

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Essendon Village Hall on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers.

21/83 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence
 No apologies for absence

21/84 Interests

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

21/85 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 11 October 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

21/86 Matters arising

No matters arising

21/87 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

- a) Query regarding the white gates at either end of the village. Clerk to request an update from Cllr. Stephen Boulton
- b) Request that the council contacts the Essendon Golf Club to ask that each month the date and time of planned fireworks displays is publicized in the village. Clerk to write to the manager requesting that this information is shared via the Village WhatsApp group.

21/88 To receive updates on:

- a) 21/26 a) Entrance to Spinney Development Ref number 401001679413.
 21/26 b) Blocked tunnel under the road at the bottom of Cum Cum hill
 21/26 c) Drains on West End Lane
 Response received from the Ringway District Service Agent to the effect that work and investigations will continue
- b) Hedge cutting –The hedge from Glebe Cottages to Rectory Close has been cut by WHBC
- c) The damaged dog fouling notice which was reported on 9 July is still open on the WHBC website. Informed that this will be included in inclusion in planned, budget limited work programmes. Ref number 401002108415
- d) The new Speed Indicator Device was due to be installed on November 8, 2021. Clerk to follow up if necessary

21/89 Planning

- a) Notification received and considered for planning applications between 12 October and 7 November 2021

28 October 2021 Application Reference: 6/2021/2514/MAJ

Proposed development at: Holwell Court Farm Holwell Court Hatfield AL9 5RL

Proposal: Redevelopment of the existing farmyard and non-designated Heritage Assets to create 6 dwellings (2 x 3-bed, 2 x 4-bed and 2 x 5-bed) and an annexe/holiday let with associated parking, amenity space and biodiversity areas. There have been amendments in respect to the application submitted to the Council. The application and any amendments are available for viewing on the Council's website.

5 November 2021 Application Reference: 6/2021/2552/HOUSE

Proposed development at: 1 Bury Cottages Essendon Hill Essendon Hatfield AL9 6AG

Proposal: Installation of electric driveway gates. This proposal was considered on 5 November 2021 when a decision was made to approve the application

21/90 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Payments to Moody Grounds Maintenance, Gary Hawkes (Playground grass)
TDC Tree Care, Yvette Statham (War Memorial Planting) and the clerk. All payments unanimously approved.
- b) Transition from Barclays to Unity Bank – 2 current accounts set up; one more account required for reserve fund.
- c) Funds for the Hall Replacement Fund to be invested with CCLA, one of the UK's largest charity fund managers
- d) 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.
- e) Donation to British Legion for Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath. It was resolved that for this year the Parish Council will make a donation of £100 to the British Legion.
Proposed by IV, seconded by TW. Clerk to contact Hilary Pickard to arrange payment.
- f) The annual internal audit for the 2021_22 Financial Year to be done by Helen McCash at a rate in the region of £140 to £160.

21/91 Correspondence

- a) HAPTC Remote meetings survey -Clerk to submit
- b) The Queen's Green Canopy: £350 HCC Funding available to support planting.

AOB

- a) Fencing between the playground and golf course needs repair. IV will source quotes and bring them to the next meeting.

21/92 Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings:

December 13, 2021

January 10, 2021

The meeting closed at 19:45