

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

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Clerk Nerine Chalmers

21/11 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence
 No apologies

21/12 Interests

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

21/13 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 11 January 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.

21/14 Matters arising

No matters arising

21/15 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern
 None raised

21/16 Updates on:

- a) Entrance to Spinney Development Ref number 401001679413. Clerk has reported this issue again since it has deteriorated further.
- b) Poor quality roadworks at the bottom of Essendon Hill – assurance from Highways that this section of the road will be resurfaced.
- c) Blocked tunnel under the road at the bottom of Cum Cum hill. Clerk has reported this again since it remains a hazard.
- d) Sign for Essendon Golf Course has been erected, and bollard repositioned. Noted

21/17 Planning

- a) Notification received and considered for planning applications between 4 January 2021 and 1 February 2021

Application Reference: 6/2020/2777/HOUSE 19 January 2021

Proposed development at: Sherwoods West End Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6AU – approved.

Application Reference: 6/2020/1995/FULL 22 January 2021

Proposed development at: Warrenwood Manor Hornbeam Lane Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 6JF - approved

21/18 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
Unanimously agreed
- b) Feedback on online banking with Barclays
Clerk to proceed with obtaining a debit card and arranging for online banking
- c) Resolved to acquire an additional Speed Indicator Device at a cost of £4,510. Proposed by IV, seconded by FC. Clerk to arrange
- d) Resolved to transfer £15,000 to the Hall Replacement Fund. Proposed by MB, seconded by FC.
- e) Resolved to invest the Hall Replacement Fund with CCLA, in the Local Authorities Property Fund once the additional funds have been transferred to the existing fund with Barclays. In addition, resolved to transfer a further £100 to the Hall Replacement Fund to maintain its viability. Proposed by MB, seconded by IV.

21/19 Correspondence

- a) Information from Borough of Welwyn Hatfield regarding the census on March 21st, 2021 has been posted on the EPC website.
- b) Letter from resident regarding drains on West End Lane – clerk has informed Highways
- c) Letter requesting an allotment. There is a 2 year waiting list and parish residents have priority in allocations.
- d) Letter of thanks from resident for the council's support of a competition to design posters to discourage littering
- e) A resident raised concerns about the development on West End Lane and was referred to the Planning Enforcement team at WHBC.

21/20 Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings:

8 March 2021

19 April 2021

The meeting closed at 19:32