths**

Nothing to report.

**(ii) Ditches, Culverts, Verges and Overhanging Vegetation**

- Parking on Verges on South Gorley Green – Chairman raised that this is an ongoing issue and asked Councillors to think of ways to tackle the problem. Cllr Loader suggested that where parking has been mentioned as a condition of a planning application, the planning authority should be alerted to enforce that condition. If it is seen as the planning authority checking and enforcing the parking, it may encourage better behaviour, and it will help to keep the breaches recorded as they write to the applicant. In addition to this it might be worth doing leaflet drops and speaking to residents generally about parking to try and raise the issue.

*Cllr Loader left the meeting at this point, 8.02pm*

It would not seem appropriate to cover the verges in dragon's teeth, it needs to be managed appropriately with the least intervention to achieve what we need to. Chairman requested Councillors email any comments on how to tackle the issue to the Clerk.

**Action: ALL COUNCILLORS**

- Gorley Road Ditch Maintenance – The Parish Council has made contact with the Flood & Water Management Team at HCC, and Cllr Errington is trying to arrange a site meeting to discuss the issues and work with them to see what needs to be done.
- Land opposite the Malthouse – An enquiry has been raised concerning two parallel lines of new fencing erected on the boundary of the field on the south side of the road, possibly for new hedge planting reasons. However, it would appear that this is on the verge for which the adjoining landowner has responsibility so no further action necessary.
- Ellingham Drove Verges – Chairman raised that the original planting undertaken by Bournemouth Water in the area has overgrown the road (covering white lines) and the Parish Council should approach HCC to cut back the tree scrub; it is not a Parish Council responsibility. HCC may decide it is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner.

**Action: Clerk to take forward with HCC**

**(iii) To assign Lengthsman Tasks (date allocated 17<sup>th</sup> May)**

Chairman suggested that in addition to the task already mentioned under item 9, Clerk should contact Patrick Webster and the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society for details of any footpaths that might require some work.

**Action: Clerk to take forward**

**(iv) To receive an update on the King's Oak project**

Chairman advised Councillors that Cllr Loader is meeting with Jeremy Barrell at the King's Oak this Friday to look at the next course of action.

**10. 21/04/131 Crime in the Parish**

Chairman will enquire whether Dai Morgan's Hyde Neighbourhood Watch newsletter would be available for circulation within our parish.

**11. 21/04/132 Planning and Treeworks Applications**

None noted.

**12. 21/04/133 County/District Matters**

Cllr Thierry raised that HCC Highways are in Ringwood area doing significant road re-surfacing and potholes. However, according to Operation Resilience, the latest roads to be re-surfaced did not include any in our area or nearby. Councillors raised concern that both the Linwood Road and Gorley Roads are not suitable for HGV's and the large volume of traffic that could well use them as diversions both during the proposed A31 major works and to avoid the A338. These roads have serious potholes and overhanging branches which could impede particularly high-sided vehicles. Cllr Thierry offered to talk to Highways England about cutting back the vegetation and carrying out urgent repairs on roads that will be offered as alternative routes to the A31. Cllr Thierry confirmed Traffic Impact Assessments have been undertaken and public opinion is important.

*The meeting closed at 8.28pm*

**Dates of 2021/22 EH&I PC meetings starting at 7.30 pm:**

**Planning Committee**

4<sup>th</sup> May  
8<sup>th</sup> June  
13<sup>th</sup> July  
10<sup>th</sup> August  
14<sup>th</sup> September  
12<sup>th</sup> October  
9<sup>th</sup> November  
14<sup>th</sup> December  
11<sup>th</sup> January  
8<sup>th</sup> February  
8<sup>th</sup> March

**Council**

4<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting)  
22<sup>nd</sup> June  
27<sup>th</sup> July  
  
28<sup>th</sup> September  
26<sup>th</sup> October  
23<sup>rd</sup> November  
  
25<sup>th</sup> January  
22<sup>nd</sup> February  
22<sup>nd</sup> March