

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held via video link on MONDAY 8th March 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mike Brown (Chair), Keith Venables, Ian Venables, Fran Christensen, and Rex Jones.

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers, Cllr Stephen Boulton and Cllr Jonathan Boulton and 3 members of the public.

21/21 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence
 Apology from Tracey Willetts

21/22 Interests

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
 No declarations received

21/23 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 8 February 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings
 Resolved that these minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman at the earliest opportunity. Unanimously agreed.

21/24 Matters arising

No matters arising

21/25 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

- a) RJ stated that the allotment lawn mower requires a service and asked if the Council will pay for it. The request was granted.

21/26 Updates on:

- a) Entrance to Spinney Development Ref number 401001679413.
- b) Poor quality roadworks at the bottom of Essendon Hill
- c) Blocked tunnel under the road at the bottom of Cum Cum hill.
- d) Drains on West End Lane Ref number 401001724187
 Clerk last reported all items a) to d) to CSC Highways on February 25th. Further concerns have since been raised by a resident. Cllr Stephen Boulton offered to investigate further.
- e) Speed Indicator Device – Resolved to purchase a second SID to be positioned at the second installation point on the High Road. Proposed: IV, Seconded MB. Unanimously agreed.
 Clerk will return Form IN1 to the Highways Locality Officer so that the work can proceed.

21/27 Planning

Notification received and considered for planning applications between 1 February 2021 and 5 March 2021:

a) Little House, West End Lane, Essendon, Hatfield, AL9 6AU

Appeal to the Secretary of State

Description of development: Erection of two storey side extension following demolition of existing garage

Application reference: 6/2020/1546/HOUSE

Appeal start date: 10 February 2021
 Appeal reference: APP/C1950/D/21/3266935

b) Dimsdale House – application refused

Application Reference: 6/2020/3354/LB

Proposed development at: Dimsdale House Essendon Place High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6GZ

Proposal: Erection of a new porch/boot room located in NE end elevation
 Further to our previous notification on the above application, this proposal was considered on 26 February 2021 when a decision was made to refuse the application

21/28 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget. Unanimously agreed
- b) Feedback on online banking with Barclays. Debit card, required for online banking, must be applied for by a signatory to the account. IV will follow up.
- c) Transfer of £15,000 from the Hall Replacement Fund to the Local Authorities Property Fund with CCLA can only be made via online banking. MB thanked Cllr Stephen Boulton for his advice concerning investment of the Hall Replacement Fund.
- d) Grant to St Mary's Church. Resolved to make a grant of £800, equivalent to that of last year, to St Mary's Church. Proposed by MB, seconded by KV, unanimously agreed.

21/29 Correspondence

- a) Information from Borough of Welwyn Hatfield regarding the census on March 21st, 2021 has been posted on the EPC website. Noted
- b) ACV on the Rose and Crown
 Concerns were raised regarding:
 - the decision taken by a review panel of WHBC on the 2 February 2021 to remove the pub from the list of ACVs.
 - The manner in which the appeal was heard – without informing EPC of the appeal and thereby denying us an opportunity to reinforce the case for retention on the list. That the review panel only heard the appellant's case.
 Resolved that the chairman shall write to the Chief Executive of WHBC to formally complain about the appeal decision and the manner in which it was held.
 Proposed by IV, seconded by RJ.
 Cllr Stephen Boulton agreed to continue to make enquiries regarding the way the appeal was heard.
- c) A member of the public raised concerns about the increase in the number of lorries travelling through the village. MB agreed to raise this issue with the police, as well as the problem of cars racing through the village late at night at weekends.

21/30 Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings:

19 April 2021

The meeting closed at 19:40