

ECCHINSWELL, SYDMONTON AND BISHOPS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Ecchinswell Village Hall

Wednesday 8th January 2020, commencing at 19.30 hours

Present: Cllrs Hall (Chair), Dain (Vice Chair), Bayliss, Kearney and Stamp.

In attendance: Sarah Jones (Clerk), County Cllr Mellor (part), 3 members of the public.

Item		Action
1	<p>Apologies There were no apologies as all members were present.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interest Cllr Hall advised the tree application in correspondence is partly on his property so he will not participate in the decision.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and actions arising To receive and confirm the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th December 2019. Signed by Cllr Hall (Chair) as a true record. Actions arising: All actions will be discussed under the following agenda items.</p>	
4	<p>Public participation There were 3 members of the public at the meeting. 2 advised they were there to raise their concerns relating to speeding traffic through the village. They have reviewed the speeding cars and can confirm they are usually the same cars driven by the same culprits. Cllr Mellor advised he knows various places that have a Community Speed Watch which can be useful but unfortunately there is no enforcement if people are found to be speeding, and police do not have the manpower to follow up. Cllr Hall advised that a body of evidence which can be presented to HCC and the police would be useful. He implores all neighbours and residents to try and gather information which can be used.</p>	
5	<p>Borough Councillor's Report Borough Cllr Izett was not present so there was no report.</p>	
6	<p>County Councillor's Report County Cllr Mellor reported that on 14th January a decision will be made relating to the Newtown Road recycling centre and future use of it by Hampshire residents. It is presumed West Berkshire will apply a charge per visit and the decision will be implemented in April. It is of course regretted that residents near the county boundary may feel disadvantaged that the current permit system granted to over 4500 households will be more than likely withdrawn, as HCC can no longer make annual payments in excess of £150k per annum to fund unqualified access to Newtown Road. West Berks have not responded to HCC regarding their intentions; however, the tips in Berkshire do not generally afford access to non-residents. All Hampshire recycling centres have ANPR vehicle registration recognition so residents will need to register their cars to use these centres. Cllr Mellor reported that incidents of fly tipping have dropped by 900 tonnes over the past year. September to December were some of the wettest months on record and the water table is very high. This has proved difficult to cope with and there have been incidents of roads being flooded for periods of days. A school dedicated to SEN children is being opened in Chineham. A consultation is currently on the HCC website relating to libraries and how to improve their services; any input would be appreciated. Buses and transport have improved and there are 32 new environmentally friendly buses in the area. Cllr Mellor advised he had nothing further to report and left the meeting at 7.55pm.</p>	
7	<p>Planning a) Planning applications: 19/03274/FUL - The Bungalow, Bishops Green Farm, Ecchinswell Road, Bishops Green, Newbury, RG20 4JP</p>	

	<p>Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of new replacement bungalow No objections</p> <p>19/03371/HSE - Hanover House Ecchinswell Road Bishops Green Newbury Hampshire RG20 4HT Erection of a replacement garage with first floor side extension over No objections</p> <p>b) Decisions – none.</p>																									
8	<p>Finance Electronic Payments:</p> <p>(a) The following payments were agreed for December:</p> <table> <tr> <td>S Jones</td> <td>Clerk's salary (December)</td> <td>£574.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S Jones</td> <td>Clerk's Expenses (December)</td> <td>£29.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D McClelland</td> <td>Litter warden – (December)</td> <td>£205.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Wherry</td> <td>Litter warden - (December)</td> <td>£118.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE – RW, DM, SJ</td> <td>£31.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>Allotment water</td> <td>£65.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EVH</td> <td>Meeting room cost</td> <td>£102.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£1,127.21</td> </tr> </table> <p>(b) The actual/against budget for the period to the end of December 2019 was agreed.</p> <p>(c) The budget was agreed and signed off, as attached, and the precept set at £11888 with the relevant forms being signed off.</p>	S Jones	Clerk's salary (December)	£574.54	S Jones	Clerk's Expenses (December)	£29.98	D McClelland	Litter warden – (December)	£205.25	R Wherry	Litter warden - (December)	£118.18	HMRC	PAYE – RW, DM, SJ	£31.60	Business Stream	Allotment water	£65.66	EVH	Meeting room cost	£102.00	Total		£1,127.21	
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9	<p>Correspondence 29/11/19 – Housing and Homelessness Strategy Consultation – responses have been sent in by individual Cllrs, and the clerk will circulate to the resident's email list for them to provide responses. 17/12/19 – BDBC – 2 White Hill development, being referred to property services at BDBC. 20/12/19 – BDBC Wootton St Lawrence Neighbourhood Plan information has been received. 31/10/19 – Landowner re the allotment land ownership – the land is not owned by the parish council, and therefore an agreement needs to be put in place that clearly shows what the land can be used for and what the parish council are able to do on it. Cllr Hall will contact the landowner and draw up a set of rules and regulations. 03/01/20 - T/00541/19/TCA The Old Vicarage Hydes Platt Ecchinswell Newbury Hampshire RG20 4UH - Tree works as per Tree Condition Survey reference J1153, for felling and pruning of up to 22 Poplars and Willows. No objections from the parish council.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>TH</p>																								
10	<p>Highways and Rights of Way Cllrs Dain and Kearney reported that there is a new community ranger and they have been in contact with her. She is looking for ideas for projects. The footbridges are slippery and need hand rails and this will be one of the projects suggested but other areas can be looked into and if anyone has ideas, they can be advised to her. Cllr Kearney advised there is a fallen tree by Nuthanger walk, she will send a detailed map to the clerk so it can be forwarded on to the landowner. Cllr Dain asked that HCC be chased again as the disabled bay still has not had the markings re-painted.</p>	<p>EK/SJ</p> <p>SJ</p>																								

11	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) <u>Review and sign-off of the village maintenance contract</u> The contract was unable to be signed off as the costings for the hawthorn cuts need to be re-addressed. The clerk will report back after approaching the maintenance team.</p> <p>b) <u>Playpark maintenance plan</u> Quotes are being obtained but more information is needed relating to the extent of the work required, and Cllr Dain will meet with the clerk to decide on this specification.</p> <p>c) <u>4th quarter risk assessment</u> The risk assessment was reviewed and agreed by Cllrs.</p> <p>d) <u>Pond clearance date to be agreed</u> The date agreed is 18th October but 11th is second choice. Cllr Bayliss will speak to the Basingstoke Volunteers to book them for the agreed date. Nearer the time, better advertising of the day needs to be considered.</p>	<p>SJ</p> <p>SJ/MD</p> <p>JB</p>
12	<p>Matters for discussion</p> <p>a) <u>Council Vacancies</u> Paul Debenham introduced himself, his personal information had been circulated prior to the meeting. He lives in Bishops Green and Cllrs were agreed that he would be an asset and useful member of the council. He was proposed by Cllr Hall, seconded by Cllr Stamp and unanimously co-opted onto the council. There is 1 more vacancy but this item will be removed from the agenda.</p> <p>b) <u>May Fayre donation – works update</u> The invoice was received from the May Fayre committee for the contribution from the council, as previously agreed. The clerk will arrange payment. This item will now be removed from the agenda.</p> <p>c) <u>S106 monies for allotments and fencing quotes update</u> Cllr Bayliss met with the village maintenance team and a quote for the works was received. Cllrs agreed the work should proceed and the clerk will advise the maintenance team accordingly.</p> <p>d) <u>BGCA update</u> Cllr Dain reported that the Magic of Christmas event was a success and raised over £1000. The profit was split between the BGCA, bells fund and the pre-school. The bells fund is now complete. The treasurer had to give up due to ill-health, so a new treasurer is being sought. The pre-school is gaining in numbers. The youth club is well attended but finances are needed to continue running it. Resolutions for this are being sought.</p> <p>e) <u>Parking at Bishops Green Village Hall</u> This issue is in hand, BDBC have confirmed they will be putting up additional signage but so far this has not happened.</p> <p>i) <u>School lighting issue</u> HCC will be chased to see if they can help with this issue.</p> <p>j) <u>Parish Magazine</u> Content for the Parish Magazine article was agreed. Cllr Stamp will write the article this month.</p>	
13	<p>Date of next meeting: Wednesday 12th February at Bishops Green Village Hall at 7.30pm. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.</p>	