

**MINUTES of the MEETING of ESSENDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD in the Village Hall on MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors:

Mike Brown (Chair), Fran Christensen, Rex Jones, Keith Venables, Tracey Willetts.  
Clerk Nerine Chalmers, and one member of the public.

1. Apologies from Ian Venables and Stephen Boulton (County Councillor)
2. No declarations of personal or financial interest in the Agenda were made.
3. Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2019 signed by the chair.
4. a) **Flagpole**

Flagpole has been delivered; installation by Ernie, supervised by KV, to take place week beginning 28 October. Flagpole to be positioned on the right-hand side of the Memorial, viewer facing.

Resolved that IV will inform MB and NC of installation costs prior to the installation.  
Request that IV take readings of the tilt of the Memorial forward, and to the left, and compare them with former readings. If there is significant movement, MB will request advice from a conservation construction engineer.

Raising the flag on Remembrance Day – decision to be taken nearer the time as cement may not have had time to set sufficiently.

4 b) **Tree and Hedge reduction**

Resolved that IV will submit quotes from Robert Craig for cricket field and playground.

4 c) **VE Day Celebrations**

Hilary Pickard, who kindly attended the meeting, reported that a committee has been formed to organise Essendon VE Day Celebrations. A grant of £2000 has been applied for. Request for a grant from EPC.

Resolved that the sum of the grant will be negotiated nearer the time, but that a capital float can be lent to the committee if required to initiate proceedings.

- 5 Noted that on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 16.35 pm. Ms Daniell removed her copyright/name and any personally owned photographs of Essendon from the Essendon Parish Council website.

6 **Speed Indicator Device**

Resolved that the clerk will contact Highways Authority and request that the SID be moved to the second location, now that it has been in position for one year.

7. **Forge Cottages Bus Stop**

The bus stop was relocated to Church Street for a very short time. MB contacted County Council for more information but received no reply. Resolved that clerk will follow up with Cllr Stephen Boulton.

8. No matters raised by the public.

## 9. Cheque signing

The following payments were authorised:

CDA Herts Membership	£35
Moody Grounds Maintenance (August)	£300
Moody Grounds Maintenance (September)	£60
HAPTC	£40
Essendon Village Hall	£5
Victoria Bloomfield - mileage and stamps	£32.51
Victoria Bloomfield 13/08-13/09	£284.48
Ian Venables (For Windsock Company)	£511.80

## 10. Planning

Application Reference: 6/2019/2229/HOUSE Proposed development at: West End Farm West End Lane – application refused

Application Reference: 6/2019/1863/LAWP Proposed development at: 11 Glebe Cottages Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HQ Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of rear dormer to facilitate loft conversion. **Permission to be applied for.**

## 11. Correspondence

No correspondence for consideration

## 12. Any Other Business

### a) Birchall Garden Suburb - Stakeholder interviews.

Request from Allies and Morrison for one to one conversations with stakeholders to build up their understanding of the opportunities and constraints for the site. They wish to discuss Birchall Garden Suburb with Essendon Parish Council to flag any key priorities and considerations they should be aware of at this early stage.

**Resolved** RJ will have the conversation, assisted by MB.

### b) Village Hall

RJ reported that takings from Village Hall bookings have been higher than in previous years, and he commended the work of the volunteers doing the bookings.

RJ gave notice that the hall will be closed for renovations during August 2020. August is the month that historically has the least bookings.

### c) Christmas Tree

Christmas Tree Lighting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00p.m. Last year the budget was £300. Resolved that the EPC will again support this venture.

### d) Issues to be referred to Highways authority by the clerk

- Large sign at entrance to the Golf Course has fallen over
- Footpath along Cum Cum Hill so overgrown as to be unwalkable.

e) **Winter salt delivery** – RJ agreed to take delivery. Clerk to inform Support Officer at County Hall.

## 13. Dates of next meetings

25 November 2019

13 January 2020

**Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.**

