

**ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held ONLINE

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021, commencing at 19.30 hours

**Present:** Cllrs Dain (Chair), Bayliss (Vice Chair), Kearney, Stamp, Debenham and Coward.

**In attendance:** Sarah Jones (Clerk), County Cllr Mellor and Borough Cllr Izett (part), 3 members of the public.

Item		Action
1	<p><b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Coward. However she was able to join the meeting at 7.40pm. Borough Cllr Izett and County Cllr Mellor advised they had a meeting elsewhere and would join this meeting if time allowed; they joined the meeting at 8.11pm and 8.29pm respectively. Cllr Dain reported that sadly Cllr Hall has resigned from the parish council with immediate effect, after 14 years of service. He was thanked for his many years of hard work and will be very much missed. The vacancy will be advertised on the website, Facebook and in the newsletter.</p>	<b>SJ</b>
2	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising</b>  To receive and confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021. All Cllrs agree as the Chair cannot sign them, the clerk will pp them on her behalf, as a true record.</p>	
4	<p><b>Public participation</b>  The members of the public advised they were there regarding the item on broadband, so item 11(d) was dealt with out of order. Two were parish residents and one was from a neighbouring parish. The two residents live in a part of the parish with a poor internet service. They represent a group of residents who are hoping to create a viable sized group to work cooperatively to install 'fibre to the property' in areas of the parish which are poorly served by the existing service. The third member of the public represented a community led partnership which had undertaken this successfully in a neighbouring parish. He had come to answer any questions the council may have had about the scheme. A discussion of current broadband coverage in the parish followed. It was agreed that, although the main villages had 'fibre to the cabinet', internet speeds were causing problems for a significant number of households in the parish. This has been exacerbated by home working and home schooling. One resident commented on the need to future proof our community services such as broadband to keep the parish viable. This will be addressed as part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The council agreed to conduct a survey of the parish about current experiences of internet access to gauge the severity of the problem and highlight current areas of unacceptable service. Cllr Stamp agreed to oversee this. Although the council cannot endorse specific schemes, it was agreed that the council would publicise the residents' initiative to enable them to contact potential beneficiaries.</p>	<b>MS</b>
5	<p><b>Borough Councillor's Report</b>  Cllr Izett joined the meeting at 8.11pm. This item was dealt with out of order after item 10.  Cllr Izett reported that BDBC had released 2 further development sites for 580 homes to enable them to reach their 5 Year Housing Land Supply requirement quickly. Both sites</p>	

	<p>are close to Basingstoke town. Once these sites gain planning approval, developers will be unable to challenge the BDBC Local Plan at sites such as Bishops Green Farm.</p> <p>Cabinet have given approval for Climate Change policies, which include a detailed, clear timetable. Cllr Izett will forward this to the clerk to circulate.</p> <p>Cllr Izett mentioned the lack of rural response to the Basingstoke Town survey. Cllr Dain advised this was discussed under correspondence and it was agreed the survey will be circulated to residents for individual response. Cllr Izett expressed his thanks.</p> <p>The BDBC budget has been passed and finances are in good shape. Income was down by £5m but this has been recovered from Central Government.</p> <p>Cllr Izett advised BDBC have agreed to fund 50% of the monies needed to continue the current system enabling Hampshire residents to use the Newtown Road recycling centre; this cannot be finalised until it is understood whether HCC will be doing the same.</p> <p>Cllr Dain raised the problem of HGV's on narrow roads which was discussed under Item 10. Cllr Izett advised he will send the information, to be provided by Cllr Dain, to the planning office.</p> <p>Cllr Izett will check the details of the AGM attendance, as he will be in purdah, and let the council know if he will be able to attend.</p> <p>Cllr Izett had nothing further to report and left the meeting at 8.36pm.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>MD</p>
6	<p><b>County Councillor's Report.</b> County Cllr Mellor joined the meeting at 8.29pm.</p> <p>He advised he had a very short report this month: The last month has been spent trying to implement initiatives for businesses.</p> <p>There are no local issues to report at this stage.</p> <p>He will also look into the implications of the Annual Assembly taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> May and what he is able to do, should he attend, as he is in purdah for the elections on 6<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p>He is aware of the continued issues with drains in the parish and will try and seek assistance to resolve these problems.</p> <p>Having nothing further to report, Cllr Mellor left the meeting at 8.36pm</p>	
7	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) <b>Planning applications:</b> none.</p> <p>b) <b>Decisions:</b>  <b>20/02209/PIP Land South Of Darling Buds Of May Hyde Lane Headley</b>  Application for Permission in Principle for residential development of a maximum of up to 9 no. dwellings  Decision: Refused</p> <p><b>20/03520/FUL Sydmonton Farm House, Sydmonton Road. Burghclere Newbury RG20 9NJ</b>  Creation of 2 no. all weather paddocks in place of existing grass paddock  Decision: Granted</p>	

8	<p><b>Finance</b> <b>Electronic Payments:</b></p> <p>(a) The following payments were agreed for January, and the bank reconciliations will be pp signed by the clerk:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">S Jones Clerk's salary (February)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£585.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D McClelland Litter warden – (February)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£174.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Wherry Litter warden - (February)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£111.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£901.99</td> </tr> </table> <p>(b) The actual/against budget for the period to the end of February 2021 was agreed. The litter warden salary differences were satisfactorily answered.</p>	S Jones Clerk's salary (February)	£585.87	D McClelland Litter warden – (February)	£174.40	R Wherry Litter warden - (February)	£111.72	HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ	£30.00	Total	£901.99	
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9	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>18/02/21 – Cllr Bayliss, vandalised football posts at EVH. It was agreed this was an unfortunate act of vandalism. The posts will not be replaced at this time. There has been no further damage.</p> <p>11/03/21 – Cllr Izett had drawn the council's attention to the Basingstoke Town Centre Survey. It was agreed to circulate the survey on the website, via email and on Facebook so anyone who wants to respond, can, as an individual.</p>	<b>SJ/RC</b>										
10	<p><b>Highways and Rights of Way</b></p> <p>A resident had emailed in regarding HGVs using Hyde Lane. This causes many issues as the road is not large enough to accommodate them. This had been reported to HCC and the signage is now at both ends of the road warning lorries; previously it was only at one end. It was agreed residents should be encouraged to report any problems to the council (dates/times/reg nos.) as this is a serious safety hazard in view of Hyde Lane being used by cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders.</p> <p>HGVs delivering to the building site are one source of the problem. Cllrs Dain and Izett will investigate how to ensure that specified delivery routes are included in planning approvals.</p> <p>Cllrs Dain was pleased to report the stiles to gate project is nearly completed, with only one stile left to change.</p>	<b>MD</b>										
11	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>a) <u>Sign off of Financial Regulations, Retention of Documents, Financial Risk Assessment and Code of Conduct</u> The documents had been circulated and reviewed prior to the meeting, all Cllrs agreed they were acceptable, and they were signed off.</p> <p>b) <u>Bishops Green – abandoned cars</u> A problem has been identified of unlicensed cars purchased from an auction house on Greenham Business Park being 'dumped' in Bishops Green until the purchaser is able to arrange collection. It is believed this may have been happening for some time. The police have been contacted for advice on this. We are waiting for a response. A dossier of evidence will be built up and residents encouraged to report dates/times/reg nos. if they see vehicles being dumped or towed away.</p> <p>c) <u>Website Mission Statement</u> The mission statement has been reviewed and discussed. Cllrs agreed to fine tune it to ensure it correctly reflects the parish council's efforts and areas of responsibility. Cllr Kearney will continue to edit the document and it was agreed by all Cllrs it needs to include sections on climate change/sustainability, and the education/community facilities section needs to be re-worded. Cllr Kearney will work on this and circulate, so that the final version can be agreed and signed off at the April meeting.</p> <p>d) <u>Broadband</u></p>	<b>EK</b>										

	<p>This item was discussed under Item 4.</p> <p>e) <u>Cllrs areas of responsibility</u>  It was agreed to postpone this item to the next meeting as the document needs reviewing and additional areas included.</p>	
12	<p><b>Matters for discussion</b></p> <p>a) <u>Bishops Green development update</u>  No further information has been received or sent on this issue at present.</p> <p>b) <u>Neighbourhood Plan and Planning – working party update</u>  The Neighbourhood Plan has been launched and flyers sent out. So far, there are 10 volunteers with the possibility of a few more, which is a good number. The project can now begin to move forward.</p> <p>c) <u>Speeding survey and further information</u>  Cllr Stamp advised that there have been 132 responses to the survey. The overall reaction has been overwhelmingly that speeding in the parish is a big issue and is witnessed to happen on an almost daily basis. There have been 24 volunteers for the working party. The working party will move forward and discuss ideas of how to proceed. SIDs seem to be the most popular option.</p> <p>d) <u>S106 monies works update – quote from Village Maintenance</u>  An updated quote is required and has not been received yet so this item will roll over until next month.</p> <p>e) <u>BGCA and EVH updates</u>  A BGCA meeting took place on 9<sup>th</sup> March, Cllr Dain was pleased to report there are now 2 new trustees, and a business plan has been signed off.  Cllr Bayliss advised there was nothing to report from EVH as no meetings have taken place.</p> <p>f) <u>AGM and Annual Assembly update</u>  Items for the AGM/Annual Assembly were discussed and responses are awaiting as to whether certain people will be able to attend. Once this is finalised a running order will be organised.</p> <p>g) <u>Communications – newsletter (Cllr Dain) and other media output</u>  Items for the magazine were agreed and Cllr Dain will write the article this month.  Cllr Coward advised the Facebook page has 108 followers.</p>	
13	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b>  Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 ONLINE at 7.30pm.  There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.16pm.</p>	

## ACTIONS:

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It was agreed that planning applications would be looked into and the planning office approached about ensuing should planning application be agreed, there is a stipulation regarding the size and/or number of times vehicles can use the road. Cllrs Dain and Izett will look into this.

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