

ELLINGHAM, HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in Ellingham Church Hall on Tuesday 30 October 2018.

Members:

Cllr Burtenshaw	Cllr Errington - Chairman (P)
Cllr Lane	Cllr Loader (P)
Cllr Sampson (P)	Cllr Spark (P)
Cllr Stainton-Burrell (P)	Cllr Taylor
Cllr Trebilco	Cllr Webster (P)

(P) denotes present

In attendance:

DCllr Dow
Natasha Mackenzie (Clerk)

Members of the Public (0)

1. Apologies

18/10/169

The clerk had received apologies from Cllrs Burtenshaw, Lane, Taylor and Trebilco. Apologies assumed from CCllr Thierry.

2. Declarations of Interest - none

3. To confirm minutes of the meetings held on 25 September 2018.

18/10/170

It was resolved that the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting were to be signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Webster and seconded by Cllr Spark. All in favour (6).

4. Chairman's Report on Matters Arising from 24 July (not on the agenda)

18/10/171

16/170 Gorley Road Overhanging branches & 18/06/105 Road Repairs Pigeon House Corner. These matters have been reported to Hampshire Highways, who are meeting with a technician to measure the clearance height and will report back.

16/196 Cattle Grid at Rockford. The Clerk has again chased Hampshire Highways for a date for repairs to be completed.

17/05/81 Speeding & Signage at Linwood. We are looking for assistance and advice with this project from the Community Funded Initiative and a site meeting is arranged for 7 November to discuss further.

17/06/103 Blashford Bus Shelter. The contractor, Oakcraft, has rescheduled the work and we will be advised of a new date. Clerk to chase landowner to re-confirm their agreement.

17/10/186 & 18/06/111 Information Boards. Work ongoing. A Saturday morning event is being organised at the red kiosk, New Road on 10 Nov 10am-12pm. All welcome!

17/11/205 Use of ehpc Email. The clerk has chased Cllrs Lane and Taylor to action asap.

18/01/17 Dockens Water SSE Repairs. Cllr Errington attended a site meeting along with Natural England, (NE had said they would be coming, but then backed out as they didn't have any significant issues with the proposals) Environment Agency and the Verderers. EA voiced concerns to SSE – outcome awaited.

18/02/32 Ellingham Drove Speed Limit. Hampshire Highways are not going to take action, however we are progressing independently via the Community Initiative scheme – meeting date 7 November.

18/03/48 & 18/05/93 Alderholt Road Concerns. This road will be looked at to see if any of the Community Funded Initiative schemes could help here (at the meeting on 7 November).

18/05/94 Easement at Redwings, South Gorley. The solicitor has responded and the clerk will get the process underway.

18/07/133 Bringing together the Parish - on agenda.

18/07/134 Bench at Moyles Court. Natural England have responded advising they are not happy with the bench in this location. Clerk to get in touch and see if there is anywhere they would consent in this area.

18/07/136 Permissive Path at Mockbeggar. A reminder letter has been sent to Somerley Estate and a response is awaited.

18/07/137 South Gorley gravel verges. Clerk to approach Natural England regarding dragon's teeth to define each corner at the top of the triangle to prevent over-running and encourage the verge to regrow.

18/09/160 Plover's Barrow manure heap. The clerk has reported this to EA & NE with the historical information from 2009.

5. Public Forum - none

6. Finance

18/10/172

i. Payment of accounts. The following cheques were presented for approval for payment. **Proposed by Cllr Spark, seconded by Cllr Sampson. All in favour (6).**

1487	Hampshire Association of Local Councils-planning training course	72.00
1488	N Mackenzie-October salary & expenses (travel 14.85; phone 18.33; light bulbs red kiosk 2.65)	822.42
1489	T Mason-Handyman October invoice	39.00

18/10/173

ii. Financial report.

Current account £18,595.94 (after these payments above)

Capital reserve account £46,513.58

Reserve account £1,420.69

18/10/174

Cllr Errington advised Cllr Burtenshaw's application to HIWWT for the projects to be carried out with the Hanson Concrete Charitable Trust funds has been agreed in principle. Final approval and receipt of funds are awaited.

18/10/175

iii. Consider annual award of grants. Cllr Errington advised £1,350 was awarded in 2017, from a budget of £1,500, so effectively there is a £150 extra available. The clerk had circulated details of who had applied and her suggested awards.

The Citizen's Advice had not applied but were thought a deserving charity: **clerk to approach them and set aside £100.** *Note: clerk found an application dated 18 June 2018 post meeting.*

The following awards (total £1,650) were proposed by Cllr Sampson, seconded by Cllr Loader, all in favour (6).

All Saints Church, Harbridge	£200
Parish of Hyde with Ellingham & Harbridge	£200
Cross Lanes Chapel	£200
St Mary and All Saints Church, Ellingham	£200
Citizens Advice New Forest	£100
Hyde Band	£300
New Forest Disability Service	£100
Ringwood & Fordingbridge Footpath Society (subscription & grant)	£250
Victim Care Service-Victim Support	£100

It was noted that the budget allocated has been static at £1,500 since 2012, and it was suggested for the budget working group to consider an increase, at least in line with inflation. **Clerk to diarise.**

18/10/176

Cllr Sampson mentioned her recent attendance at the Almshouses' AGM and questions were raised regarding the benefits of the Trust and who can apply. **Cllr Sampson to investigate further with the other trustees and report back.**

7. Crime in the Parish

18/10/177

Cllr Loader advised of an incident of fly-tipping near Heywood Sumner House, which he has reported to the National Trust.

8. Parish Council Matters

18/10/178

- i. Parish Council Projects. No specific updates at this time, but all were encouraged to review the list to further existing and identify new projects.

18/10/179

Parish Council Noticeboards. Cllr Errington showed photos and detailed much-needed maintenance required for the notice boards. Clerk advised she had instructed the handyman to prioritise repairs to the one in Linwood, then Ellingham and Hockey's Farm Shop. **Clerk to investigate the cost of printed name boards, instead of individual lettering.**

It was also noted the fingerpost near Harbridge Church requires vegetation clearance and cleaning. **Clerk to add to the Lengthsman's task sheet.**

9. Environmental Matters

18/10/180

- i. Roads/Footpaths: Cllr Webster requested FP1 be cleared by the Lengthsman: **Clerk to add to the task sheet.** Cllr Spark voiced appreciation for the Lengthsman's work on FP701. Clerk to chase the Rights of Way Office for update on reported issues with FP1.

18/10/181

- ii. Ditches, culverts & overhanging vegetation: Cllr Errington reported the ditching works in South Gorley and Mockbeggar have been consented by Natural England and commenced this week.

18/10/182

- iii. Historic Routes and Past Pathways Project: the clerk had circulated an email from Gareth Owen regarding an Our Past, Our Future project to produce five new 'self-guided' trails, on existing rights of way, across the New Forest National Park by the end of December 2019. It was discussed with some concerns voiced regarding increasing visitor numbers, any impact on specially designated habitats and wildlife. **Cllr Sampson volunteered to look into this and report back on 27 November. Clerk to add to the agenda.**

10. Community Matters

18/10/183

- i. Neighbourhood Email Alert System – potential volunteers. Following on from Cllr Loader's report last month, no potential volunteers had been approached. **The clerk will feature it in the forthcoming EH&I News, and approach a potential volunteer.**

18/10/184

Have you spotted Tommy? Photos of Tommy were shown, he is mounted on the public air-raid shelter in South Gorley. Feedback to date has been positive. Grateful thanks to Cllr Errington and Terry Mason for assembling him.

11. Consultation Papers or events (to approve responses or agree volunteers as appropriate):

18/10/185 - Cllr Errington reminded all of the date change of the National Trust's Gorse Bashing event on Sunday 18 November – turn up anytime between 10am-3pm.

18/10/186 - Also noted was the election notice for two Verderers – the nomination paper deadline is 6th November with an election date of 30 November (if contested).

12. Outside Bodies:

18/10/187

To approve the Councillors' circulated reports of meetings attended and to deal with any issues arising:

- i. Blashford & Plumley Wood Local Liaison Group Meeting minutes 25Sep18 (circ.17Oct)
WECA Steering Group minutes 24Sep18 (circ.29Oct) – note Community Funded initiative email.

18/10/188

Cllrs Errington and Loader had attended the Forest Knowledge Conference on 29 October 2018 - The Role of Commoning in the Maintenance of Landscape and Ecology: A New Forest, National and Global Perspective. Comments were it was a very well-received event, with interesting and engaging speakers. Lyndsey Stride was suggested as a potential speaker for 2019's Annual Parish Meeting. The conference was recorded, and will be available via the New Forest Knowledge website in due course.

18/10/189

Cllr Webster attended and raised several concerns with Jake White at the recent National Trust coffee morning at Rockford Common car park. No response has been received to date from Jake, and Cllr Errington advised he and Cllr Burtenshaw could chase this at the next Advisory Board meeting, if needed.

13. County/District Matters:

- i. Reports from County & District Councillors. DCllr Dow had nothing to report.

14. Correspondence

18/10/190 – Richard Deacon’s presentment regarding the animal accidents and traffic issues encountered through Linwood was sent to all members by email. It was discussed and agreed in principle to support identifying this settlement as a community, and will be explored at the meeting with Hampshire Highways on 7 November along with the issue of chronic over-running, verge parking and use as a cut through when the A31 is gridlocked. **Clerk to link a recent article by the BBC on animal accidents to our website, and feature in EH&I Newsletter.**

18/10/191 – Blashford Bus Shelter: an anonymous complaint had been received regarding the ongoing lack of a shelter. The clerk reiterated it has been subject to a regrettable delay due to the contractor and it is hoped to be installed by the end of 2018.

18/10/192 – Cllr Loader advised Clive Chatters has agreed to hold an event in Mockbeggar/South Gorley in Summer 2019 to raise awareness and champion the rare plants in the area.

18/10/193 – The DVD of 1st Poulner Scout Groups 2017 trip to Malawi was shown and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Their next trip to Malawi is planned for 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Dates of forthcoming meetings to be held at Ellingham Church Hall at 7.30pm:-

Parish Council

Tuesday 27th November 2018

No meeting in December

Planning Committee

Tuesday 13th November 2018

Tuesday 11th December 2018