

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Essendon Village Hall on Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Mike Brown (Chair), Keith Venables, Ian Venables, Tracey Willetts, Fran Christensen and

Rex Jones

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers

22/01 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence

No Apologies for absence

22/02 Interests

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

No declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda

22/03 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 13 December 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings.

Resolved that these minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman

22/04 Matters arising

No matters arising

22/05 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

- a) The grass on the verge opposite 4 Rectory Close has been badly churned up by a heavy vehicle. Clerk to request that WHBC restore the verge
- b) The road at the bottom of Essendon Hill is once again breaking up. Clerk to report to Ringway

22/06 To receive updates on:

- a) 21/26 a) Entrance to Spinney Development Ref number 401001679413. Ringway will inspect and report back
- 21/26 c) Drains on West End Lane
- b) Fencing between the playground and golf course
Quotation received from Village Fencing
- c) Parking issues in the village
 - i. Double yellow lines on the bend of Glebe Cottages will be reviewed early in 2022
 - ii. A verge and footway prohibition is not being considered and is not deemed viable considering the shortage of available parking in the village
 - iii. Only roadworks cones are permitted and it is an offence under Highways Act of 1980 to place unauthorised objects on the highway without permission from the Highways Authority. Any objects on

the highways should be reported to the environment services team at Welwyn Hatfield Council as they can investigate and take further action.

- d) Tree on the corner of Rectory Close and School Lane
Trees at 30 Rectory Close, and opposite 12 Rectory Close have been removed
The locations will be considered for replanting in winter 2022/2023.
- e) Trimming of trees adjacent to the Speed Indicator Device that will be necessary in the spring - noted

22/07 Planning

- a) Update on notifications received and considered for planning applications between 14 December 2021 and 11 January 2022
- b) 53 High Road 6/2021/2816/HOUSE - Dropped kerb amended application
Council reiterated its previous objection

22/08 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget.
- b) Payments – clerk’s salary, Hall hire – Essendon Connect, EPC Meetings, Christmas Tree Event £22.50. AVG Antivirus software £74.99 All payments unanimously approved
- c) Investment Strategy document
MB proposed that the document be accepted, IV seconded, and it was unanimously approved.
- d) Investment of funds for the Hall Replacement Fund – meeting to be set up with CCLA, MB, IV and NC. A further £15,000 to be transferred from the Community account to the Hall Replacement Fund account. Proposed by IV, seconded by KV, unanimously approved.
- e) Precept demand submitted. Noted
- f) Resolved to accept the quotation of £2,495.00 +VAT from Village Fencing to replace the lower boundary fence of the playground. Proposed by MB, seconded by RJ, unanimously approved.
- g) Note that on 14 July 2021 (minute 21/58 d) Council agreed that repayment of the loan of £5,000 to the Hall Management committee for payment to OT Construction Ltd should be deferred for a period of one year.

22/09 Correspondence

- a) Update from Crotus on behalf of Tarmac on its plans for a sustainable garden community to the south and east of Welwyn Garden City, known as Birchall Garden Suburb. Council proposes that Tarmac call a public meeting in the Village Hall to present its plans and address any local issues which may arise
- b) Request from Camfield Estate that the Council support a proposal to remove the existing gate and resite it where the bollards currently are. These will be removed, thereby having only one locked entry point. No objection was raised.
- c) Community Voluntary Service for Broxbourne and East Herts - General Update including

help with setting up baby & toddler groups. Details available on the EPC website

- d) We Can Rehabilitation Programme for the Hertfordshire Sports Partnership. Details available on the EPC website
- e) Anonymous letter received regarding the Hornbeam Lane Planning Application 6/2019/2471/RM. Authorities cannot act on anonymous complaints.

22/10 AOB

Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were discussed

22/10 Next Essendon Parish Council Meeting:

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Meeting closed at 8:15