## ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of extra-ordinary meeting held at Ecchinswell Village Hall

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018, commencing at 19.30 hours **Present**: Councillors Hall (Chair), Dain (Vice Chair), Owen, Sparrow, and Bayliss

In attendance: Sarah Jones (Clerk), 0 members of the public

Item					Action
1	Apologies				
	There were no apologies as all Cllrs were present.				
2	Declarations of interest				
	Cllr Hall advised he would not participate in the planning application discussion as he				
	knows the applicants personally.				
3	Co-option of New Councillor				
	A new Councillor was not able to be appointed as no candidates had come forward.				
4	Public participation				
	There were no members of the public present.				
5	Planning				
	67/18 Resolved Cllr Dain chaired the meeting for this section. 18/02039/ROC Lane End House, Featherbed Lane, North Sydmonton, RG20 4UW Variation of condition 1 of 17/03035/HSE to amend the approval plans and condition 3 to change the materials.				
	No objections.				
6	Finance				
	68/18 Resolved Electronic Payments:				
	S Jones	Clerk's salary (July)		£496.69	
	S Jones	Clerks Expenses (July)		£ 0.00	
	D McClelland	Litter warden – (July)		£156.60	
	R Wherry	Litter warden - (July)		£112.74	
	HMRC	PAYE – RW, DM, SJ		£ 50.80	
	Premier Grounds	July maintenance		£316.80	
	Total £1,133.63  Other payments made during July are as follows:  Spencer and Peyton £384.00  Cleared cheque payment to ICO £ 40.00				
	b) The actual/against budget for the period to the end of July 2018 was noted and agreed.  70/18 Resolved Clirs expressed their sadness at the death of Steven Lugg, the CEO of HALC. Clirs				
	discussed whether it is an appropriate use of Parish funds to donate to the MacMillan Caring Locally charity which has been nominated by Steven's family. It was agreed by all Cllrs that Steven had supported the Parish Council and given invaluable help over his time at HALC. The Parish Council felt it was an appropriate use of the funds and a donation of £75 was agreed.				

## War memorial grant progress and lettering and WW1 Commemoration update 70/18 Resolved Agenda items 7 and 8 were dealt with as one item as many aspects of the discussion overlapped. Cllr Bayliss advised there are several soldier silhouettes in Kingsclere; she has looked into these which are available from the British Legion. There are 2 types, one which is £80 but less robust. Cllrs agreed the hard-wearing version would be a better choice and would last longer, although it is more expensive at approx. £400. Cllr Bayliss would discuss this purchase with the anonymous donor, to ensure they were happy the monies are spent on this. Cllr Bayliss will report back, and the clerk will order once agreement has been confirmed. JB/SJ This will need to be included on the assets register once purchased. SJ The land around the war memorial needs attention and a volunteer has agreed to strim the area and tidy it up. The Parish Council expressed their thanks. The name of the solider who is missing from the memorial was discussed. A member of the public got a certain way through this process relating to this, but it now needs to be concluded. Verification that the name is legitimate needs to be obtained, and the name included on the memorial. Cllr Bayliss had previously discussed this with a stone mason who had advised there was limited room on the memorial and it might be difficult to add another name without causing damage. It was agreed a plaque would be added in place if that was the only option, however Cllr Bayliss will speak to the stonemasons again in more detail, and Cllr Hall will speak to the War Graves Commission re the process and whether they have any advice or recommendations of stonemasons who may be able to assist. JB/TH Cllr Bayliss also advised that if the names on the memorial are provided to the British Legion they will provide a laminate certificate listing the names which can be published on the noticeboards around the time of the Centenary. All Clirs agreed Clir Bayliss should proceed. Cllr Bayliss had attended a meeting in Kingsclere re the WW1 Commemoration and the plans are progressing well. They have many ideas in place, the main one at present is a beacon at White Hill. There are some health and safety issues to be discussed but progress is being made. There are other plans in place and Cllr Bayliss will report back after the next meeting on 28th August. Cllrs agreed that County Cllr Thacker would not be approached at present regarding the grant in view of the generous donations received as it was felt there were enough monies to cover the proposed projects. Cllr Hall will word an email to be circulated to all residents asking if there are any known ancestors of the people on the war memorial living in the parish at present. TH 13 Date of next meeting Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Ecchinswell Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

## **ACTIONS:**

Cllr Bayliss would discuss the purchase of the soldier silhouette with the anonymous donor, to ensure they were happy the monies are spent on this. Cllr Bayliss will report back, and the clerk will order once agreement has been confirmed.

This will need to be included on the assets register once purchased. SJ

Cllr Bayliss had previously discussed adding the name of the missing soldier with a stone mason who had advised there was limited room on the memorial and it might be difficult to add another name without causing damage. It was agreed a plaque would be added in place if that was the only option, however Cllr Bayliss will speak to the stonemasons again in more detail, and Cllr Hall will speak to the War Graves Commission re the process and whether they have any advice or recommendations of stonemasons who may be able to assist.