## ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Ecchinswell Village Hall Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018, commencing at 19.30 hours

Present: Councillors Hall, Dain, Bate, Owen, Sparrow, County Cllr Thacker

In attendance: Sarah Jones (Clerk), 3 members of the public

Item		Action
1	Apologies	
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bayliss and Wander.	
2	Declarations of interest	
	Cllr Owen advised he would not participate in the discussion re parking in Oakfields Close	
	as he is a resident. Cllr Hall advised he sits on the Committee for the May Fayre and so	
2	will not participate in that discussion.	
3	Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising 25/18 Resolved	
	To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2018.	
	Signed by the Chair (Cllr Hall) as a true record.	
	Actions arising:	
	The actions have either been addressed or are dealt with under Agenda items below, or	
	as detailed below:	
	Rules regarding beekeeping on the allotments – information was received from BDBC late	
	on 14 <sup>th</sup> March and will be reviewed and presented next meeting.	SJ
4	Public participation	
	The residents attending the meeting all wished to discuss the issues relating to parking at	
	Oakfields Close. This is item 12(a) on the Agenda and was dealt with out of order. The	
	clerk has established the grassed areas of land are owned by Vivid, who have advised	
	they are reluctant to look at carrying out works to alleviate the parking issue.	
	One resident had emailed the PC suggesting some solutions to try and alleviate the	
	problem. Her particular concerns relate to access to bin lorries and emergency vehicles.  The PC advised they are not able to actually intervene in this issue but can add their	
	support to the residents' case. It was agreed that the PC would draft a letter, and Cllr	
	Owen and Cllr Hall will do a letter drop to residents who can then send the letter as	
	individuals, and the PC will also send a letter to Vivid. The Clerk will contact BDBC to try	NO/TH
	and find out who is able to assist with this on-going issue. Cllr Thacker advised he is	SJ
	aware of the situation now and can contact Vivid with suggestions for possible solutions.	
	He advised the PC to contact Borough Cllr Izett and advise him of the situation.	
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	The second issue raised by the public was the May Fayre, this is item 12(c) on the	
	Agenda and was also dealt with out of order Cllr Hall abstained from this discussion.	
	The first part of this was permission for signs to be placed around the pond advertising a	
	May Fayre event. This was agreed by all and also confirmed that this could be done in	
	future without permission until further notice.	
	The second request was for a donation of approximately £160 to pay for the insurance of	
	the event. Cllrs were agreed this event should be supported by the PC and unanimously agreed the donation up to a total of £200. It was also agreed that Cllrs would advise the	SJ
	May Fayre the PC will continue to support and sponsor for as long as they are able but	33
	funds may not always be available.	
5	Borough Councillor's Report	
J	The was no report as Borough Cllr Izett was not present.	
6	County Councillor's Report	
-	Cllr Thacker advised new Council tax bills have been sent and have increased by 6%.	
	He advised HCC are required to make savings of £140m going forward. There will be	
	capital investment of £540m during the next financial year.	
1	The government have been written to by HCC confirming their support for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> runway	
	at Heathrow as it is felt this will help economic growth in the area.	

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	The idea of a combined authority has been resurrected after being dismissed due to the fact this could only happen if there was an elected mayor. There is now another chance to move forward with discussions and to get support from local Government. Potholes have been high on the list and Cllr Humby has a team working with Jetpatchers to try and alleviate the worst of the problem. It is now considered a national issue but HCC are aware of the problems in this area and our MP, Kit Malthouse, has been drawn into the discussion.	
7	Planning	
,	26/18 Resolved a) T/00078/18/TCA- Woodley Cottage, Ecchinswell Road, Ecchinswell Application for works to trees growing in a conservation area. No objections. b) Decisions	
	No decisions.	
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8	Finance 27/18 Resolved Electronic Payments: a) Financial Report and Payments Payments for February: S Jones Clerk's salary (February) £419.56 S Jones Clerks Expenses (February) £28.50 D McClelland Litter warden – (February) £150.00 R Wherry Litter warden - (February) £102.10 HMRC PAYE – RW, DM, SJ £110.00 HALC (S Jones training) £90.00 TOTAL: £900.16  Cheque payments: None	
	b) The actual/against budget for Jan-Feb 18 was agreed	
9	Correspondence 29/18 Resolved: Email 26/2 – Kit Malthouse response re litter – this was noted. Email 26/2 – Basingstoke Planning, new neighbourhood plan in Burghclere. Noted. Email 28/2 – Operation Resilience, dates for the surface works to be carried out are subject to change, but were noted. Email 3/2 – Cllr Bayliss, railing adjacent to Riverside cottage loose, to be reported via the PC. The clerk will report this. Email 4/3 – Resident expressing concern for the road markings outside the school which are indiscernible. The clerk will report this.	21
10	Highways and Rights of Way 30/18 Resolved Cllr Dain advised the volunteer group is dealing with many of the litter issues. They are aware of which situations, such as fly tipping and highways, need to be referred to the PC. Cllr Dain advised a recent incident of fly tipping has been reported and swiftly dealt with. A resident has made the PC aware of a wobbly hand rail on a bridge which needs to be reported (under item 9 above). The road sign also needs to be concreted in, in the same area, and the Clerk will report this too.	SJ
11	New Business	
11	31/18 Resolved a) Review of the Financial Regulations, and Financial Risk Assessment The details of the documents were reviewed and it was confirmed all procedures are being complied with. Cllr Hall has signed off the documents and returned them to the Clerk. b) Sustainability, Housing and Parking Standards Consultation 32/18 Resolved	тн

	Cllr Dain had reviewed the document, her responses were reviewed by Cllrs who were all	
	in agreement. The clerk is to send the response to BDBC.	SJ
	c) May Assembly Agenda	
	33/18 Resolved	
	It was agreed that the following items would be included: Chair report, Clerk report,	
	Borough and County Cllrs reports, HARAH, Police, War memorial and ESBG Volunteers	
	Group. Cllr Hall suggested a resident may be asked to present a small item regarding the	TH
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	invitations to the relevant parties.	SJ
	Cllrs asked about spreading the word of events and the idea of using social media, such	
	as Facebook, was raised. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.	SJ
	d) Review of the salaries	
	Cllrs discussed salaries "in-camera" without the clerk present.	
	34/18 Resolved	
	Cllrs agreed to offer the Clerk a pay increase of 3% from - 1st April 2018.	
	e) War Memorial cleaning quote agreement	
	35/18 Resolved	
	The quote was agreed up to the amount of £320.00 however Cllrs Bayliss and Wander	
	were not present so Cllrs want to discuss further whether a grant will be available for this.	
	f) EVH Committee meeting report	
	Cllr Bayliss had attended the meeting on 13 <sup>th</sup> February and emailed Cllrs to advise that	
	the EVH fund has a healthy surplus and maintenance is up to date. The race night made a	
	profit of £630.00 and was a huge success. The first coffee morning was well attended and	
	raised £25.00. Hall bookings will shortly be able to be made online. The football pitches	
	have been waterlogged and so various bookings have been cancelled.	
	g) Lengthsman	
	A new lengthsman scheme has been introduced. The PC need to be more pro-active at	
	giving the lengthsman jobs as there will assigned times for his services. Cllrs Hall and	
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