

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held via video link on MONDAY 16th November 2020 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers

20/32 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence

No apologies received

20/33 Interests

To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the

Agenda

No declarations received

20/34 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 19 October 2020 as an accurate record of proceedings

Resolved, proposed TW, seconded MB 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.

20/35 Matters arising**a) Maintenance of the area around the War Memorial**

War memorial garden will continue to be maintained as before, using cones to demarcate the area while working as a safety measure. Resolved that the Parish Council will pay £35,00 per annum for plants. Proposed MB, seconded FC

20/36 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

a) Lighting of Christmas tree

IV will put up the tree and lights early in December. RJ to arrange to run the lights from the hall. There will be no community event this year, owing to COVID restrictions.

b) Area outside the entrance to the Spinney development needs urgent attention. The pavement has been churned up by trucks going in and out, leaving a quagmire which will become dangerous. The drain is also blocked. Clerk to report to the developers, and to Planning Enforcement at WHBC.**c) Roadworks at the bottom of Essendon Hill are of very poor quality with uneven surfaces. Clerk to report to Highways****d) Tunnel under the road at the bottom of Cum Cum hill is blocked. The river backs up and floods the road. Clerk to report to Highways****e) Kerb on the right-hand side of 10 Glebe cottages requires repair. Clerk to report to HCC****20/37 To receive updates on:****a) Playground fence quote – IV has received one quote; awaiting a second quote. Temporary repair is holding well.****b) Ringways - outstanding issues. Clerk to follow up again.****c) ACV on The Rose and Crown. ACV has been extended for a further 5 years.****d) War memorial - readings to check angle of lean – carried forward****e) Cole Green recycling facility – this facility is closed**

- f) Lamp post #17 outside Sunnyside Cottage, on the west side of the High Road, obscured by foliage. Reported, awaiting response
- g) Holwell Lane bus stop sign. Reported, awaiting response
- h) Loose BT manhole cover on the pavement in School Lane at the corner of School Close. Repaired
- i) Playground bin – Is being regularly emptied, thanks to Cllr Stephen Boulton who arranged for waste collectors, Urbaser, to empty it twice a week.

20/38 **Planning**

- a) Notification received and considered for planning applications between 3 October 2020 and 11 November
No objections raised on any planning applications.

20/39 **Finance**

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Unanimously agreed
- b) Register of Assets and Liabilities – war memorial insurance cover – Estimated quote from Burgess Memorials indicated that the current insurance cover is adequate.
- c) To consider moving EPC accounts from Barclays Bank to Unity Trust Bank – Resolved that the clerk should contact Unity Trust Bank and begin the process of moving the accounts. Proposed by FC, seconded by RJ. Agreed unanimously.

20/40 **Correspondence**

- a) Response from WHBC Parking Services about new double and single yellow lines, and extension of bus stop:
Comments received on the proposals for additional yellow lines, and the extension of the bus stop, together with the report from Parking Services on how they will proceed, will be considered at the Council's Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP) on 10th December 2020. The meeting will be held online at 7:30pm due to current coronavirus restrictions. The report can be seen at <https://democracy.welhat.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=266>
The recommendations made by CPPP will be considered at the next Cabinet meeting on 5th January 2021 which will be held online.

20/41 **Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings:**

14 December

Proposed dates for 2021:

January 11	Parish Council meeting
February 8	Parish Council meeting
March 8	Parish Council meeting
April 20	Annual Parish meeting
April 27	Parish Council meeting
May 18	Annual Meeting of the Full Council (Election of Chair and Vice Chair)
June 14	Parish Council meeting - audited accounts presented
July 12	Parish Council meeting
September 13	Parish Council meeting
October 11	Parish Council meeting
November 8	Parish Council meeting
December 13	Parish Council meeting

Dates approved. Clerk to check availability of meeting room in the Hall for the time when in-person meetings are possible.

The meeting closed at 19.50

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