

ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Ecchinswell Village Hall on

Wednesday 20th July 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 (part), 0 members of the public

Item		Action
1	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from County Cllr Thacker.	
2	Declarations of interest Cllr Bayliss advised she would not participate in any discussion relating to the Hyde Platt planning application in Item 9, and Cllr Dain advised that she has comments from the residents at Springbourne Stud Farm, so Cllr Bayliss will Chair the meeting for that item and Cllr Dain will not take part in the parish council's discussion or decision.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising To receive and confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8 th June 2022, and the extra-ordinary meeting held on 22 nd June 2022. All Cllrs agreed them as a true record, and they were signed by the Chair.	
4	Public participation There were no members of the public present.	
5	<p>Borough Councillor's Report</p> <p>Cllr Izett reported that the results of the 2021 consensus have been collated. He advised the National Average population increase is 3.6% but in BDBC the increase is 10.4%. 28.9% of the population is over 65, compared to 23.6% in 2011, and there is a 10.5% rise in the number of households to 76000. He said this is a good indication of why 2011 numbers should not be relied on for present analysis.</p> <p>Giving the Local Plan update, Cllr Izett advised that he believes there may be a misunderstanding with some parties who are referring to an Economic Planning and Housing committee which has no power and only makes recommendations. He advised BDBC are opposed to Central Government's methodology for allocating housing numbers to local government, but the council feels it must continue to follow the government methodology in order to ensure the LPU passes examination without challenge and comes into force without delay in 2024. This update will restore the borough 5-year land supply and protect the borough from inappropriate land development plans.</p> <p>Officers and the BVA have responded well to the Ukraine crisis and currently there are 162 registered hosts in the borough, and 90 Ukrainian families have arrived, totaling 192 people.</p> <p>COLAF is a Cost of Living Assistance Fund. £1m has been put into the fund to distribute to the neediest families. It will be launched at the beginning of August. The payments made will be one-off and dependent on income. Full details will be provided via the BDBC website, but Cllr Izett urged that the word be spread so the people who need it, who may not have access to the website, get the information and help they need. The PC will publicize COLAF via newsletter, website and on Facebook.</p> <p>Cllr Dain advised the Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission draft regulation 14 should be submitted at the end of August. Cllr Izett congratulated the Steering Group on this.</p> <p>Cllr Dain raised the anti-social behaviour in Bishops Green, which is getting worse at the moment. There has been a meeting with BDBC and the police, and BGCA. Cllr Izett will look into this.</p>	SJ/PD/RC

	There being nothing further to report, Cllr Izett left the meeting at 7.55pm.	
6	County Councillor's Report. There was no report as County Cllr Thacker was not present.	
7	Planning a) Planning applications: <p>22/01714/HSE Cowslip Cottage Hydes Platt Ecchinswell Hampshire RG20 4UH Proposal: First floor rear extension. No objections</p> <p>22/01691/LDEU Dore's Hill Cow House Lane North Sydmonton Hampshire RG20 9AF Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of land for residential amenity/garden purposes in connection with Dore's Hill; and retention of agricultural outbuildings for domestic use. No objections</p> <p>22/01758/HSE Springbourne Stud Farm Brocks Green Ecchinswell RG20 4UJ Proposal: Conversion of workshop area and loft area into living accommodation. The parish council support this application with the requirement that written confirmation that the converted building will not be sold as a separate dwelling in the future is added to the conditions.</p> <p>T/00228/22/TPO 64 Eagle Road Bishops Green Newbury Hampshire RG20 4HR Proposal: 2. T1x Oak tree: prune. 3. T2x Oak tree: prune. T/00256/22/TPO 6 Eagle Road Bishops Green Hampshire RG20 4HR Proposal: T1 - Maple fell. T2 - Cherry fell No comments to add to either tree works application, and the parish council leave to the tree officers to make the correct decisions.</p> b) Decisions: <p>22/00763/LDEU North Sydmonton House North Sydmonton Newbury Hampshire RG20 4UL Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing mixed-use development comprising 3 no. linked barns used as ancillary workshop and plant room, toilets, self-contained first floor residential flat, ancillary residential uses together with periodic cookery classes with function room and associated storage, garage and vehicle workshop. Refused</p> <p>22/00485/HSE 1 Riverside Cottages Ecchinswell Road Ecchinswell Newbury Hampshire RG20 4UG Erection of garage and workshop with home office and access to attic storage following demolition of existing single garage and timber garden room Granted</p> <p>22/00486/LBC 1 Riverside Cottages Ecchinswell Road Ecchinswell Newbury Hampshire RG20 4UG</p>	

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8	<p>Finance Electronic Payments:</p> <p>(a) The following payments were agreed for July</p> <table><tr><td>S Jones Clerk's salary (June)</td><td>£825.20</td></tr><tr><td>D McClelland Litter warden – (June)</td><td>£149.70</td></tr><tr><td>R Wherry Litter warden - (June)</td><td>£121.60</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ</td><td>£118.20</td></tr><tr><td>HALC Cllr Coward training</td><td>£117.60</td></tr><tr><td>HALC Cllr Parke training</td><td>£117.60</td></tr><tr><td>Premier Grounds Underpayment from June</td><td>£10.00</td></tr><tr><td>Premier Grounds Maintenance</td><td>£611.40</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>£2,071.30</td></tr></table> <p>The clerk also advised Cllrs that the ICO Data Protection Registration is shortly renewing and the amount of £35 will be taken from the account by direct debit some time at the beginning of August.</p> <p>(b) The actual/against budget to July 2022 was circulated and agreed.</p>	S Jones Clerk's salary (June)	£825.20	D McClelland Litter warden – (June)	£149.70	R Wherry Litter warden - (June)	£121.60	HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ	£118.20	HALC Cllr Coward training	£117.60	HALC Cllr Parke training	£117.60	Premier Grounds Underpayment from June	£10.00	Premier Grounds Maintenance	£611.40	Total	£2,071.30	
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9	<p>Correspondence 10.06.22, HCC - Invitation to comment on Hampshire County Council's draft Catchment Management Plans (flood and water management) – no comments from ESBG 17.06.22 – HALC, encampment asked to disburse near Southampton 25.06.22 – Oxford Brookes, informing about intended academic survey on hypothetical Greenham Common wind turbine proposal. 02.07.22 – Resident, sapling cut down. Unfortunately, it hasn't been established who was responsible so they cannot be asked to replace it. The question was raised as to whether the parish council replace it? This will be added to the September agenda. 04.07.22 – COP event details 05.07.22 – Kit Malthouse MP, Crime Summit information 15.07.22 – Whitchurch PC, BDBC Local Plan update & 19.07.22 Whitchurch PC letter to BDBC. Following Cllr Izett's information earlier in the meeting, the clerk will write to Whitchurch PC advising of their position with regard to prejudicing the LPU passing examination without challenge. 18.07.22 – East Woodhay PC, notification of publication of Neighbourhood Plan 18.07.22 – Member of the public, response to PIP application 22/01347/PIP: Land Adjoining Royal Oak Hydes Platt Ecchinswell Hampshire. The additional information was reviewed by Cllrs who unanimously agreed their position remains as stated in the minutes from the meeting on 22nd June, and their objection to BDBC which stands unaltered. The PC objections reflect the opinions of residents as given at the extraordinary meeting on 22nd June.</p>	SJ																		

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10	<p>Highways and Rights of Way Cllr Stamp reported that circles have been drawn around the potholes on Hyde Lane and it is hoped work will be carried out shortly. It has also been established that Hyde Lane is a higher classified road that initially thought and therefore should warrant better maintenance. This will be raised with County Cllrs Mellor and Thacker.</p> <p>The grit box in Bishops Green has been vandalized a number of times. There have been numerous incidents of antisocial behaviour in the area recently.</p> <p>A van has caused damage on the bridge in Ecchinswell, which has been reported to HCC.</p> <p>Dog fouling on the footpath leading from EVH playing fields is becoming an increasing problem. The council will highlight this issue with residents.</p>	SJ
11	<p>New Business a) <u>Standing Orders review and sign off</u> Cllrs had reviewed the standing orders and they were agreed unanimously and signed off. b) <u>2nd Quarter safety review</u> The safety review has taken place and there is nothing to report except a dangerous looking tree overhanging gardens from the allotments. The clerk and Cllr Coward will look into the ownership of the land and ascertain who is responsible and therefore needs to arrange professional work on the tree. c) <u>External audit update</u> The clerk reported that all papers have been submitted and a response is awaited. d) <u>NALC Hybrid Conference Attendance</u> Cllrs agreed no-one will attend the conference this year. e) <u>S106 monies projects discussion</u> It was agreed the clerk will ask if the monies can be put away and used for potential Neighbourhood Plan areas. If this cannot be done, the monies will be used for the EVH playpark.</p>	<p>RC/SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>
12	<p>Matters for discussion a) <u>Bishops Green planning application update</u> There is nothing to report on this item at present. b) <u>Neighbourhood Plan update</u> The steering group made a presentation to the parish council prior to this meeting. An extra-ordinary meeting needs to be arranged to the Neighbourhood Plan draft can be signed off and submitted to BDBC. This should take place in August. c) <u>Speeding working party update</u> There is nothing further to report at present, however Cllr Stamp has ascertained costings for the SIDs. Cllrs Stamp and Bayliss will review the information and make a report/recommendation to the September PC meeting with a view that a SID can be purchased in the autumn. The clerk needs to let them know how much money might be available for this project. d) <u>Tree inspection update</u> The clerk has heard back from one tree surgeon and contacted 2 others; it is hoped she might meet with one to go through the works and start getting pricing sorted out. e) <u>Allotment update</u> The confusion over allotment numbering has been resolved and all parties seem to be satisfied with the outcome. The allotments need to be numbered as a matter of</p>	<p>JB/MS</p> <p>SJ</p>

	<p>urgency and Cllr Stamp advised he will produce the pegs as soon as possible. It was agreed that the clerk and Cllrs Bayliss and Coward will ensure there are always 2 people present when meeting new tenants to ensure there is no further confusion going forward.</p> <p>f) <u>BGCA and EVH updates</u></p> <p>Cllr Bayliss reported that she was unable to attend the last EVH meeting but has read the minutes. Another meeting will be taking place in September.</p> <p>The May meeting reported that there was a credit of £819 from the Jubilee, which has gone into the playpark funds.</p> <p>Electricity costs are increasing by £30 per month.</p> <p>As at 1/4/22 there is £22k in the bank.</p> <p>There is one dying ash tree along the western boundary with the Sydmonton Estate which need attention. Cllr Bayliss will give a full update after the September meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Dain reported that the first BGCA coffee morning took place and was successful. They will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.</p> <p>The Youth Club continues to find funding to remain open.</p> <p>The present anti-social behaviour in Bishops Green is not connected to BGCA but they are often asked about it, and what is being done. There was a meeting between BGCA, the police, and BDBC to consider ways of improving the situation for both the community and the young people.</p> <p>g) <u>Litterwarden review update</u></p> <p>The clerk confirmed she has had a telephone review with the Ecchinswell litterwarden. He advised there were 'hotspots' of rubbish and also that he gets rid of the rubbish on behalf of the council, which is appreciated. After discussion, Cllrs agreed to pay him £20 extra per month in expenses to cover his costs for disposing of the rubbish.</p> <p>h) <u>Communications</u> – newsletter (Cllr Debenham) and other media output</p> <p>Items for the magazine were agreed and Cllr Debenham will write the article this month.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>RC/JB/SC</p>
13	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.30pm at Bishops Green Village Hall.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.18pm.</p>	

ACTIONS:

The PC will publicize COLAF via newsletter, website and FB

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