

**MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD in the Village Hall on MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:

Mike Brown (Chair), Keith Venables, Fran Christensen, Rex Jones, Clerk Dee Daniell and three members of public

- 1 Apologies of absence have been received from Ian Screech and Ian Venables.
- 2 No declarations of personal or financial interest in the Agenda.
- 3 Minutes of Meeting of Essendon Parish Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were approved and duly signed.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. **LED LIGHTING**

The email from Highways was read again to the effect that the current lighting is considered adequate. No follow up from any other parishes experiencing the same problem. Further approaches to HAPTC for posting a notice will be made.

b. **ALLOTMENT GRASS CUTTING EQUIPMENT**

Councillor Rex Jones confirmed all going well. All allotment holders except two have now received health and safety training in the use of the new equipment.

5 **ANY MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

- a) **SITING OF THE SID.** Mr Figgis reported he had been approached by Ringway to trim back the overhanging foliage to improve visibility from the road. He presented his communications with Ringway, pointing out that the photographs supplied by Ringway were taken in the winter when there was no foliage on the trees. He suggested moving the unit further south. However, it was suggested, initially, to approach Mark Goodyear at Highways to establish if this SID could be lowered in order to be seen by approaching motorists.
- b) The matter of the recent burglary attempts was raised and a note should be placed on the website.

6 **FINANCE**

Cheques were signed for the following expenditure.

TDC Tree Care (Cutting Tennis Court Hedge)	£1,000.00
Ringway (Bell Bollard Installation)	£648.00
D. Daniell (2/4-25/6/2018 Clerk Pay)	£512.36
HMRC	£128.20
Essendon Village Fete (Donation for Tables)	£1,500.00
B. Smith Garden Centre (Allotment Equipment)	£774.00
ROSPA – Playground Inspection	£100.00
Rex Jones – (Hoses – allotments)	£25.00
Village Hall Room Rent 8 &15/1, 12/2, 12/3, 19/4, 14/5, 25/6	£90.00

**TOTAL**

**£4777.56**

7 **PLANNING MATTERS**

**LOCAL PLAN**

Letter from Colin Haigh, Head of Planning, regarding BIRCHALL GARDEN SUBURB STEERING GROUP. East Herts and Welwyn Hatfield Councils, EHBC and WHBC, are nominating elected members to sit on a steering group to help shape the masterplan for the site. The invitation is extended to other groups. No Councillor present wished to be

nominated and it was decided to contact the absent members for their input. Jane Oram, Chair of The Essendon Society, had previously expressed interest in this development on behalf of the Society. The Clerk had informed Colin Haigh of this interest prior to this meeting and he agreed to extend the invitation to Jane Oram, who will request to be nominated independently.

#### PLANNING DECISIONS:

APPROVED : 6/2018/0279/COND Meadow View, Essendon – details to condition 3 (parking) on planning permission 6/2015/2413/FULL

APPROVED : 6/2018/0772/FULL West End Farm, West End Lane – erection of stable and menage

APPROVED : 6/2018/0804/FULL The Spinney, High Road – erection of 3 dwellings

APPROVED : 6/2018/0992/TPO Wyatt House – fell one Araucaria tree

APPROVED : 6/2018/0908/TPO Bantam Cottage, West End Lane – fell one hornbeam

APPEAL : 6/2017/2957 Wildewood, Kentish Lane – erection of ground floor extension and construction of a basement following evacuation and demolition of existing pool area  
NEW APPLICATION 6/2018/1428/FULL Holwell Court Farm – rebuild outbuilding for storage of agricultural materials. No comment to be submitted.

NEW APPLICATION 6/2018/1467/HOUSE – 42 Glebe Cottages – retention of timber gates and posts. No comment to be submitted.

6/2017/1452/LAWP – Camleigh Farm – Certificate of Lawfulness for single storey side extension of existing bungalow and extension of 2 residential buildings. No comments.

#### 8 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Mike Brown read an email from Colin Rees regarding a request from the Fete Committee for financial support in the sum of £1,500 towards the purchase of new tables for the annual fete on August Bank Holiday that is to be renamed Essendon Village Day. It was agreed that this would be an acceptable expenditure from parish funds on the understanding the tables would be the responsibility of the Fete Committee for insurance purposes Proposed Ian Screech, Seconded Rex Jones. Ian Venables as Chair of the Committee was excluded from the voting process.

b) Email from Hertfordshire County Council regarding the flooding in Holwell Lane was read. This was in response to the clerk's email following up a suggestion from a resident of Holwell Lane that the drains require clearing. HCC stated "We have assessed your report and the location is considered safe . . . we will add your report to a list of possible future works". It was reported that another resident has been forced to pay to fell two trees and for the road to be closed for two days to effect the work as a result of the continued flooding.

c) An email from John Loizou regarding lorries using the B158, speeding vehicles and the state of the road was read. It was decided to reply on the basis that this is an ongoing issue and to alert Mr Loizou to the DriveSafe initiative on the website.

d) HSP Annual Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Herts University – no attendance.

e) Letter from Chancellor's School regarding consultation to develop the school premises to provide accommodation for an increase in the school's admission number from 180 to 210 places. The contents have been noted.

#### 10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) 4 SUNSET VIEW – following successful negotiations involving Grant Shapps, MP, WHBC Social Housing and The Guinness Trust, this property is to be made available as a fully rentable social housing unit. A follow-up email from Lydia Bradbury, Housing Allocations Manager was read giving information for checking the bidding process. It was suggested by K. Venables that an exclusion clause has been attached to the letting of the bungalow to the effect that "only over 55's may bid". It was decided, in the first instance, that the clerk contact Lydia Bradbury for confirmation since the only exclusion on this property was that any applicant should require "a local connection to Essendon".

b) The latest Parish Rights of Way report was distributed to K. Venables and will be posted to the website.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Herts Criminal Justice Board meeting 9<sup>th</sup> July invitation to attend. No takers.

b) HAPTC Chairman's Afternoon Tea 12<sup>th</sup> July invitation to attend. No takers.

c) Hedges work on Essendon Hill – reply to email to Gascoyne Estates about the reported unsightly state of the hedges was read to the effect that this has been “coppicing work . . . will come back quickly”.

d) Herts County Council letter regarding Rent Review for the Playground; the document having been lost. Two copies signed for posting.

e) Consultation on WHBC Draft Street Trading Policy – responses by 10<sup>th</sup> August – no response.

f) Consultation on WHBC Gambling Policy – responses by 10<sup>th</sup> August – no response

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: As set out on the Agenda

3rd September; 8th October; 19th November;

2019: 7th January; 11th February; 11th March; 8th April (Annual Parish Meeting);

13th May (Annual Meeting)

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7pm**

**This meeting was closed at 7.55pm**