

ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Ecchinswell Village Hall on

Wednesday 9th March 2022, commencing at 19.30 hours

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

In attendance: Sarah Jones (Clerk), Borough Councillor Izett, County Councillor Mellor, 1 member of the public

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies There were no apologies as all councillors were present.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interest Cllrs Parkes and Debenham advised they live close to the Woodside View planning application in item 7(a).</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising To receive and confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th February 2022. All Cllrs agreed them as a true record, and they were signed by the Chair.</p>	
4	<p>Public participation The member of the public advised he was present in case there were any questions relating to the Woodside View Planning application in item 7(a). The Chair advised this was discussed at length during the last meeting and the parish council would only be agreeing the final sign off of the letter of objection which is to be sent to BDBC. All parties commented on there not being a case officer appointed as yet.</p>	
5	<p>Borough Councillor's Report This item was dealt with out of order, after Item 6. Cllr Izett reported that the 20mph zone has been discussed by BDBC. ES&BG PC sent evidence and information they have gathered re speeding and traffic issues to Cllr Carr at his request. This collated information is being sent to Cllr Mellor and his team. There is huge support for this initiative. Traffic surveys are currently showing a reduction in accidents by a third, but this could be mainly due to reduced traffic on the roads over the last couple of years.</p> <p>Housing numbers and the local plan update – the recent change in leadership has resulted in a change in approach to new development within the borough. There has been disproportionate development compared to the national average, over recent years. The current methodology points to 860 new houses but this is based on historical data and needs to be adjusted. BDBC can argue exceptional circumstances apply and this could result in lower numbers of new houses. Local MPs are encouraging this stance. BDBC will continue to argue the case.</p> <p>Elections will be taking place on 5th May. 18 Councillors are standing for re-election.</p> <p>There is a new leader at BDBC, and new Cabinet members. Cllr Izett is now Deputy Leader. All at ES&BG PC offered their congratulations to Cllr Izett.</p> <p>Litter and fly-tipping were raised. There have been issues locally with fly tipping on land belonging to Vivid, and also disposing of rubbish both for the litterwardens and volunteers who collect rubbish. Cllr Izett advised he will raise this with the relevant officers and report back.</p> <p>Woodside View planning application was raised, and concerns relating to there not being an assigned planning officer. Cllr Izett advised there is a high volume of planning applications and staff are struggling to keep up with demand, but he assured all present that there would be no detrimental affect on the way the planning application is handled in view of this.</p> <p>The Queens Jubilee Celebrations were raised; there is likely to be funding available which can be applied for. Full details will follow shortly.</p>	

	<p>There being no further business, Cllrs Izett and Mellor, and 1 member of the public left the meeting at 8pm.</p>															
6	<p>County Councillor's Report. This item was dealt with out of order, after Item 4. Cllr Mellor reported that Highways have been busy clearing up after 2 large storms so regular road maintenance had been held up. The urgent clearing of storm damage was largely completed within 3-4 days. The A339 is will soon be repaired, there are 2 areas to be worked on, by Cheam School and the 4 Kingdoms bridge.</p> <p>The 20mph zoning review is a large project and is getting underway. 400 areas are being looked at. Results are not expected until September/October this year. Cllr Mellor will be Chair of this meeting.</p> <p>The recycling centre in Newtown Road is being used by some residents in Hampshire who are paying the £7 fee. The booking system in the HCC recycling centers, including the one at Wade Road, is working well and queues are not forming.</p> <p>Cllr Izett joined the meeting at 7.40pm.</p> <p>Adult Social Care continues to be a huge cost, and there is a budget shortfall partly due to the overspend on this section. The hardship programme is continuing.</p> <p>Climate change discussions continue relating to every aspect of HCC business.</p> <p>There was nothing further to report.</p>															
7	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning applications: 22/00485/HSE 1 Riverside Cottages Ecchinswell Road Ecchinswell Newbury Hampshire Erection of garage and workshop with home office and access to attic storage following demolition of existing single garage and timber garden room No objections</p> <p>22/00174/OUT Land West of Ecchinswell Road Bishops Green Newbury Outline application for up to 50 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated open space and vehicular access off Ecchinswell Road, Bishops Green.</p> <p>The letter of objection was agreed by all Cllrs and will be sent to BDBC by the clerk on 10.03.22</p> <p>b) Decisions: none</p>	SJ														
8	<p>Finance Electronic Payments:</p> <table> <tr> <td>S Jones Clerk's salary (Feb)</td> <td>£602.77</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S Jones Clerk's expenses (Feb)</td> <td>£0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D McClelland Litter warden – (Feb)</td> <td>£178.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Wherry Litter warden - (Feb)</td> <td>£128.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ</td> <td>£32.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Premier Grounds Removal of fallen tree</td> <td>£864.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£1,805.35</td> </tr> </table> <p>(a) The actual/against budget to March 2022 was agreed.</p>	S Jones Clerk's salary (Feb)	£602.77	S Jones Clerk's expenses (Feb)	£0.00	D McClelland Litter warden – (Feb)	£178.20	R Wherry Litter warden - (Feb)	£128.38	HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ	£32.00	Premier Grounds Removal of fallen tree	£864.00	Total	£1,805.35	
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9	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>11.02.22 – WBC Compton Neighbourhood Plan</p> <p>21.02.22 – BDBC Hampshire Homes Hub launches its new Housing Needs Survey Service</p> <p>21.02.22 – Auditor, internal audit booked for May</p> <p>28.02.22 – Resident, hedge trimming near the Sydmonton Estate. Unfortunately, the deadline for trimming hedges has passed and the resident will be advised accordingly.</p> <p>04.03.22 – Resident, speeding traffic identified; advised to the speeding working party.</p> <p>Various dates – Resident, additional information regarding Woodside View planning application.</p> <p>07.03.22 – BDBC, Burghclere planning application 22/00428/FUL Land At Manor Farm Old Burghclere Newbury Hampshire RG20 9NS</p> <p>Erection of steel portal framed building to be used as an on-floor grain store.</p> <p>Although this application is in Burghclere, it is felt it would impact ES&BG due to increases in heavy, large vehicles using the small country lane and therefore an objection will be sent to BDBC.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
10	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>Hyde Lane remains a problem area and will be again reported to HCC. The current road closure is due to the road disintegrating and not due to any remedial works taking place.</p> <p>The stiles to gates project is moving forward and more gates should be in place shortly.</p>	
11	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) <u>Fallen tree onto private property, costings and outcome</u></p> <p>During the recent storms a tree from the allotments fell into a private garden, splitting an oil tank. Another tree also fell damaging a fence. The tree removal had to take place at the expense of the parish council. During discussion with residents, it was established that a regular tree survey used to be carried out by a tree expert, not just as part of the quarterly risk assessment. Cllrs agreed unanimously that this should be re-instated as an annual task, and the clerk will begin work on finding a suitable company.</p> <p>b) <u>Parish Elections – timeline etc</u></p> <p>The clerk reported that elections are due to take place on 5th May which will include ESBG PC. There is a process to follow, and Cllrs will be required to present their forms in person to the election offices in BDBC between 28th March and 5th April. The clerk is attending a briefing on Tuesday 15th March and will report back once she has the full information.</p> <p>c) <u>Financial Risk Assessment, Retention of Documents and Financial Regulations</u></p> <p>The documents were circulated prior to the meeting, were agreed by all Cllrs and signed off.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
12	<p>Matters for discussion</p> <p>a) <u>Bishops Green planning application update</u></p> <p>There is nothing further to report on this item at present.</p> <p>b) <u>Neighbourhood Plan update</u></p> <p>Cllr Dain reported that the call for sites has been completed, and the NP Steering Group are in the process of ranking the sites. Cllr Dain advised that the SG is developing a proposal for improving the use of PC land as part of the NP. The PC supported the idea of a project to improve facilities for the community being considered as part of the NP. This will form part of the next community consultation in late May.</p> <p>The BDBC LPU indicative housing allocation for ESBG remains as 15 new houses across the parish by 2039.</p> <p>The NP steering Group is considering ways of improving green space provision within the parish.</p> <p>c) <u>Speeding working party update</u></p>	

	<p>There is nothing further to report at present.</p> <p>d) <u>Queen's Jubilee celebrations update</u>. This will be discussed under Item 12(e).</p> <p>e) <u>BGCA and EVH updates</u> Cllrs Dain and Bayliss reported that EVH and BGCA are both taking organisation of a Jubilee event into their own committees and will be running this going forward. Cllr Dain reported that the BGCA Youth Club finances are healthy due to 3 years of 50% guaranteed funding from Greenham Trust, and anticipated charity donations to make up the shortfall. Cllr Bayliss provided a written update from the EVH committee prior to the meeting. Further to this she reported that the EVH committee have adequate insurance to cover a Jubilee event but have requested a donation from ESG PC for expenditure incurred whilst organizing any events. Cllrs agreed a donation of £100 to each village hall, to be spent on prizes or something of their choosing such as a portrait of the Queen.</p> <p>f) <u>War Memorial cleaning update</u> The cleaners have been asked to proceed and this is due to take place in April. The exact date will be advised once known.</p> <p>g) <u>AGM/Annual Assembly update on arrangements</u> The police have been contacted and unfortunately are unable to attend due to annual leave but will send a report. The NP Steering Group need to be contacted. A resident has begun to interview older residents for their recollections and memories of the area over the past 70 years and will give a presentation at the Annual Assembly.</p> <p>h) <u>Litterwarden review update</u> This is in hand but nothing further to report at this stage.</p> <p>i) <u>Pond clearance day</u> The date has been confirmed as 16th October, with confirmation that the Basingstoke Volunteers and caterers are available on that day. Reminders will be sent for volunteers in due course.</p> <p>g) <u>Communications – newsletter (Cllr Debenham) and other media output</u> Items for the magazine were agreed and Cllr Debenham will write the article this month.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
The S13	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 7.30pm at Bishops Green Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.</p>	

ACTIONS:

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The NP Steering Group need to be contacted by the clerk to see if they can give a presentation at the Annual Assembly.