



ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL

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To Councillors Mike Brown, Ian Venables, Keith Venables, Fran Christensen, Rex Jones, Tracey Willetts

You are summoned to attend the following meeting:

Essendon Parish Council

DATE: Monday 13 September 2021

TIME: 7.00 p.m.

VENUE: Essendon Village Hall

Members of the public are also invited to join this meeting.

AGENDA

21/61 Apologies

To receive and accept apologies for absence

21/62 Interests

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

21/63 Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of Essendon Parish Council held on 14 July 2021 as an accurate record of proceedings

21/64 Matters arising

21/65 Public Issues

Members of the public and councillors can raise matters of concern

21/66 Disturbance on Thursday 26 August 2021 at the Village Hall

21/67 To receive updates on:

a) Follow-up emails (5 in total) sent to Ringway re the following issues. Still no response received.

21/26 a) Entrance to Spinney Development Ref number 401001679413.

21/26 b) Poor quality roadworks at the bottom of Essendon Hill

21/26 c) Blocked tunnel under the road at the bottom of Cum Cum hill

21/26 d) Drains on West End Lane

b) ACV on the Rose & Crown

c) Holes in the surface of the High Road opposite the Rose and Crown – response from Highways - We have assessed this fault and it doesn't need attention right now.

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- d) Residents concerned about hedges intruding on alleyways in the village. Clerk wrote a generic letter to householders requesting that hedges be trimmed. Householder made enquiries and discovered that Hertfordshire County Council is responsible for hedge cutting. Request that the EPC should monitor the situation and contact HCC when cutting is required.
- e) Refuse and Recycling Centres. Cole Green Recycling Centre is now open. Notices have been placed on the boards to this effect and a link added to the website
- f) Resident concerned about parking on the verge, blocking access to homes and obstructing access for emergency vehicles. Request for yellow lines on the corner of Glebe Cottages Road has been added to the next lining works program. Dangerous parking should be reported to the Police as soon as possible.
- g) The damaged dog fouling notice which was reported on 9 July is still open on the WHBC website

21/68 Planning

- a) Notification received and considered for planning applications between 14 July and 13 September 2021

21/69 Finance

- a) To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget
- b) Transition from Barclays to Unity Bank nearing completion
- c) Transfer of funds to the Hall Replacement Fund - dependent on online banking arrangements
- d) Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 was submitted to PKF Littlejohn, the external auditor. Still awaiting completion.
- e) Helen McCash has agreed to do the internal audit for 2021/22
- f) Received from Hall Management Committee - £1,498.93 for unclaimed VAT
- g) Invoice from the Village Hall Committee for £45, in payment for the hire of the hall for meetings in July, September and October, as previously agreed by the council. Thereafter the VHC proposes to start the weekly 2hr "Essendon Connect" hire slots in October following the "Freshers Fayre".
- h) The Village Hall Committee has requested a contribution of £100 towards the cost of cheese, biscuits, wine and soft drinks at the "Freshers Fayre / launch evening" to be held on Thursday 7th October at the Village Hall.

21/70 Correspondence

- a) Request from Paul Phail that the Parish Council should be represented at the launch of Essendon Connect by completing the Organisation Form.
- b) TDC Tree care have informed the council that if they trim the hedge again next year they will need to cut back the inside of the hedges with chainsaws. This will come at an increased cost as a one off for next year.
- c) An Invitation to Evensong Service of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims at St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 16th October 2021 at 4pm
- d) Letter from a resident with information from Parking Services confirming that a request has already been placed for the road in the Church Street area to be resurfaced, after which the correct lines will be painted, and the Bus Stop sign on the road removed.
- e) Letter from the Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP accompanying a poster which has been placed on the board. The MP holds regular surgeries and can be contacted by phone or email if problems occur. All details are on the poster.

21/71 Next Essendon Parish Council Meetings: October 11, November 8, December 13

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