

MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD in the Village Hall on MONDAY 25th November 2019 at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mike Brown (Chair), Fran Christensen, Keith Venables, Tracey Willetts.

Clerk Nerine Chalmers, and one member of the public.

1. Apologies from Ian Venables and Rex Jones
2. No declarations of personal or financial interest in the Agenda were made.
3. Minutes from 21st October, 2019 signed by the chair.

The chair expressed the sincere regret of all members of the Parish Council at the loss of Margaret Titchner.. He wished to thank her family for their support of Margaret in her great contribution to the life of the village, particularly for her work on traffic calming, and on the construction of the new children's playground, in addition to many other areas.

4. a) **Flagpole**
IV arranged for Ernie to install the flagpole. Payment is to be organised.
4. b) **Tree and Hedge reduction**
Quote from Robert Craig for cricket field accepted. Resolved that IV should arrange for the work to be done.
- 4 c) **Speed Indicator Device**
Resolved that the clerk should refer the matter of moving the SID to the second location to Cllr Stephen Boulton since the cost currently quoted differs significantly from the agreement reached in 2017.
- 4 d) **Forge Cottages Bus Stop**
The council has been informed that the Forge Cottages Bus Stop is a legally defined bus stop, and that parking there is illegal. Resolved to continue to attempt to clarify the situation, and to urge that an acceptable solution be found for those who currently park there.
It was further resolved that, while the council is pleased that additional parking has been provided in the village, the clerk should request that the trees that were removed be replaced and the area landscaped.
- 5 **Defibrillator**
The Village Hall holds a balance of £215 which should be used for maintenance of the defibrillator.
- 6 **Birchall Garden Suburb – Stakeholder Interviews**
RJ to contact Allies and Morrison in this regard.
7. **Signboard and Cumcum Hill Footpath**
Lead assistant Highway Manager has indicated that there are orders to carry out the following:
 - Reset 10 posts for signs,
 - Reattach 3 signs
 - Replace several damaged kerbs.

- 5 new plastic hollow with timber stake Glasdon bollards, reset further
- Remove fallen tree in verge.
- Tree / Vegetation / siding out of the whole length.

These orders are presently awaiting permitting and program dates.

8. **Donation to British Legion Poppy Appeal**

Resolved to make a donation of £50

9. **Matters raised by the public**

Jane Oram inquired as to the Council's willingness to support the VE Day celebrations in the village. Resolved that a loan of £500 is available on request, and can be paid into the account of the Friends of St. Mary's.

10. **Finance**

Cheque signing.

Paragon Internet Group	£7.49
Moody Grounds Maintenance (October)	£60
Clerks & Councils Direct	£12
Stationery (Ink and paper)	£28.15
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	

11. **Planning**

Verbal feedback from the chair on the proposed development at Wytmead, Essendon Hill.

12. **Correspondence**

Notice of Parliamentary elections
Proposed Admissions Policy & Determined Criteria 2021-2022 for Chancellor's School.

13. **Any Other Business**

- a) Lighting of the Christmas Tree and refreshments on December 12 all arranged.
- b) HAPTC Training – New Councillors, New Clerks, End of year Finance Training for clerks
- c) UNO compensation for damage to the War Memorial still to be paid. MB has followed up; new forms to fill.

14. **Date of next meeting**

13 January 2020

Meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.