

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Essendon Village Hall on Monday 11 October 2021 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers. 2 members of the public were present.

- 21/72 Apologies**
Apology for absence from Fran Christensen received and accepted.
- 21/73 Interests**
No declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
- 21/74 Minutes**
To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 13 September 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
- 21/75 Matters arising**
No matters arising
- 21/76 Public Issues**
No matters of concern raised by members of the public or councillors.
- 21/77 ACV on the Rose and Crown**
No further action to be taken
- 21/78 To receive updates on:**
- a) 21/26 a) Blocked drain at the entrance to the Spinney (Development Ref number 401001679413). Still no response – clerk to continue to seek action.
 - 21/26 c) Blockage under the road at the bottom of Cum Cum hill results in water pouring across the road. If no action is taken this will result in a traffic accident resulting in death or serious injury. No response – clerk to continue to seek action.
 - 21/26 d) Drains on West End Lane – Still no result – clerk to follow up.
 - b) Hedges intruding on alleyways in the village. Cllr Stephen Boulton has asked WHBC to cut the hedges in the alleyway between 15 and 17 Glebe Cottages and they have confirmed that they will do so.
 - c) The damaged dog fouling notice which was reported on 9 July is still open on the WHBC website. Clerk will continue to seek action.
 - d) The new Speed Indicator Device is due to be installed on November 8, 2021.
- 21/79 Planning**
- a) Notification received and considered for planning applications between 14 September and 11 October 2021.
15 September 2021 - Application Reference: 6/2021/1363/HOUSE
Proposed development at: Meadow View Wyndham Cottage Camfield Place Kentish Lane Hatfield AL9 6JE
Proposal: Retention of single storey rear and side extension and raised terrace; erection of two side dormers and insertion of side rooflight to existing roof; and erection of first

floor rear extension with a side dormer and rooflight. This proposal was considered by WHBC on 15 September 2021 when a decision was made to approve the application.

28 September 2021 - Application Reference: 6/2021/2514/MAJ

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

Proposal: Redevelopment of existing farmyard to create 6 dwellings

1 October 2021 - Amendments to application - Application Reference:

6/2021/2514/MAJ

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

Proposal: Redevelopment of existing farmyard to create 2 x 3 bed and 4 x 4 bed dwellings. 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.

4 October 2021 - Application Reference: 6/2021/2652/HOUSE

Proposed development at: Little House West End Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6AU

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension involving demolition of existing attached garage, and alterations to fenestrations. EPC Members had no comments to make on this application, which they were content to leave to WHBC's planners to determine.

4 October 2021 - Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990

Application Reference: 6/2021/2653/LB

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21/80 Finance

- a) The Chair and Clerk reported on the initial and very satisfactory meeting held on 8 October 2021 with Helen McCash of McCash and Hay, Accountants.
- b) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Payments to PKF Littlejohn (External auditors) Moody Grounds Maintenance, Village Hall (hiring and contribution to Essendon Connect) and the clerk unanimously agreed.
- c) Transition from Barclays to Unity Bank nearing completion
- d) Transfer of funds to the Hall Replacement Fund - dependent on online banking arrangements
- e) External auditor certificate 2020/21 has been received. "We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2021."
- f) 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.

21/81 Correspondence

- a) Email from Cllr Jonathan Boulton to the effect that face-to-face surgeries have not restarted yet amongst WHBC councillors and there is no specific timescale for them to do so. Cllr Boulton is available via email if there are any specific concerns residents have.
- b) Letter from Hertfordshire Constabulary advising that while the police will make every effort to support communities during Remembrance Day celebrations, resources this year are limited.
- c) Email from Cllr Stephen Boulton indicating that he will see if he can deal with the white wooden markers at the entrance to the village as part of his locality budget at HCC.
- d) Notice for the Parish Magazine – the annual Essendon event of turning on the Christmas Tree Lights will take place on Thursday 9 December at 7:00 p.m.

21/82 Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings: November 8, 2021; December 13, 2021

Essendon Parish Council meeting dates 2022:

January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, April 26 (Tuesday) - Annual Parish meeting,
May 9 Annual Meeting of the Full Council (Election of Chair and Vice Chair)
June 13, July 11, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12

The meeting closed at 20:00