

ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ordinary meeting held at Bishops Green Village Hall on

Wednesday 12th February 2025, commencing at 19:30 hours

Present: Cllrs Stamp (Chair), Sadler (Vice Chair), Debenham, Parkes, Hardy-Giles and Monteith.

In attendance: Sarah Jones (Clerk), Borough Cllr Izett (part), 0 members of the public.

Item		Action
1	Apologies: There were no apologies as all Cllrs were present.	
2	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising To receive and confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 8 th January and matters arising. All Cllrs agreed them as a true record, and they were signed by Cllr Stamp.	
4	Public participation There we no members of the public present.	
5	Borough Councillor's Report Borough Cllr Izett reported the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a suggestion that CIL monies may be abolished but for now they are continuing. Cabinet met on 11th February. Parish councils may get more input into CIL money project spend. • S106 statements of money have been sent out, the clerk confirmed this has been received and will be circulated and included on the April meeting agenda. • The budget consultation process will begin; budgets needs to be set but there is not enough information relating to amounts coming from Central Government. Boroughs will not be fully reimbursed for the increases in NI which will cause some issues for boroughs who cannot afford this increased in costs. • The county council elections scheduled for May 2025 have been postponed until 2026. • There will be a proposal by 21st March as to how the Hampshire county will be divided up. Going forward there will be a directly appointed Mayor, and the combined authorities from unitaries will be set up. Resources, including debts, will be pooled by the new grouped boroughs. Population levels in each unitary will be 400-500k. • Local Plans have had to restart and BDBC have put out a call for sites. The timeline for this process was advised, looking at the adoption of the new Local Plan taking place towards the end of 2027.Cllr Izett confirmed that Neighbourhood Plans are still very relevant. There being nothing further to report, Cllr Izett left the meeting at 7.48pm.	SJ
6	County Councillor's Report. County Cllr Mellor was not present so there was no report.	
7	Planning <ol style="list-style-type: none"> New applications: 24/02963/HSE Brick Kiln Cottage Cow House Lane Ecchinswell Hampshire RG20 9AE Ground floor front and rear extensions, first floor front extension and exterior alterations. No objections but concern relating to the dark skies (NP Policy 15) is raised. 25/00042/HSE The Cottage Ecchinswell Road Bishops Green Hampshire RG20 4HS Proposed single storey rear extension with associated alterations and alterations to existing conservatory. No objections 	

	<p>b) Decisions: none</p> <p>c) Unauthorised planning update There has been no further action on this item.</p>				
8	<p>Matters for Discussion:</p> <p>a) <u>Website and phone upgrade progress</u> A meeting took place with the new website provider, which is taking shape and looks good, and will be shared with all Cllrs as soon as possible, before being rolled out to the public. The new phone number is up and running and working well.</p> <p>b) <u>Email changeover – times to be decided</u> All emails have been changed over and the new addresses advised to members of the public. There have been a couple of glitches which should be resolved soon. Cllrs agreed that payment for the changeover will be made before the next meeting. The clerk will arrange this.</p> <p>c) <u>School lighting request update</u> This needs to be discussed with County Cllr Mellor, who was not able to attend this meeting. The clerk will email him.</p> <p>d) <u>Pothole audit update</u> The pothole audit has been completed and Cllr Sadler thanked for her efforts. Around 130 potholes have been identified and a full report sent to HCC; it is hoped they will act upon some of these. A road classification report is being sought.</p> <p>e) <u>SID purchase update</u> The clerk is carefully reviewing all information, including options for leasing a SID, and has also emailed numerous other Hampshire parishes with SIDs in place to ensure the SID, when purchased, comes from a reputable and reliable company. In view of the decision needing to be made by all Cllrs, this will be presented at the April meeting, as Cllr Stamp will not be at the March meeting.</p> <p>f) <u>Sustainability and Environmental working party</u> The survey is ready to send out. This will be sent to the Cllrs new email addresses and to the residents email list.</p> <p>g) <u>BGCA and EVH updates</u> Cllr Sadler reported that there are some activities running over half term, also a table top sale and extra youth club sessions. EVH – Cllr Debenham reported that there is an operating surplus so financially in good shape. The panto made a net profit of £2.5k. The jumble sale raised £900. The emergency lighting has been sorted out, and the dog waste bin signs have been put up. The next meeting for EVH takes place on 11th March and the AGM is on 8th April.</p> <p>h) <u>NPPF update</u> Cllr Debenham reported that he had been concerned about the Neighbourhood Plan in view of the NPPF reviews and the potential future changes to BDBC. He said it is reassuring that the Local Plan will remain, and that BDBC need to be reminded that the parish have had 42 houses imposed already.</p> <p>i) <u>Allotment renewals and lease payment</u> All allotment renewal notices have been sent, there have been no cancellations and most payments received. The non payers will be chased. The lease payment of £50 has been paid to the landowner. It was agreed the lease agreement forms will be signed annually when the allotment renewals are done, so the clerk will ensure this happens from the 2026 renewals.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>KS</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>			
9	<p>Finance</p> <p>(a) Electronic payments made in February:</p> <table> <tr> <td>S Jones</td><td>Clerk's salary (January)</td><td>£898.30</td></tr> </table>	S Jones	Clerk's salary (January)	£898.30	
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	<p> D McClelland Litter warden – (January) £195.20 R Wherry Litter warden - (January) £164.72 HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ £91.60 D McClelland Expenses £20.00 </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total £1,369.82</p> <p>(b) The next actual/against budget will be reviewed in March.</p>	
10	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>15.01.25 – Cllr Stamp; O'Neill Homer draft of the design brief; Cllrs are generally happy with the detail, but there is some concern re the point of access which is at a narrow part of the main road.</p> <p>30.01.25 – Volunteer; cutting hawthorn hedge, huge thanks to all the volunteers.</p> <p>30.01.25 – Overton PC; Neighbourhood Plan Reg 14 consultation – noted.</p> <p>04.02.25 – Resident, roadwork signs left by the pond (moved 6.2.25)</p> <p>05.02.25 – BDBC; The Truth About the Local Plan Delays, noted.</p>	
11	<p>Highways and Rights of Way</p> <p>There is nothing to add as it is noted under Item 8(d) that the pothole audit has been finished and sent to HCC.</p>	
12	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) <u>Review of Cllrs areas of responsibility</u> Cllrs areas of responsibility were reviewed and agreed. The updated list will be circulated.</p> <p>b) <u>4th Quarter Safety review</u> The safety review was completed and circulated. There are no specific issues. The trees at the pond have been cut back. The wooden barriers by the school are broken and there is a nail sticking out; this will be reported to HCC.</p> <p>c) <u>Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Report and Survey</u> The report has been read and noted, BDBC will be informed and there is no further action to be taken. The Neighbourhood Plan review needs to start in the 2nd/3rd quarter of this year. The clerk will speak to relevant parties to get this process started.</p> <p>d) <u>Set pond clearance date</u> Cllrs agreed the date should be either 5th or 12th October. The usual volunteers will be contacted to see if they are able to help, and preference on date.</p> <p>e) <u>Plans for AGM and Annual Assembly</u> Cllrs agreed the Police, county and borough Cllrs will be asked to give a short presentation. The Chair and clerk will give a short presentation and Cllr Sadler will talk about the results from the Sustainability and Environmental survey.</p> <p>f) <u>Fly tipping and rubbish in the parish</u> The Chair and clerk met with the litterwarden and discussed any issues. The litterwarden mentioned some hot spots for rubbish in the village. He was thanked for all his hard work. The clerk also had a meeting with BDBC re a new SLA which needs to be signed. She discussed areas of rubbish disposal and discussed whether a new bin could be provided for the litterwardens, which was confirmed. The SLA will be signed and returned to BDBC.</p> <p>g) <u>Change of June meeting date</u> Due to come clashes of dates, the Chair is unable to make some meeting dates. It was agreed to move the June meeting to 4th which is one week earlier than usual. Cllr Sadler agreed that she would chair the March and July meetings.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>

13	Communications – newsletter (Cllr Stamp) and other media output It was agreed the draft minutes do not need to be published this month. Items for the magazine were agreed.	
14	Review of calendar items Calendar items for March 2025 were noted.	
15	Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12 th March 2025 at 7.30pm at Ecchinswell Village Hall. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.02pm.	

ACTIONS:

S106 statements of money have been sent by BDBC; the clerk confirmed this has been received and will be on the April meeting agenda.

Cllrs agreed that payment for the changeover will be made before the next meeting. The clerk will arrange this.

The school lighting donation request needs to be discussed with County Cllr Mellor, who was not able to attend this meeting. The clerk will email him.

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The updated Cllrs areas of responsibility list will be circulated.

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